

search for the ball ; this was to be repeated again and again, sometimes a number entering, sometimes only a few. When suspicion was lulled the ball was to be struck over again ; the Indians were to follow in large numbers, and to attack the garrison with concealed weapons. The stratagem was put into execution and nearly succeeded, but the garrison discovering the nature of the visit before the Indians had penetrated to the strongest part of the fortifications, turned upon them and drove them back with great slaughter.

It was not until the last few years that the colonists generally began to take up La Crosse. The first clubs were formed at Montreal, taking the game from an Iroquois tribe ; since then it has spread rapidly through the "New Dominion," and now claims the title of the national game