

CHAPTER IV.

The Crosse.

Rule 1. "The crosse may be of any length, but the woven network must not be bagged, nor of a greater width than one foot." The usual length is from four to five feet, but most players like it short rather than long, and reduce the length to about four feet by cutting off part of the handle. The Indians use larger crosses than have been adopted in England, though they probably did not exceed the breadth of network here given. The best specimen which has come under our notice had been reduced by the owner to less than four feet in length; the network was nine inches in width, and the weight of the whole scarcely exceeded three-quarters of a pound. Though probably too short,