

(though La Crosse is young yet to talk about "authorities") are of the same opinion. It gives a clumsy player an advantage, by preventing the ball from rolling off his crosse when he inclines it the wrong way. But the ball has no business on that side of the crosse; its proper place is against the stick, which gives ample protection already. A "balustrade" on the other side is quite out of place, and we condemn it at once. Fortunately, it will be of little or no use to good players, and will prove only a snare to the bad ones who adopt it, leading them into careless ways of carrying the ball.

The stick should not be more than an inch thick at the handle, and rather less than an inch wide in the curved part; the handle may be covered with string, or otherwise roughened, to give better hold.

The crosse is always carried so that