

play, and of protecting the grass from being injured during play. It may be made of any material which is soft and pliable, and not liable to get saturated with damp. Corrugated or perforated india-rubber mats, about two feet long by one foot broad and three-sixteenths of an inch thick, are very popular.

2. The first player or leader should place the mat and throw the Jack, subject to the direction of the skips, at the beginning of each end.

3. The mat should not be removed from the place where it has been properly put at the beginning of the head or end, and if moved by accident it shall at once be replaced.

4. When playing, the player shall have at least one foot on the mat.

5. A bowl played by a player who has not at least one foot on the mat shall be subject to the same penalty as a bowl played out of turn or order, as provided in section XVI.

## VII.—THE MEASURING ROD.

1. A rod, or other appliance should be provided, by which the distance of bowls from the Jack can be accurately determined.

2. Parties having occasion to use the measure, must be careful to avoid injuring it; and must return it to its proper place immediately after use.