

IV.—BOWLS.

Bowls are made of *lignum vitae*, a hard and heavy wood brought from the West Indies. In shape they are made rather flatter at the ends than over the running part, and are, moreover, made not to run in a straight line, but to take a bend or bias to one side. This bias is given to them altogether by their shape, as loading is not permitted in match games. In size they must not exceed $16\frac{1}{2}$ inches in circumference, but there is no minimum restriction. Any bias may be used to suit individual tastes; but no bowl with a draw of less than one yard and a half in a run of thirty yards shall be allowed at a match. Only bowls No. 2, 3, and 4 shall be allowed to be played.

V.—THE JACK.

The Jack is a round ball of white enamelled earthenware, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. As it is meant to move easily when struck by a bowl, it should not be too large or heavy. It is the object played to, and being movable, is subject to many changes of position, all of which diversify the game, and not unfrequently render the play extremely interesting.

VI.—THE MAT.

1. The mat serves the double purpose of marking the spot from which to