

### The Fives Court.

Mr. Miller has taken a very popular move in building a fives court. It is not an expensive affair, but as it has been received with such enthusiasm by the boys, another one may be put up. The court is occupied every instant of play hours, and is generally engaged two games ahead.

Fives is a game which has existed in various forms from the earliest times. The name is supposed by some to be derived from the fact that the ball is struck by the five digits of the hand, and by others from there having been at one time five players on each side. The former is probably the correct derivation. Some form of the game seems to have been

for it is entirely unknown to the general public, being confined solely to the great public schools and universities of England.

The minor rules vary at most schools and universities, and are generally handed down by tradition. The ball has usually a diameter of about two inches, the core being made of rubber, bound round with fine twine and covered with white leather.

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known both to the Greeks and Romans, and in 1365 *pila manualis* and *pila pedina*, handball and football, are mentioned as two of the pastimes which had caused the deterioration of archery in England, and had to be prohibited on that account. During the fifteenth century palm play in England and *jeu de paume* in France were the chief analagous pastimes.

The game is played both in an "open" and "close" court. The only requisites for an open court are a level piece of ground and a smooth wall in front. A "close" court has in addition two side walls at the ends of and at right angles to the front one, and the whole may or may not be covered in.

The game is a distinctly aristocratic one,

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