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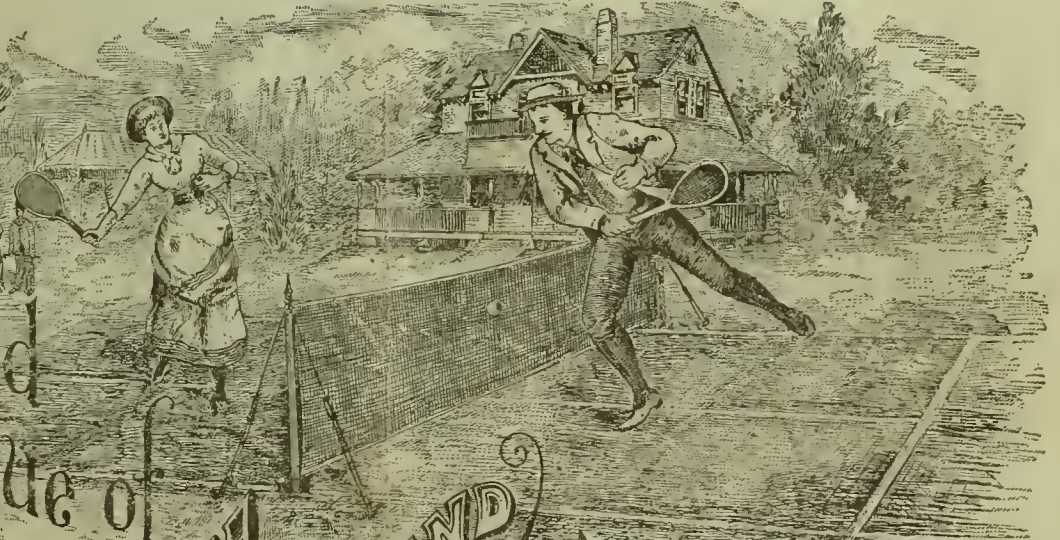
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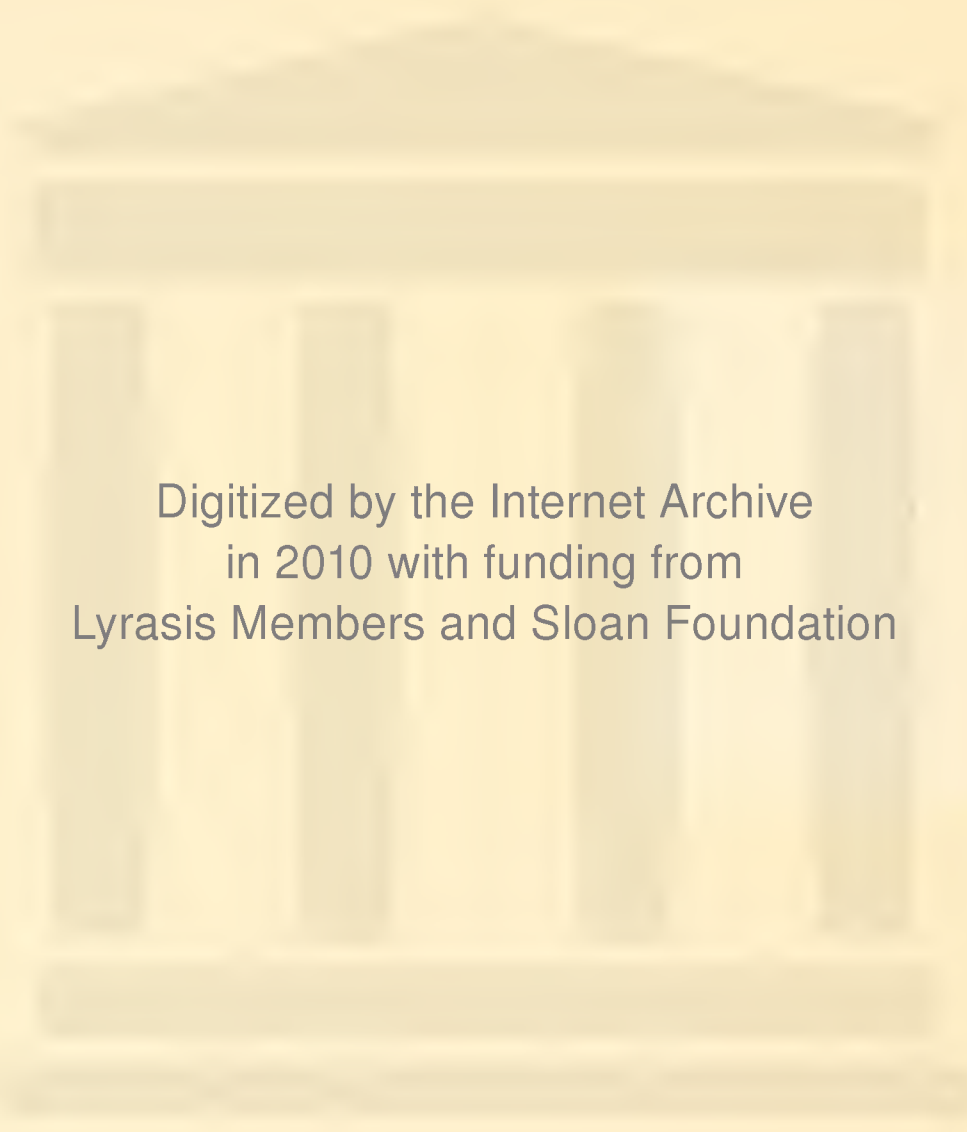
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LAWN TENNIS SUPPLIES.



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WE sincerely believe that the Rackets which we present to the trade for the present season, are superior in all that makes a racket desirable, to anything that we have heretofore produced. In finish, balance and stringing, we have made improvements which cannot fail to meet with the approbation of expert and scientific players.

We have studied the market, and the wants of players very carefully for many years, and the best results of our experience and our thought are before our customers in the rackets now offered. We desire to express our cordial appreciation of the generous response to all our former efforts, and to express our confidence that the same cordial understanding which has existed in the past between ourselves and our customers will result in a still further extension of our trade during 1889.

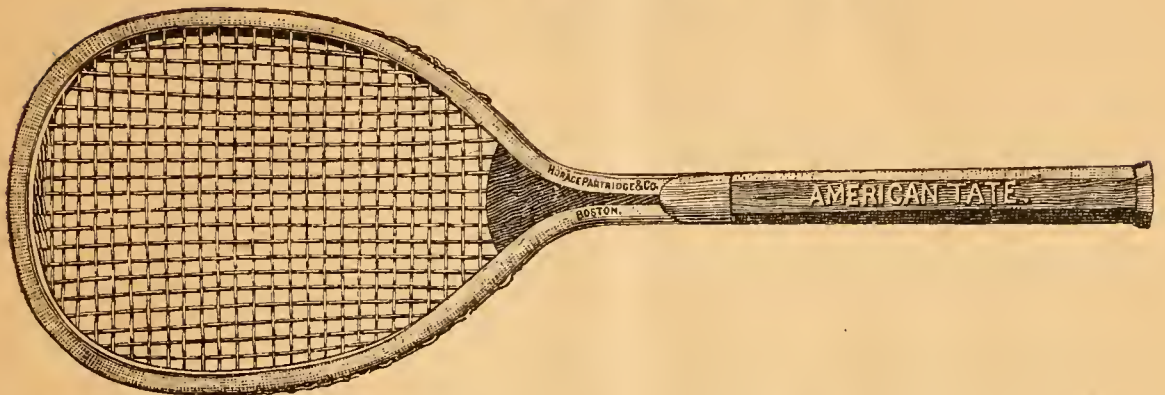
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HORACE PARTRIDGE & Co.'s LAWN TENNIS RACKETS.

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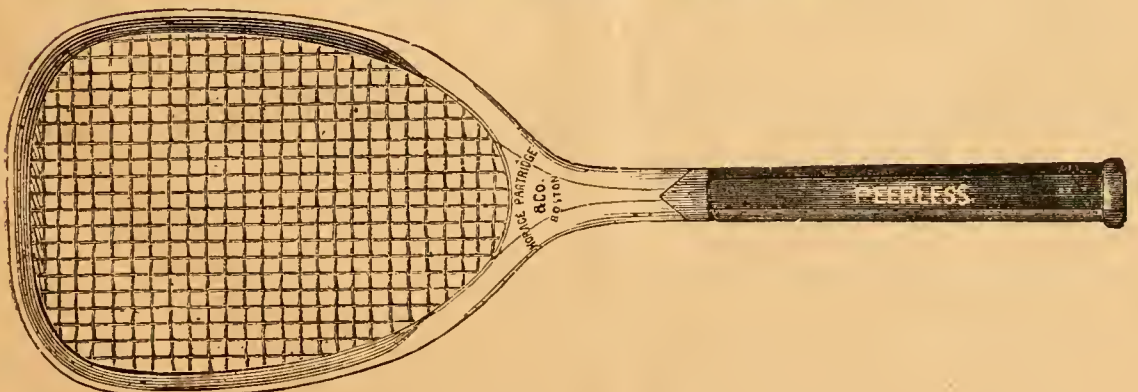
OUR NEW AMERICAN TATE.



This Racket, introduced by us last year, is modelled on the lines of the famous English Tate — costing \$15.00 to import — and is said by the best tennis players in the country to be superior to its English rival in all that makes a racket desirable — that is in BALANCE, STRENGTH and FINISH. The frame being extra heavy admits of very tight stringing, and owing to the general curve on which it is bent the tightness will be retained for an unusual length of time. The face measurement is $8\frac{1}{4} \times 11$ inches. Weights $12\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 ounces.

Price, with Cedar Handle, regular stringing, . . .	each	\$5.50
“ “ prize stringing, red and white best French gut “	“	6.00
“ “ best English red and white gut, “	“	7.00
With Cork Handle, 50 cents extra.		

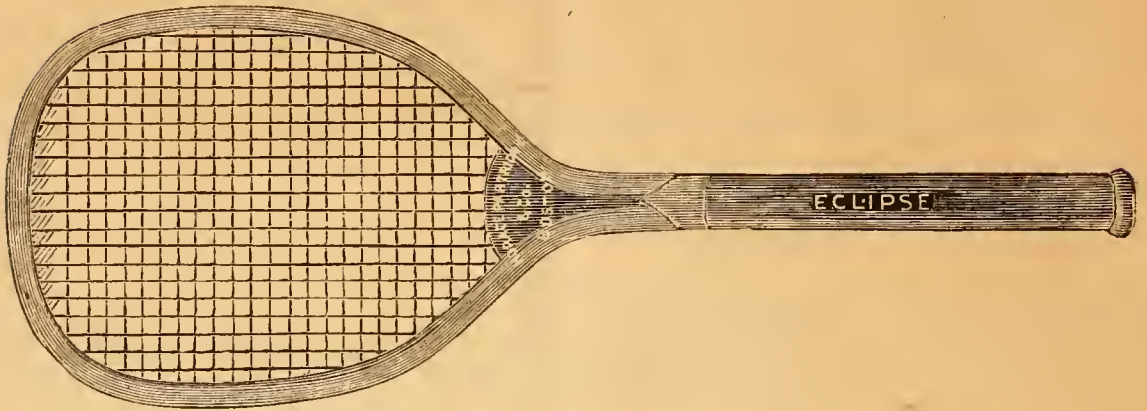
THE PEERLESS RACKET.



The Peerless has been popular for half a dozen years, and is better than ever this season. It is made from the best materials, and by the most skillful workmen. Playing surface, $8 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Weights from 12 to 15 ounces.

Price, with Cedar Handle,	each,	\$5.50
“ “ Cork “	“	6.00
Strung with English Gut, \$7.00.		

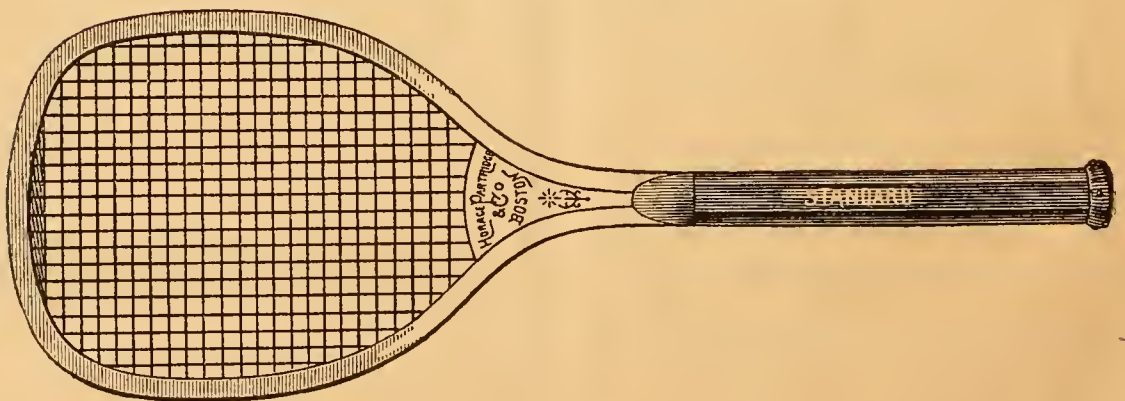
THE ECLIPSE.



This Racket, first offered last year, is made on the same lines as the New American Tate. It is thoroughly made and strung. The frame is of selected second growth ash, finely polished, with fancy sycamore throat piece. For those wishing a really reliable and practical racket at a moderate price this will be found exceptionally satisfactory. Playing surface $8\frac{1}{4} \times 11$ inches. Weights $12\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 ounces.

Price, with Cedar Handle,	. . . . .	each, \$4.00
“ “ Cork “	. . . . .	“ 4.50

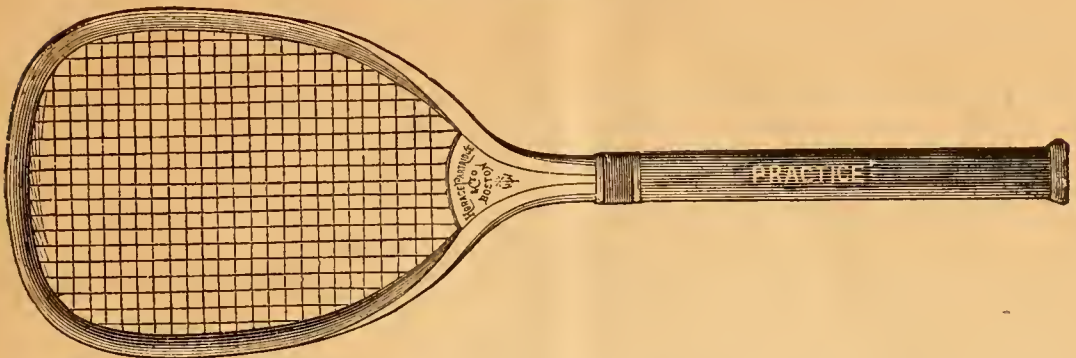
THE NEW STANDARD.



This popular Racket has been greatly improved for the season of 1889. It has a larger playing surface, finer frame, and stringing of better quality of gut. It is by far the best racket for the money we have ever offered. Playing surface $8 \times 10\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Weights 12 to 15 ounces.

Price, with Cedar Handle,	each, \$3.00
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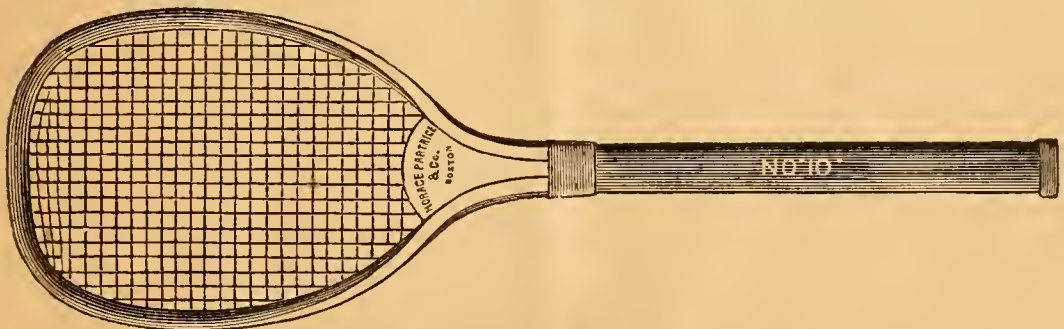
THE PRACTICE.



A reliable Racket, with second growth ash frame, nicely finished and strung with good gut. The throat piece is of polished walnut. Playing surface $7\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 inches. Weights, $11\frac{1}{2}$ to $13\frac{1}{2}$ ounces.

Price with Cedar Handle \$2.50

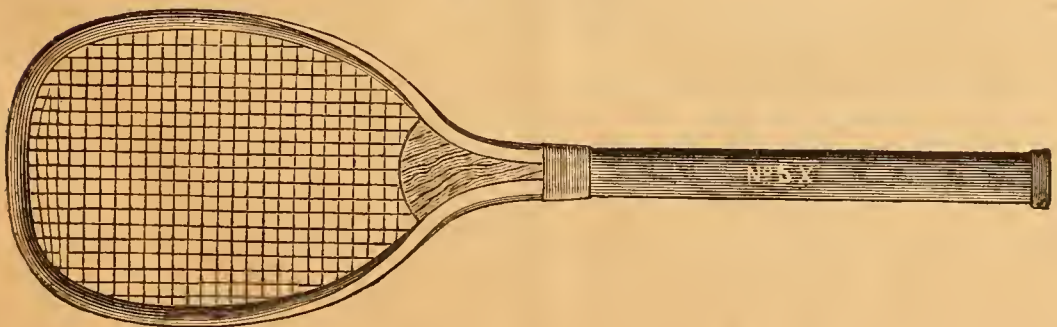
No. 10.



This Racket differs from the Practice only in size of head. It is an exceptionally good racket for the money. Playing surface, $7\frac{1}{2}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Weighs 11 to 13 ounces.

Price, with Cedar Handle \$2.00

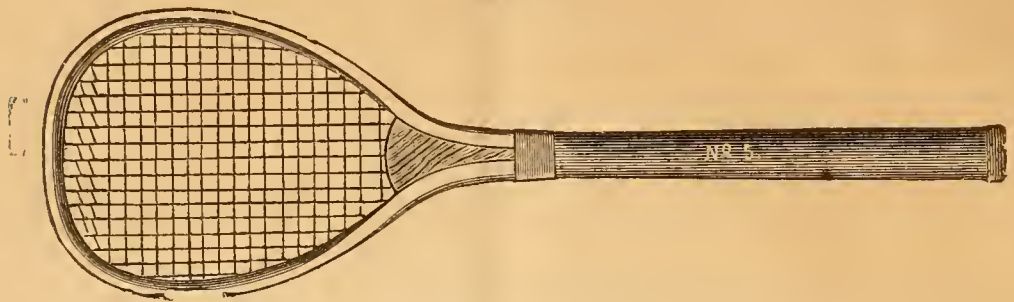
No. 5 X.



This Racket is particularly adapted for children's use. It has good ash frame, and is strung with gut. Playing surface 7 x 9 inches.

Price \$1.50

No. 5.



Strung with Gut. Size of face, $6\frac{1}{2}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Weights, 10 to $12\frac{1}{2}$ ounces.

Price each, \$1.00

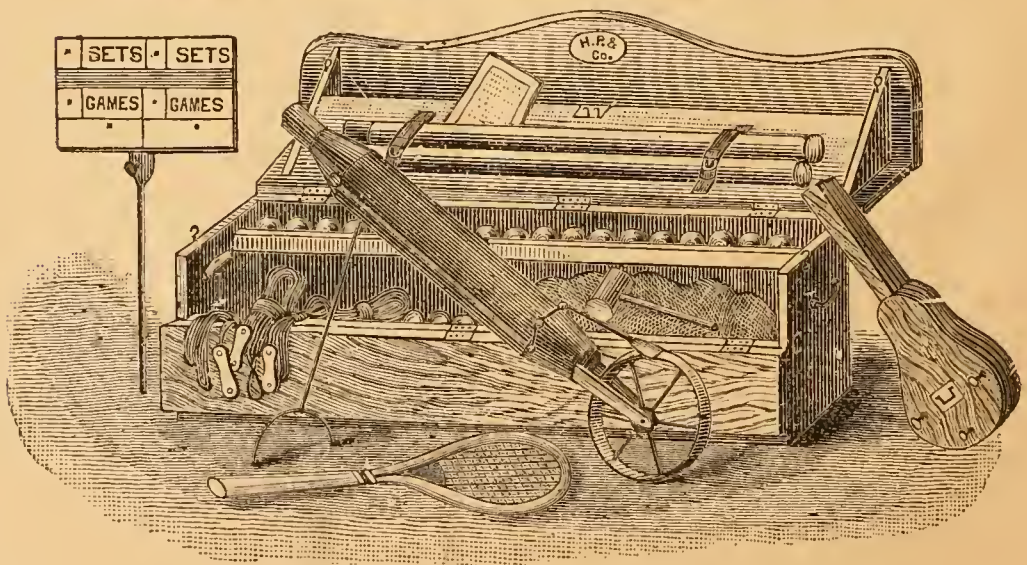
RESTRINGING.

Our business in this department is very large, and covers the whole country. Our expert stringers are the best workmen that money can secure. The stock used is the choicest obtainable, and every piece of work is absolutely guaranteed to give satisfaction. There is nothing better than the best, and you will secure that by sending your Rackets to us to be restrung.

PRICES.

With the best English Gut (red and white)	. . . . .	\$2.75
" " " French Gut (red and white)	. . . . .	2.25
" " " Domestic Gut (white)	. . . . .	1.75

LAWN TENNIS SETS COMPLETE.



The prices on sets are strictly net.

No. O A. Contains four No. 5 Rackets, two plain balls, one pair unjointed poles, Net 27 x 3 feet, guy ropes, pegs, mallet, and book of Rules, in box Price \$7.00

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LAWN TENNIS SETS COMPLETE.—CONTINUED.

- No. OB. Contains four No. 5 x rackets, two plain balls, one pair ash poles, net 27 x 3 feet, guy ropes, pegs, mallet, and book of rules, in polished box Price, \$8.50
- No. A°. Contains four No. 10 rackets, two plain balls, one pair jointed ash poles, one net 33 x 3 feet, guy ropes, pegs, runners, mallet, book of rules, complete in polished box “ 10.00
- No. B. Contains four practice rackets, two plain and two covered balls, one pair polished jointed poles, one 33 x 3 feet net, guy ropes, pegs, runners, mallet and book of rules, complete in polished box “ 12.00
- No. C. Contains four Standard Rackets, four covered balls, one pair polished jointed poles, one regulation net, 42 x 3 feet, guy ropes, pegs, mallet, and book of instructions, complete in polished box “ 15.00
- No. D. Contains four Eclipse or Favorite Rackets (weights as desired) six regulation covered balls, one pair polished jointed poles, one regulation net 42 x 3 feet, guy ropes, pegs, runners, mallet, and book of instructions, complete in polished box “ 20.00

OUR CLUB SET.

- No. E. Contains four American Tate or Peerless Rackets (weights as desired), six regulation balls, one 42 x 3 net, one pair polished jointed poles, guy ropes, pegs, runners, mallet, and book of instructions, complete in polished hard wood box Price, \$25.00

OUR MATCH SET.

- No. F. Contains two *American Tate* Rackets (strung with red and white English Gut) and two American Tates with white domestic stringing. (Weights as desired.) Six championship balls, one extra heavy 42 x 3 net, one pair polished ash jointed poles, guy ropes, pegs, runners, mallet, and book of instructions, complete in polished hard wood box Price, \$30.00

OUR PRIZE SET.

No. G. Contains four American Tate or Peerless Rackets (prize strung) with fancy inlaid handles (weights as desired), twelve championship balls, one extra heavy 42 x 3 regulation net, one pair finely polished poles with fancy top pieces, guy ropes, pegs, runners, boxwood mallet, and book of instructions, complete in finely finished black walnut box . . . Price 40.00

These sets are made up from the separate pieces named in this catalogue. On each piece a special discount is made, as the buyer will see by doing a simple problem in addition. It is evidently fair that this saving should be made by one who purchases the entire set at once. Other combinations may be made, at the desire of the customer. The regular sets may be reconstructed to suit purchaser, by omitting or adding pieces. Omissions will be credited at catalogue prices less the discount on which the price of set is based.

TENNIS BALLS.



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| No. 1. Partridge's best felt covered championship (undersewed and cemented) | | Per doz., \$4.50 |
| " 2. Regulation felt covered | | " 3.00 |
| " 3. Plain rubber | | " 2.50 |

AYRES' TENNIS BALLS.



Championship felt covered, undersewed and cemented . . . Per doz., \$5.00

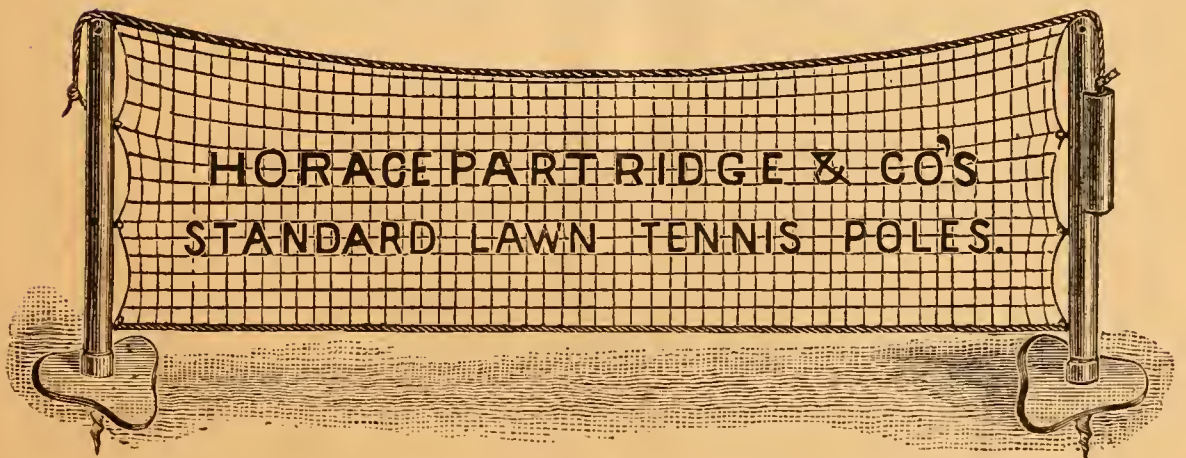
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Best felt covered and cemented ball Per doz., \$4.50

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Regulation felt covered and cemented and covered ball . . . Per doz., \$4.00

LAWN TENNIS POLES.



LAWN TENNIS POLE, No. 1.



No. 1. Heavy Ash, straight poles, polished Per pair, \$1.00

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LAWN TENNIS POLE, No. 2.



No. 2. Heavy Ash, jointed poles, polished . . . Per pair, \$1.50

LAWN TENNIS POLE, No. 3.



No. 3. Extra Heavy Ash Jointed Poles with brass connecting ferrules and fancy head pieces . . . Per pair, \$2.00

LAWN TENNIS POLE, No. 4.



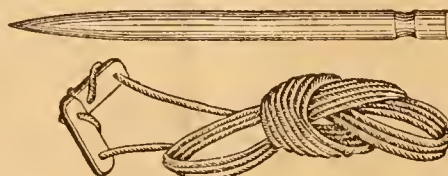
- No. 4. Imported English Poles of polished ash, with spiked ends and hard wood wheel tops . . . Per pair, \$3.00
- " 5. H. P. & Co.'s Standard Poles, made of selected ash elegantly polished, with weights, etc., complete . . . " 6.00
- " 6. Ayres' English Cavendish Poles, with patent reel, etc. . . . " 10.00
- " 7. Heavy Ash Poles for Back Nets, with spiked ends . . . " 1.50

LAWN TENNIS NETS.

Of superior quality, with Regulation Square Mesh, and strongly roped.

27 x 3 feet, Regular weight	Each \$1.50
33 x 3 " "	" 1.75
36 x 3 " "	" 2.00
42 x 3 " "	" 2.50
33 x 3 " Heavy weight	" 2.00
36 x 3 " "	" 2.50
42 x 3 " "	" 3.00
50 x 7 Back nets (with top and bottom cords)	" 4.00
Nets bound across top with canvas	Each extra 1 00
" tanned or tarred	" .50

GUY ROPES.

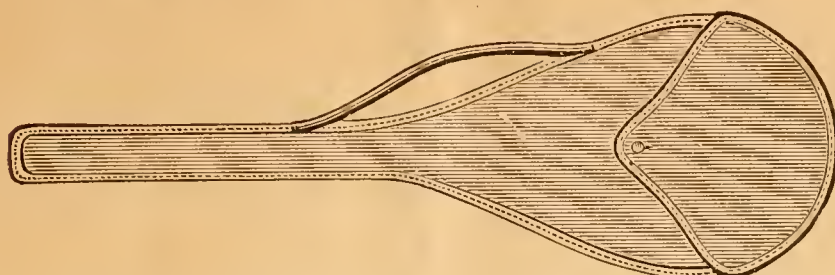


- No. 1. Regular size Rope, 4 Guys, 4 Plain Pins and 2 Runners complete \$.40
- No. 2. Large sized Rope, 4 Guys, 4 Polished Ash Pins and 2 Runners complete60

MALLETS FOR DRIVING PINS.

- No. 1. Polished ash \$.20
- No. 2. Boxwood37

LAWN TENNIS BAT CASES.



No. 1.	Made of Navy Blue Flannel	Price, \$0.75
" 2.	" Green Baize	" 1.00
" 3.	" Waterproof English Twill	" 1.25
" 4.	" " " Duck	" 2.00
" 5.	" Extra quality Waterproof, English Tweed	" 2.50
" 6.	Extra quality Grain Leather Case	" 3.00
" 7.	Russet Sole Leather Case	" 4.50
" 8.	English Waterproof Case, leather bound, for holding four bats, balls, shoes, shirt, etc.	" 10.00

COLUMBIA TENNIS AND LAWN MARKER.



This is a neat, light, compact and durable Marker, made of tin and iron, nicely painted, and is simple and easy to operate. Contact in full view. It makes a clean even ribbon line, and will mark or not as desired, as it delivers only while running. Has no valves or cocks to adjust or get out of order, and is warranted to give satisfaction Price, complete, \$6.00

NOTE.—In marking out a court, whitening should be used in preference to lime. Mix the whitening in a pail about three fourths full of water, to about the consistency of paint, before placing in the marker. This will be sufficient for marking one court.

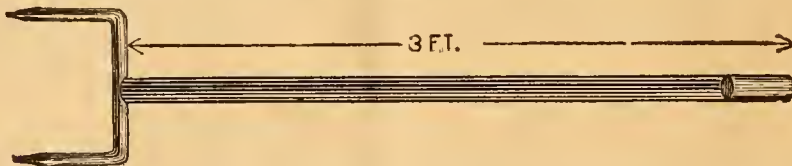
THE DRY TENNIS COURT MARKER.



This is a "dry marker," and requires no mixing of material with water to get ready for use. Push back slide *A*, and put in any powdered material, such as marble dust, air slacked lime, plaster Paris or ground plaster, such as is used for fertilizing purposes. By marking at evening before the dew falls, or by using the sprinkler immediately after marking, a more permanent result will be obtained

Price, \$1.50

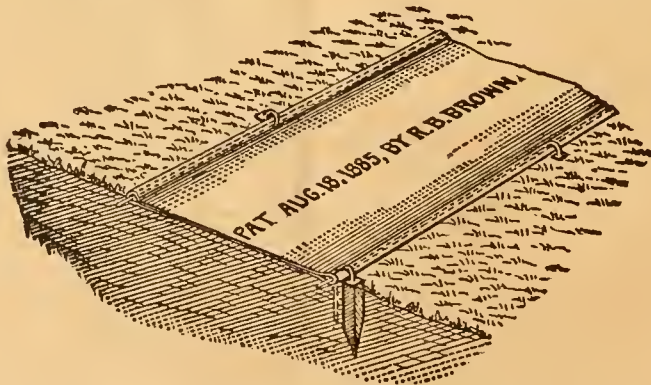
THE REGULATION TENNIS FORK.



The Tennis Fork or Centre Iron is used for holding the net exactly regulation height (3 feet), in the centre; it is strongly made of wrought iron

Each, \$1.00

BROWN'S PERMANENT TENNIS LINE.



This Tennis Line is made of canvas three inches wide. In a hem on each edge is a galvanized wire which conforms itself to the shape of the ground. The pegs are placed at desired intervals, alternately, on each side, and galvanized staples are driven through the canvas, over the wire on the one side, and into the peg on the other. The line can be adjusted to the ground in two hours, and will last an entire season.

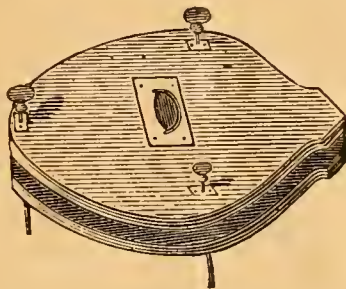
Price (double court), complete, \$12.00

RUBBER RACKET HANDLES.



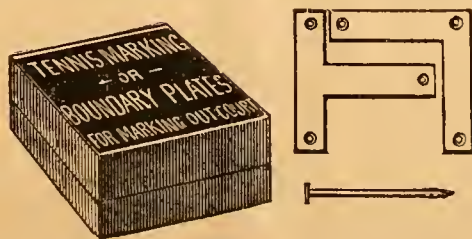
Best Quality Rubber Racket Handles Each, \$0.37

IMPORTED RACKET PRESSES.



These presses are made of highly polished mahogany, warranted not to warp, with well seasoned thin board partitions, with brass screws, keepers, etc. for holding four or six rackets Price, \$4.00

TENNIS MARKING OR BOUNDARY PLATES.



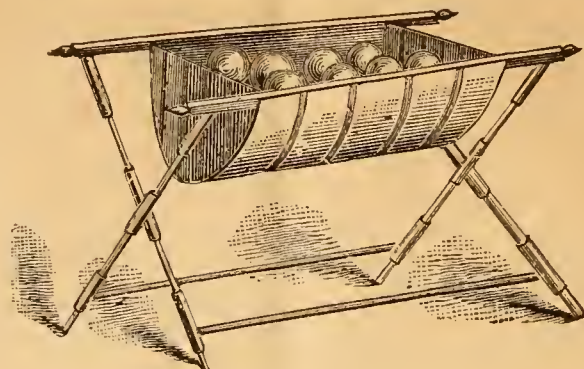
For Marking out Courts Per set, \$1.00

LAWN TENNIS TAPE.

Is made of strong webbing, in different lengths, for marking out either a single or double court, with brass eyelets, galvanized iron pins and coppered staples.

Double Court	\$5.00
Single "	4.00
Extra coppered staples, per hundred . . . . .	.60

LAWN TENNIS WELLS AND BALL CARRIERS.



The Lawn Tennis Well and Ball Carrier is indispensable to every tennis court, by which all stooping for balls is avoided, and the game not interrupted. It is also convenient for carrying balls to the court and in all lawn games to hold implements, such as croquet, archery, battledore, le grace, etc. It is made of neatly turned hard wood, frame polished, with strong canvas well, and will shut up and take to pieces Price per pair, \$3.00

ELECTRIC TAPE.

This tape is used for winding the handles of rackets to insure a firm grip. Price per roll (enough for one racket) \$0.15

LAWN TENNIS BELTS.

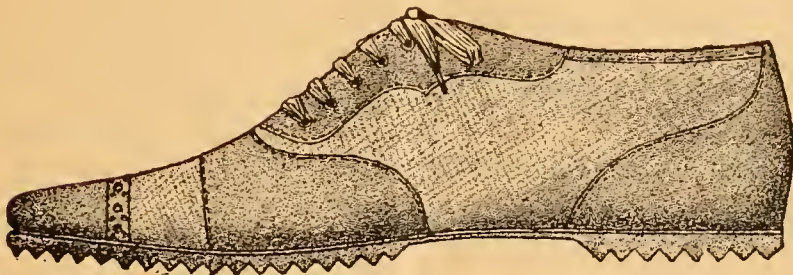


- No.
1. Best quality Cotton Web Belt 2½ inches wide with nicked snake clasp Price \$0.25
 2. Best quality Worsted Web Belt 2½ inches wide, with nicked snake clasp " .50
 3. Best quality Cotton Web 2½ inches wide, with single strap " .20
 4. Best quality Cotton Web 2½ inches wide, with double strap " .25
 5. Best quality Worsted Web 2½ inches wide, with double strap leather covered buckles " .50

SILK BELTS.

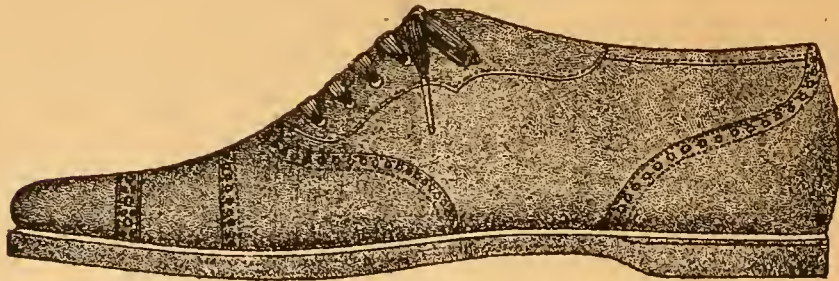
No.		Price, \$
6.	Fancy silk Belts 1½ inches wide, with nickeled snake clasp, in popular colors and stripes	\$0.50
7.	Fine quality Silk Belt 2 inches wide, with nickeled snake clasp, in popular colors . . . . .	.75
8.	Extra quality Silk Belt 2 inches wide, with fancy gilt snake clasp, in popular colors.	1.00

TENNIS SHOES.



No.		Price, \$
1.	Gents' Low Cut Shoes with brown canvas uppers and heavy rubber soles	\$1.00
2.	The above shoe in High Cut	1.50
3.	Gents' Low Cut Shoe with brown canvas uppers, leather trimmed and black rubber soles	2.50
4.	Same as above in High Cut	3.50
5.	Gents' Low Cut Shoe with orange grain leather uppers and heavy rubber soles	3.00
6.	The above shoe in High Cut	4.00
7.	Gents' Low Cut Shoe with extra quality canvas uppers, trimmed with calf; hand sewed, with heavy red tournament soles	4.00
8.	Gents' Low Cut Shoe with orange calf uppers, leather trimmed, hand sewed, and red rubber tournament soles	5.00
9.	Same as 8 in High Cut	6.00
10.	Gents' Low Cut Shoes with fancy copper buckskin uppers, calf trimmed, hand sewed, and red rubber tournament soles	5.00
11.	Same as 10 in High Cut	6.00

PARTRIDGE'S CHAMPION TENNIS SHOE.

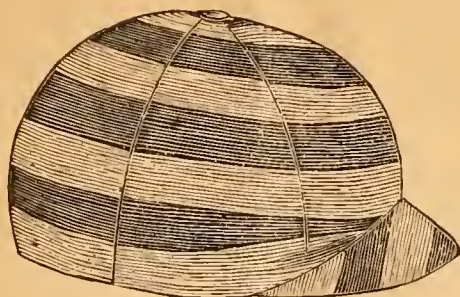


This shoe is made in the most thorough manner, is elegantly finished, and the most perfect fitting tennis shoe on the market. It is used by leading players throughout the country. Special attention is called to our "Champion Match" sole which is made of chemically prepared red rubber, very thick, with smooth bottom, and is adapted to either grass, dirt, or cinder courts.



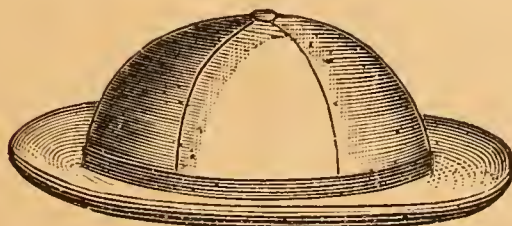
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| No. | | | | | |
| 12. | Champion Tennis Shoe, low cut, with extra quality orange calf uppers, calf trimmed, hand sewed, and our "Champion Match," red rubber sole, sewed and cemented | . | | | Price, \$5.50 |
| 13. | Same as 12 in High Cut | . | . | . | " 6.50 |
| 14. | Same as 12 but with superior quality white buckskin uppers | . | . | . | " 6.00 |
| 15. | Same as 14 in High Cut | . | . | . | " 7.00 |

TENNIS CAPS.



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| No. 100. | Flannel Cap, Cotton lined, in $\frac{3}{4}$ inch stripes, colors red and black, navy blue and white, crimson and white, orange and black | Each, $\frac{7}{8}$ \$0.25 |
| " 101. | French Flannel, best quality, in $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch stripes, Cotton lined, colors, navy blue and white, black and red, black and white, orange and black, crimson and white, light blue and white | " .50 |
| " 102. | English Flannel, best quality in $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch stripes, Cotton lined, colors, crimson and black, black and white, navy blue and white, orange and black, crimson and white, brown and white, crimson and light blue polka dots | " 1.00 |
| " 103 | Same as above, satin lined | " 1.25 |
| " 104 | Cashmere Cap, satin lined, made up in sewed stripes $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch, colors, crimson and white, navy blue and white, crimson and black, black and white (also in solid colors, black, white, navy blue, and crimson) any combination desired to order | " 1.25 |
| " 105 | Fancy Flannel Cap, satin lined, in new pattern checks and stripes, very handsome and desirable | " 1.25 |
| " 106 | Extra quality Silk Cap with satin lining, in stripes, colors, navy blue and white, black and white, black and red, old gold and blue | " 1.50 |

TENNIS HATS.

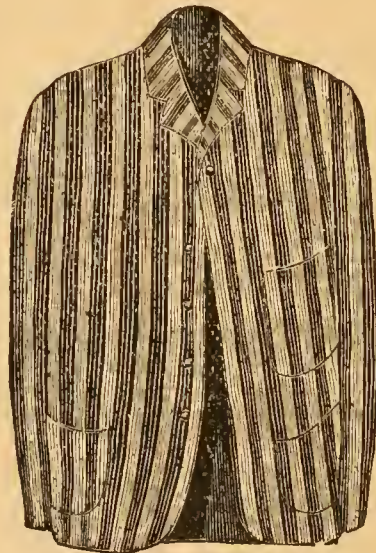


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| No. 107 | Best quality French Flannel Hat, cotton lining, in popular stripes | Price, \$0.75 |
| " 108 | Same as above, satin lined | " 1.00 |
| " 109 | Best Quality White Flannel Hat, Cotton lined | " .75 |
| " 110 | Same as above, in Satin lined | " 1.00 |

TENNIS CLOTHING.

We have studied carefully the problem of supplying Tennis Clothing that is handsome, well-fitting and durable, and the rapid increase of our trade in this Department shows that our efforts have been successful. We have constantly in stock, complete lines of English and Domestic Flannels, in fine woven stripes and checks, and all the popular designs and colors. Our workmen have had wide experience and are thoroughly scientific in all the details of manufacture. We give special attention to the wants of Clubs and take the utmost pains to supply them promptly. Our prices on all clothing are as low as satisfactory goods can be furnished. We make suits to order at the same prices that goods from stock are sold at.

TENNIS COATS.



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| No. | | | |
| 25. | Tennis Blazers of fine quality English Flannel $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch stripes, colors, black and white, crimson and white, crimson and black, navy blue and white | . | Price, \$4 50 |
| 26. | Tennis Coat of fine quality Flannel, narrow woven stripes and checks | . | " 6.50 |
| 27. | Tennis Coat of fine quality Flannel, white, navy blue, or gray. | . | " 4 00 |
| 28. | Tennis Coat of best quality Flannel, white, navy blue or gray | . | " 5.00 |

ENGLISH FLANNEL TENNIS BLAZER.

Custom Made.

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| No. | | |
| 29. | Tennis Blazer of best English Flannel, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch stripes in popular combinations, a superior garment in every respect | Price, \$7.00 |

TENNIS PANTS.



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| No. | 50. | Long Tennis Pants of white flannel only, | Price, \$2.00 |
| | 51. | Long Tennis Pants of white, grey, or navy blue flannel | “ 3.00 |
| | 52. | Long Tennis Pants of fine quality flannel, medium weight, in assorted solid colors | “ 3.50 |
| | 53. | Long Tennis Pants of fine quality flannel, heavy weight, in assorted solid colors | “ 4.00 |
| | 54. | Long Tennis Pants of fine quality flannel, extra heavy weight, in assorted solid colors | “ 5.00 |
| | 55. | Long Tennis Pants of superior quality, in fine woven stripes and checks | “ 5.00 |

The quality of flannel used in Nos. 52, 53 and 54 is identical, the only difference being in the weight. Each number can be had in the following solid colors:—white, navy blue, shaker grey, yale grey, and Bristol mixed.

Knee Pants in Nos. 51, 52, 53, 54, and 55, furnished at 50 cts. per pair less.

TENNIS VESTS.

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| No. | 56. | Best quality white flannel | Price, \$3.00 |
| | 57. | Good “ “ “ | 2.00 |

RULES FOR SELF-MEASUREMENT.

COAT.

- Around breast, under arm, over vest,
- Around waist, over vest.
- From back of neck, at collar, to bottom, for length.
- From hand, around elbow (bent) to center of back, for length of sleeve.
- Size of linen collar worn.
- Weight and height.

LONG PANTS.

- Around waist, under vest.
- Around hips.
- Inside length from crotch to within half inch of floor.
- Around thigh.
- Around mid-leg.
- Around knee.

KNEE PANTS.

Same as long pants, except length, which should be from crotch to just below knee.

WORSTED JERSEYS.



Black, navy blue, and garnet always in stock. Any color to order.

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| No. | | | |
| 35. | Tennis Jersey, long sleeves, full fashioned, hand knit, laced front with large striped collar | Price, \$4.50 | |
| 36. | Worsted Jersey, long sleeves, full fashioned, ribbed collar, knit seam | " | 4.00 |
| 37. | Worsted Jersey, full fashioned, ribbed collar, long sleeves, hand sewed seams, a superior article at the price | " | 3.50 |
| | Any of the above in alternate stripes 25 cents extra. | | |

SECOND QUALITY JERSEYS.

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| No. | | |
| 38. | Worsted Jersey, long sleeves, ribbed collar, colors, black, navy blue, and garnet. This is a most serviceable garment and is great value at the price | Price, \$2.50 |
| 39. | Wool Jersey, long sleeves, with collar, black, and navy blue " | 2.00 |

No. 38 in stripes, 25 cents each extra.

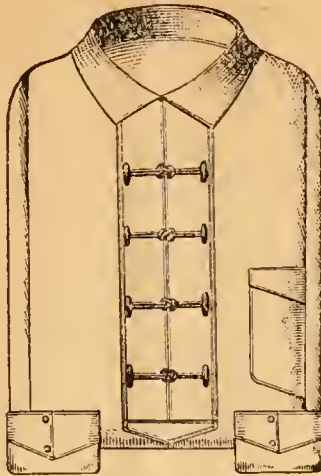
SWEATERS.

Black, white, garnet, and navy blue in stock. Any color to order.

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| No. | | |
| 40. | Extra heavy English Worsted Sweater, hand knit, in solid colors | Each, \$4.50 |
| 41. | Same as 40, with double 5 inch collar | " 4.75 |
| 42. | Medium Weight Worsted Sweater, hand knit, in solid colors | " 3.50 |

Above in alternate stripes 25 cents each extra.

FLANNEL TENNIS SHIRTS.



No.		Price,
75.	Good Quality Cotton-Flannel shirt in fancy stripes .	\$1.00
76.	Medium Quality French Flannel shirt in fancy stripes .	" 2.00
77.	Good Quality French Flannel shirt in fancy stripes or solid colors	" 2.50
78.	Fine Quality French Flannel shirt in fancy stripes and checks	" 3.00
79.	Extra Quality French Flannel shirt in fancy stripes and checks	" 3.50

CHEVIOT SHIRTS.

No.		Each,
80.	Good Quality Cheviot shirts in checks or stripes .	\$1.50
81.	Fine Quality " " " "	" 2.50

TENNIS STOCKINGS.

No.		Per pair
150.	Wool Tennis Stockings, cotton foot, colors garnet, navy blue, and black	\$0.50
151.	Medium Quality Worsted Stockings, colors garnet, navy blue and black	" .75
152.	Fine Quality Worsted Stockings, black, navy blue, and garnet	" 1.00
153.	Extra Quality Worsted Stockings, black, navy blue, garnet, grey, and white	" 1.50



PLAYING RULES OF LAWN TENNIS.

As adopted by the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

THE COURT.

1. The Court is 78 feet long, and 27 wide. It is divided across the middle by a net, the ends of which are attached to two posts, A and B, standing three feet outside of the court on either side. The height of the



net is three feet six inches at the posts and three feet in the middle. At each end of the court, parallel with the net, and 39 feet from it, are drawn the base lines, D E and F G, the ends of which are connected by the side-lines, D F and E G. Half-way between the side-lines, and parallel with them, is drawn the half court line, I H, dividing the space on each side of the net into two equal parts, the right and left courts. On each side of the net, at a distance of 21 feet from it, and parallel with it are drawn the service lines, K L and M N.

THE BALLS.

2. The Balls shall measure not less than 2 15-32 inches, nor more than 2 1/2 inches in diameter; and shall weigh not less than 1 15-16, nor more than 2 ounces.

THE GAME.

3. The choice of sides, and the right to serve in the first game shall be decided by toss, provided that, if the winner of the toss choose the right to serve, the other player shall have the choice of sides, and vice versa. If one player choose the court, the other may elect not to serve.

4. The players shall stand on opposite sides of the net; the player who first delivers the ball shall be called the server, and the other the striker-out.

5. At the end of the first game the striker-out shall become server and the server shall become striker-out; and so on alternately in all the subsequent games of the set, or series of sets.

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6. The server shall serve with one foot on the base line or perpendicularly above said line, and with the other foot behind said line, but not necessarily upon the ground. He shall deliver the service from the right to the left courts, alternately; beginning from the right.

7. The ball served must drop between the service line, half-court line, and side line of the court diagonally opposite to that from which it was served.

8. It is a *Fault* if the server fail to strike the ball, or if the ball served drop in the net, or beyond the service line, or out of the court, or in the wrong court; or if the server do not stand as directed by law 6.

It is a fault if the ball served do not drop as provided in law 7, or if it touch the server's partner or anything he wears or carries.

9. A ball falling on a line is regarded as falling in the court bounded by that line.

10. A fault cannot be taken.

11. After a fault, the server shall serve again from the same court from which he served that fault, unless it was a fault because he served from the wrong court.

12. A fault cannot be claimed after the next service is delivered.

13. The server shall not serve till the striker-out is ready. If the latter attempt to return the service he shall be deemed ready.

14. A service or fault delivered when the striker out is not ready counts for nothing.

15. The service shall not be volleyed, *i. e.*, taken before it has touched the ground.

16. A ball is in play on leaving the server's racket, except as provided for in law 8.

17. It is a good return, although the ball touch the net; but a service otherwise good, which touches the net, shall count for nothing.

18. The server wins a stroke if the striker-out volley the service, or if he fail to return the service or the ball in play; or if he return the service or the ball in play so that it drops outside of his opponent's court; or if he otherwise lose a stroke, as provided by law 20.

19. The striker-out wins a stroke if the server serve two consecutive faults; or if he fail to return the ball in play; or if he return the ball in play so that it drops outside of his opponent's court; or if he otherwise lose a stroke, as provided by law 20.

20. Either player loses a stroke if the ball touch him or anything that he wears or carries, except his racket in the act of striking; or if he touch the ball with his racket more than once; or if he touch the net or any of its supports while the ball is in play; or if he volley the ball before it has passed the net.

21. In case any player is obstructed by any accident, the ball shall be considered a let.

22. On either player winning his first stroke, the score is called 15 for that player; on either player winning his second stroke, the score is called 30 for that player; on either player winning his third stroke, the score is called 40 for that player; and the fourth stroke won by either player is scored game for that player, except as below:— If both players have won three strokes, the score is called *deuce*; and the next stroke won by either player is scored *advantage* for that player. If the same player win the next stroke he wins the game; if he lose the next stroke, the score returns to *deuce*; and so on until one player wins the two strokes immediately following the score of *deuce*, when game is scored for that player.

23. The player who first wins six games, wins the set; except as below:— If both players win five games, the score is called *games all*; and the next game won by either player is scored *advantage game* for that player. If the same player win the next game, he wins the set; if he lose the next game, the score returns to *games-all*; and so on, until either

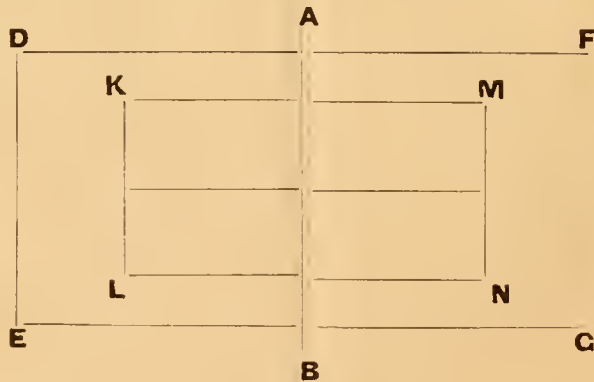
player wins the two games immediately following the score of games-all, when he wins the set. But individual clubs at their own tournaments, may modify this rule at their discretion.

24. The players shall change sides at the end of every set; but the umpire, on appeal from either player, before the toss for choice, may direct the players to change sides at the end of every game of each set, if, in his opinion, either side have a distinct advantage, owing to the sun, wind or any other accidental cause; but if the appeal be made after the toss for choice, the umpire can only direct the players to change sides at the end of every game of the odd or deciding set.

25. When a series of sets is played, the player who served in the last game of one set shall be striker-out in the first game of the next.

26. In all contests, the play shall be continuous from the first service till the match be concluded: but upon application by either player, for reason or reasons which shall seem adequate to the referee, an interval which shall not exceed two minutes may be allowed between successive rests (rest-rally). If the interval be between successive sets, seven minutes may be allowed. The referee at his discretion, may at any time postpone the match on account of rain or darkness, or may otherwise waive the provisions of these rules on the expressed consent of both players. In any case of postponement, the previous score shall hold good. When play has ceased for more than one hour, the player, who, at the cessation thereof, was on the side of the net originally first chosen, shall have the choice of sides on the next commencement of play. He shall stay on the side he chooses for the remainder of the set, and then alternate each subsequent set. The last two sentences of this rule do not apply when the players are changing every game.

THE THREE-HANDED AND FOUR-HANDED GAMES.



27. The above laws shall apply to the three-handed and four-handed games, except as below:

28. For the three-handed and four-handed games, the court shall be 36 feet in width. $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet inside the side lines, and parallel with them are drawn the service side lines, K M and L N. The service lines are not drawn beyond the point at which they meet the service side lines, as shown in the diagram.

29. In the three-handed game, the single player shall serve in every alternate game

30. In the four-handed game, the pair who have the right to serve in the first game shall decide which partner shall do so; and the opposing pair shall decide in like manner for the second game. The partner of the player who served in the first game shall serve in the third, and the partner of the player who served in the second game shall serve in the fourth, and the same order shall be maintained in all the subsequent games of the set.

31. At the beginning of the next set, either partner of the pair which struck out in the last game of the last set may serve, and the same privilege is given to their opponents in the second game of the next set.

32. The players shall take the service alternately throughout the game; a player cannot receive a service delivered to his partner; and the order of service and striking out once established shall not be altered, nor shall the striker-out change courts to receive the service till the end of the set.

33. If a player serve out of his turn, the umpire, as soon as the mistake is discovered by himself or by one of the players, shall direct the player to serve who ought to have served. But all strokes scored and any fault served before such discovery shall be reckoned. If a game shall have been completed before such discovery, then the service in the next alternate game shall be delivered by the partner of the player who served out of turn, and so on in regular rotation.

34. It is a fault if the ball served do not drop between the service line, half-court line and service side line of the court diagonally opposite to that from which it was served.

35. It is a fault if the ball served do not drop as provided in Law 34, or if it touch the server's partner or anything he wears or carries.

36. In matches, the decisions of the umpire shall be final. Should there be two umpires, they shall divide the court between them, and the decision of each shall be final in his share of the court.

ODDS.

37. A *Bisque* is one point which can be taken by the receiver of the odds at any time in the set, except as follows:

(a). A bisque cannot be taken after a service is delivered.

(b). The server may not take a bisque after a fault, but the striker-out may do so.

38. One or more bisques may be given to increase or diminish other odds.

39. Half fifteen is one stroke given at the beginning of the second, fourth, and every subsequent alternate game of a set.

40. Fifteen is one stroke given at the beginning of every game of a set.

41. Half thirty is one stroke given at the beginning of the first game, two strokes given at the beginning of the second game, and so on alternately in all the subsequent games of the set.

42. Thirty is two strokes given at the beginning of every game of a set.

43. Half forty is two strokes given at the beginning of the first game, three strokes given at the beginning of the second game, and so on alternately in all the subsequent games of the set.

44. Forty is three strokes given at the beginning of every game of a set.

45. Half Court: The players may agree into which half court, right or left, the giver of the odds shall play; and the latter loses a stroke if the ball returned by him, drop outside any of the lines which bound that half court.

46. Owed odds are where the giver of the odds starts behind scratch.

47. Owe half fifteen is one stroke owed at the beginning of the first, third, and every subsequent alternate game of a set.

48. Owe fifteen is one stroke owed at the beginning of every game of a set.

49. Owe half thirty is two strokes owed at the beginning of the first game, one stroke owed at the beginning of second game, and so on alternately in all the subsequent games of the set.

50. Owe thirty is two strokes owed at the beginning of every game of a set.

51. Owe half forty is three strokes owed at the beginning of the first game, two strokes owed at the beginning of the second game, and so on alternately in all subsequent games of the set.

52. Owe forty is three strokes owed at the beginning of every game of a set.

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR,
OF THE
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the "United States National Lawn Tennis Association."

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. There shall be two classes of members.

1. Clubs.
2. Associations of Clubs.

SEC. 2. An association of clubs shall consist of five or more individual clubs, any one of which may or may not be itself a member of the National Association. But no club shall otherwise be a member of more than one association.

SEC. 3. Every such association shall represent either a stated section of the country, or a stated number of schools and colleges, and in each case its stated limits shall necessarily exclude to that extent the stated limits of every other association.

SEC. 4. *Propositions for Membership.* Propositions for membership must be made in writing to the Executive Committee, hereinafter provided for, with the name and address of the applicant, and signed by the Secretary of the club or association making the proposal. Where the applicant is an association, the names and addresses of each of its members shall be given with the application, together with a statement of the limits that it desires to represent, and thereafter such association, if elected, shall notify the Secretary of the National Association of any change in its membership immediately upon occurrence.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have full power to pass upon candidates for membership without a general election, except that no association shall be deemed a member whose limits shall conflict with those of other associations until its admittance be confirmed by a two-thirds vote at the annual meeting of the National Association or by the consent of the associations upon whose limits it encroaches. The admittance to membership of such an association necessarily decreases the limits of other associations to such an extent as shall preclude a conflict of limits.

SEC. 6. *Dues, etc.* The annual dues to this association, in the case of clubs, shall be seven dollars, (\$7), and in the case of associations of clubs, shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25), except that where any association is composed of more than ten clubs, its annual dues shall in addition be ten

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dollars (\$10), for every five clubs or fraction thereof members of it so additional. No club or association shall be allowed the privilege of a member until its first annual dues have been paid. All dues for the ensuing year shall be payable at the annual meeting.

SEC. 7. *Limits of Payments, etc.* Any club or association which shall fail to have paid its annual dues at the expiration of one month after the annual meeting, may be debarred from the privileges of a member by the Executive Committee, and at their discretion may be dropped from the roll.

SEC. 8. *Resignations, etc.* Any member, wishing to resign, must do so in writing, addressed to the Secretary; and the resignation cannot be accepted until all dues are paid.

ARTICLE III.—EXPULSIONS, ETC.

The Executive Committee of this Association, hereinafter provided for, shall have the power to suspend or expel any member which may neglect or refuse a strict and honorable compliance with this Constitution, By-Laws, etc; or which shall by scandalous conduct, bring reproach or disgrace upon the Association; or which shall, being itself an association, retain as one of its members any club objected to by notice in writing by the Executive Committee, subject to a right of the said member to appeal to the Association at its next annual meeting, for reinstatement.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of nine members, including the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, who shall be *ex-officio* members of the Committee. No person can be an officer who is not an active member of a club belonging either directly to this Association, or indirectly as specified in Article II. Section 2.

SEC. 2. *Time and Mode of Election.* The election of officers shall be by ballot or roll-call, at the annual meeting in each year. They shall be voted for separately and receive a majority of all votes cast to entitle them to an election; and they shall continue in office for one year, or until their successors shall be elected.

SEC. 3. *Vacancies.* In case a vacancy should occur in any of the offices, the Executive Committee shall elect a member to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

SEC. 4. *Duties of the President.* It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, to preserve order, to appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and to see that the officers and committees perform their respective duties.

SEC. 5. *The Vice-President.* The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of his duties, and shall exercise all the powers of the President in his absence.

SEC. 6. *The Secretary.* The Secretary shall keep a roll of all the members, and from time to time amend and correct the same, as circumstances may require. He shall notify new members of their election within two weeks thereafter and shall give notice of all meetings at least two weeks in advance. He shall conduct all the correspondence of the Association, and keep copies of all letters in a book provided for that purpose. He shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Association, and a record of such matters of interest as may occur.

SEC. 7. *The Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall keep in a suitable book provided for that purpose, an account of all moneys received and paid. He shall liquidate all bills against the Association, and shall report in writing the state of the finances when required; and at the annual meeting he shall present a written report showing all the receipts and expenditures for the year.

SEC. 8. *Executive Committee, etc.* It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to see that the general provisions of the Constitution and By-

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Laws of this Association are complied with by members being members of the same, to hear and decide all questions submitted by members for decision, notice of hearing being given to any other member which may be effected by the question; to construe and enforce all the rules of the Association. All decisions of the Executive Committee shall be complied with forthwith, but an appeal therefrom may be taken by any member to the Association at its next annual meeting.

The Executive Committee and the Secretary shall cause official notices and such other matters of information as they shall deem of interest, to be published in a paper to be appointed annually by the Executive Committee the official bulletin of the Association. All members are to be given notice of said appointment, and thereafter are expected to take notice of official publications therein. The Executive Committee shall have the arrangement and management of any general tournament between the members of this Association. Each member of the Executive Committee must represent a club of which he is an active member, said club belonging either directly to this Association or indirectly, as specified in Article II, Section 2, and being also either a different club, or, if a member of an association, then a club of a different association from any club represented by any other member of the Committee. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS, ETC.

SEC. 1. There shall be a stated annual meeting held on a date to be fixed by the President, between the 1st and 15th of February in each year, at a place to be designated at the previous annual meeting, or by the President in the absence of other designation.

SEC. 2. *Proxies, etc.* Members may be represented at meetings by delegates or proxies.

SEC. 3. *Special Meetings, etc.* Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee at any time, and shall be called by the Executive Committee, at the request of any five members of the Association.

SEC. 4. At all meetings of the Association, the representatives of eleven members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 5. *Votes, etc.* Each member of the Association shall at all meetings be entitled to one vote, if it be a member in Class 1, and it shall be entitled to two votes, and to one additional vote for every five clubs, or fraction thereof members of it over ten, if it be a member in Class 2, the vote or votes to be cast by its delegates or proxies. Each delegate or proxy must be an active member of a club belonging either directly to this Association, or indirectly, as specified in Article II, Section 2, and present written credentials properly certified by the member he represents.

ARTICLE VI.—AMENDMENTS, ETC.

Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual meeting, by a vote of at least two-thirds of all the votes cast. By-Laws may be amended at any annual or special meeting under the same provisions.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—ORDER OF BUSINESS, ETC.

SECTION 1. The order of business for this Association shall be as follows:—

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading of Minutes.
3. Secretary's Report
4. Collection of Dues.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Reports of Committees.
7. Elections.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Adjournment.

SEC. 2. *Time of Electing Officers, etc.* The election of officers at the annual meeting shall take place immediately after the reading of the re-

ports of the various officers and committees. The officers elected shall immediately enter upon the discharge of their respective duties, and be entitled to the possession of all books, papers, moneys, and other property belonging to the Association, pertaining to their respective offices, and in the possession of their predecessors.

SEC. 3. *Authority for Rules of Order.* For the "Rules of Order," and any and all parliamentary rules not herein mentioned, those laid down in "Cushing's Manual" shall be authority.

ARTICLE II.—LAWS OF LAWN TENNIS.

SEC. 1. All clubs, represented in this Association shall be governed by the Laws of Lawn Tennis, as laid down by this Association.

SEC. 2. *Laws of Matches, etc.* All matches played by clubs represented in this Association shall be played under all the rules adopted by it.

SEC. 3. None but amateurs shall be allowed to enter for any match or matches played under the auspices of this Association.

SEC. 4. An amateur is one who has never played or taught any sport as one of his ordinary means of livelihood, or in connection therewith, and this question in any given case is to be decided by the Executive Committee of the National Association.

SEC. 5. No player shall be allowed to enter for any match given by this Association, unless he is an active member in a club belonging either directly to this Association, or indirectly, as specified in Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution. But the Executive Committee is empowered, at their discretion, to invite any foreigners to enter for any match given by this Association.

ARTICLE III.—SUSPENSION OF BY-LAWS.

Any Article or Section of these By-Laws may be suspended for any one meeting by a two-thirds vote of all cast.

CASES AND DECISIONS.

BY JAMES DWIGHT.

The following Cases and Decisions are intended to meet questions often asked at tournaments; and also to cover points apparently not provided for in the laws. They have been prepared with the advice and assistance of Messrs. W. and E. Renshaw, B. C. Eveleigh, N. L. Jackson and R. D. Sears, to whom the author returns his thanks:—

CASE I. A player standing outside of the court volleys the ball or catches it in his hands, and claims the stroke because the ball was certainly going out of the court.

DECISION. He loses the stroke. It makes no difference where he was standing. The return is presumed good until it strikes the ground outside of the court.

CASE II. A player is struck by the ball served before it has touched the ground, he being outside of the service court. How does it count?

DECISION. The player struck loses the stroke. The service is presumably good until it strikes in the wrong court. A player cannot take the decision upon himself by stopping the ball. If it is going to be a fault, he has only to get out of the way.

CASE III. The service is delivered before the striker-out is ready. He tries to return it and fails. Is he entitled to have it played over again?

DECISION. No. If he attempt to return the service he is deemed ready.

CASE IV. The striker-out calls "Not ready" for a second service. The ball strikes beyond the service-line, and the striker-out claims that the fact that he was not ready makes no difference, since a fault cannot be returned, and therefore, that two faults have been served.

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DECISION. "The second service goes for nothing. A player cannot call "Not ready," and then have the service count, or not, as suits his interests.

CASE V. A ball having been played over the net, bounces back into the court from which it came. The player reaches over the net and plays it before it falls. Has he a right to do so?

DECISION. Yes. Provided he does not touch the net. He has a right to play the ball at any time from the moment it crosses the net into his court, until it touches the ground a second time.

CASE VI. A ball is played into the net; the player on the other side, thinking that the ball is coming over, strikes at it and hits the net. Who loses the stroke?

DECISION. It is simply a question of fact for the umpire to decide. If the player touched the net while the ball was still in play, he loses the stroke.

CASE VII. Can a player follow a ball over the net with his racket, provided that he hits the ball on his own side of the net?

DECISION. Yes. The only restrictions are, that he shall not volley the ball until it has crossed the net, and that he shall not touch the net or any of its supports.

CASE VIII. A player's racket slips out of his hand, and flies into the net. Does he lose the stroke for hitting the net?

DECISION. Yes, if the ball be still in play. It does not matter if the racket be in a player's hand or not.

CASE IX. A player's racket leaves his hand, but meets the ball, and returns it over the net. Is it a good return?

DECISION. Yes. There is no law requiring a racket to be in a player's hand when the ball is returned. It would unquestionably be a good return if the racket were held against the ground by the player's feet, and the ball bounded back off of it.

CASE X. A single match is played with a double net and inside posts. A player touches the net beyond the inside posts, and claims that he does not lose the stroke, because there should be no net more than 3 ft. outside of the court.

DECISION. He loses the stroke. The net where he touched it is part of the supports of the net. He might, perhaps, have objected to the arrangement of the net before the match.

CASE XI. A player returns the ball, and finding that he cannot stop himself before reaching the net, jumps over it. Is it a good return?

DECISION. Law 4 requires that "that the players shall stand on opposite sides of the net," and therefore the player invading his opponent's court, loses the stroke.

CASE XII. A ball passes outside the post of the net and strikes in court. Is it a good return?

DECISION. Yes.

CASE XIII. A ball going out of court hits the top of the post of the net, and bounds into the opposite court.

DECISION. "Either player loses a stroke if he return the service or the ball in play so that it touches a post of the net." See Law 20.

In England it is a good return, as the above part of Law 20 has been dropped.

CASE XIV. The service or the ball in play strikes a ball lying in the Court. Can it be returned?

DECISION. Yes, if it be clear to the umpire that the right ball is returned.

CASE XV. The server claims that the striker-out must stand in court. Is this necessary?

DECISION. No. The striker-out can stand wherever he pleases on his own side of the net.

CASE XVI. A bystander gets in the way of a player who fails to return the ball. May he then claim a let?

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DECISION. Yes, if in the umpire's opinion he was prevented by an accident beyond his control. For instance, if the ropes or seats are allowed to be so near to the court, that a player is interfered with by them, the stroke should not be played again, because the ropes and seats form part of the arrangements of the ground. If, however, a spectator passes in front of those seats, or places a chair nearer than the original line, and so interferes with a player, the stroke should be played again.

CASE XVII. A player is interfered with as above, and the umpire directs the stroke to be played again. The server had previously served a fault. He claims the right to two services.

DECISION. The fault stands. A let does not annul a previous fault.

CASE XVIII. A return hits the umpire or his chair or stand; the player claims that the ball was going into court.

DECISION. Unless the umpire can say that the ball was in his opinion not going into court, he should call a let.

CASE XIX. A player receiving fifteen serves from the left court; his opponent claims a fault.

DECISION. It is a fault. The service starts from the right court under all circumstances.

CASE XX. At fifteen all, the server by mistake serves from the left court; he wins the stroke, and serves again (a fault). The mistake is then discovered. Is he entitled to the previous stroke? From which court should he serve next?

DECISION. The previous stroke stands. A fault cannot be claimed after the next service, good or not, is delivered. The next service should be from the left court, the score being thirty-fifteen, and the server has served one fault.

CASE XXI. A player serves from the wrong court; he loses the stroke and then claims that it was a fault.

DECISION. If the stroke was played in his first service it is simply a fault, but if he serves twice into the wrong court, he has served two faults, and lost the stroke.

CASE XXII. With the score at thirty-forty, the server takes a *bisque*, and then serves from the right court. His opponent claims a fault.

DECISION. It is a fault. The service must come alternately from the right and left courts.

CASE XXIII. A player takes a *bisque* after the server has served a fault. Which court does the server next serve from?

DECISION. From the same court.

CASE XXIV. The score is five games all, and the umpire directs the players to play an advantage set. The advantage game has been won when it is discovered that no advantage sets are to be played. What is to be done?

DECISION. The set is won at the eleventh game. It is no part of the umpire's duty to decide on the conditions of the matches.

CASE XXV. A player serves. He hears the umpire call, but cannot hear what he says. He knows that the only two things that the umpire should call are "fault" and "let," and that in neither case can the ball be in play. He therefore does not return it, only to find that the umpire has called "play." Has he any redress?

DECISION. No.

CASE XXVI. The umpire calls "fault" and then instantly changes and says "play." The striker-out fails to return the ball, and he claims that he was prevented by the umpire, and also that the umpire cannot change his decision.

DECISION. The umpire should call a let and the service be taken again.

CASE XXVII. A ball drops near a line, the player appeals, and the umpire calls "play." The player misunderstands the call, and lets the ball fall. He then claims to have the stroke played again.

DECISION. The stroke stands.

CASE XXVIII. A ball strikes the ground close to a line, the scorer scores the stroke against the striker. On appeal to the linesman, the latter decides that the ball was not out. Which decision stands?

DECISION. The scorer had no right to consider a ball out until the linesman has called to that effect; therefore, the decision of the latter must be accepted. The decision of a linesman affecting his own line is final.

CASE XXIX. A return strikes the cord running along the bottom of the net and bounds over. Is it a good return?

DECISION. Yes.

CASE XXX. During play a ball is thrown into the court, and the ball in play strikes it, or a player steps on it. May a let be claimed?

DECISION. Yes.

CASE XXXI. In a four-handed competition one player does not appear in time to play, and his partner claims to be allowed to play single-handed against the opposing pair. May he do so?

DECISION. No.

RULES FOR UMPIRES.

1. There shall be two umpires for each game, unless there is a raised stand by the net.

2. If there are two umpires, they should be placed in the following manner; The umpire on the service side should stand opposite the end of the base line, so as to be able to see if the server stand as required. It is his duty to watch the base line and one side line throughout its entire length. The other umpire should stand opposite the service line on the other side until the service is returned, and should then fall back to the end of the base line, diagonally opposite to the other umpire. He is to watch his base line, and the whole side line on his side. In the absence of a scorer, the two umpires should arrange which shall call the score.

3. It is the duty of the umpire to call faults, strokes, games and sets when scored, or when requested to do so; not to call play, nor to give advice of any kind.

4. If, in his opinion, one side have a distinct advantage, and he is appealed to to direct the players to change sides at the end of every game, he has no option whatever, but must direct them to do so, and remind them at the end of each game.

5. In four-handed games there should be a third umpire at the net, whose only duty is to see that the rules regarding the net are observed. He usually however also acts as referee.

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