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CANADA'S GREAT GAME.

THE ORIGIN AND GROWING POPU-LARITY OF LACROSSE.

First Played by Indians, It Becomes the National Game of Canadians, who are the Best Players in the World-Rules for Governing Play.

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Probably in all the category of atheletic sports and pastimes there is no game which combines so many scientific moves or is more fitted to make a man an all-round club is required to furnish two of the reguor general athlete than the great Indian game of lacrosse, which has become the national game of Canada. The game was played, as careful research proves, by the



Indian tribes of this continent long before the white invader had commenced the civilization of the aborigine with the thoroughly efficient aid of the flask and gun. The Ottawas, Sacs, Sioux, Creeks, Iroquois, Dakotas, Choctaws, Chippewas, Mohawks, and the other tribes contended together in many fiercely fought contests, beside which the alleged brutality of the college football game sinks into insignificance. All of these tribes had skilful teams. In playing the game, which they ermed Bagataway, the Indians used at wooden ball or one shaped from bark.



HE GETS THE BALL.

The white players of Canada are the best in the world. They have found no trouble in defeating the picked teams which they have played with, although the teams which they have won victories from have comprised the best players in the United allowed to remain inside the twelve-foot States, Ireland, and England.

an enthusiastic Montreal lacrosse player, for the game to commence, their opponents reduced the game to scientific principles. may either limit their own number to

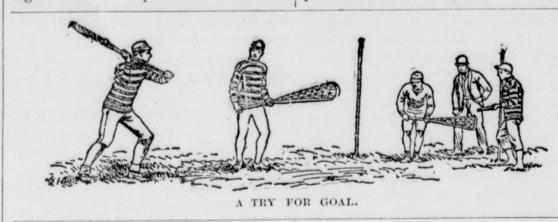
length strings. The length strings must be to a match the respective captains of either matches the time is one hour and a half, woven to within two inches of their termi- side arrange whether the game is to be actual play, with a rest of fifteen minutes nation, so that the ball will not catch in the played out in one day, or postponed at a at half time. If the ball is in play when meshes. No metal of any description is stated hour in the event of rain, darkness, halt time is up play must be continued allowed upon the crosse. Splices, when or other cause, or to be considered a until the game is finished, and then the necessary, must be made with either string drawn contest under certain circumstances, usual rest taken. Games must in all cases

The ball must be of India-rubber sponge, left off.

A referee is appointed for each game by not more than nine nor less than eight the captains of the contending teams. In inches in circumference. Prior to the beginning of a match game, the challenging | the case of "championship" matches, the referee must have at least one day's notice of appointment. He must be a thoroughly lation balls to the referee; as often as the refree declares the ball in play to be lost, disinterested person, and unless mutually the spare ball is placed in play, and the agreed upon must not be a member of either of the competing clubs. He must have challenging club furnishes the refree with another ball, so that he will always have a no pecuniary interest, either direct or in-

spare ball in his possession, that no delay direct, in the game over which he officiates. Before the game is commenced, the referee may occur in playing the game.

The goals consists of two flag poles, each must draw the players up in lives, and see six feet in length above ground, including that the rules relative to the ball, crosse, any top ornament. They must be six feet spiked shoes, &c., are complied with. He apart. In match games the challenged must also see that the goals are in proper organization is required to furnish the position, and that the members of each



goals. The goals must be not less than teams are in their right positions. He can 100 yards nor more than 150 yards apart, suspend during a match any player inthe positions and distance being agreed fringing the rules. When "foul" has been upon by the captains of the clubs. called by either captain, the referee must immediately call time, after which the ball

The goal crease is in the form of a square, whose sides measure each twelve feet. The goal posts are placed on a line drawn across this square, six feet from the respective sides. No player except the goal keeper is allowed to stand within this goal crease. When the ball has been thrown past the goal crease, however, and not through the goal flags, players may cross the crease, but in no case are they square. If one team be deficient in the About the year 1849, Dr. W. G. Beers, number of players at the time announced

left off, there shall be no change of players

and, if postponed, resumed where it was be won by putting the ball through the gaol

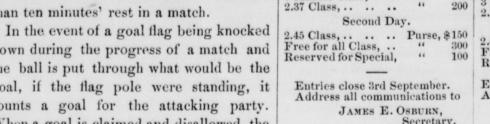


to claim five minutes' at least and not more than ten minutes' rest in a match.

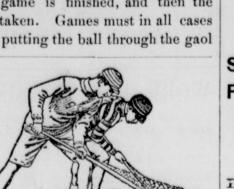
down during the progress of a match and upon by the captains of the two opposing teams before the match. Passing, dodging, body checking, and shouldering are allowed, and some of these moves by ex-



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AN EVEN TUSSLE.

from the front sides. Each side is allowed

the ball is put through what would be the goal, if the flag pole were standing, it counts a goal for the attacking party. When a goal is claimed and disallowed, the referee is required to order the ball to be faced for, where it is picked up; but in no case must it be nearer to the goal in any direction than ten yards. The goal keeper is the only player that is allowed to use anything but his crosse to keep the ball back, and he is allowed to kick, push, or strike it in any manner with crosse or body to keep the sphere from entering the gaols. If the ball lodges on the field or in any inaccessible place where the crosse cannot be used, it may be taken out by the hand and the player picking it up must "face" for it with his nearest opponent. If the ball lodges in the netting of the stick, the crosse must be struck on the ground to dislodge it. Players are allowed to change their crosses if broken or injured sc as to render them unfit for use during a game. Balls thrown out of bounds must be "faced" for at the nearest spot within the bounds, all the players being required to remain in their places until the ball is "faced." The boundry lines must be distinctly agreed



THE GOAL KEEPER'S BALL.

It had been played in a semi-scientific man- | equalize the sides or compel the opposing ner as far back as 1846, in the Canadas. team to play short-handed. When the Two teams of Caughnawaga Indians were deficiency exceeds three players, the oppotaken abroad by Dr. Beers in 1874. They site team may either play nine men against played in England, Ireland, and France, their opponent's lesser number or refuse to but the Briton, Celt, and Frenchman did play at all, and claim the match. If a not understand or were unable to appreciate | player is injured during a game so that he the beauty of the game, and when Dr. is compelled to leave the field, the opposite Beers arrived home he had lost nearly team is required to drop a player also, to \$5,000 by the trip and venture. Nothing equalize the sides. If there is any dispute daunted by this failure, the Doctor again beween the captains of the two opposing went abroad the next year, taking with him | teams relative to the ability of the injured one team of white Canadian players and a player to continue the game, the referee team of the Caughnawagas. From the decides the case. No exchange of players day that those two teams battled for is allowed after the game has started, exthe supremacy on the other side the game | cept for reasons of incapacitation by acciof lacrosse has been on a firm basis in dent or injury. If a match is postponed Ireland and England, where it has made and resumed at another day where it was steady progress.

Twelve players constitute a regular la- on either team. crosse team. Some of the organizations | Captains to superintend the play, must which play the game have three to five be appointed by each side previous to the times that number of players on the mem- commencement of each game. They must bership roster of the club, from which the be members of the club which apclub team is chosen. The three plans of points them, and they may or may not be placing a team in the field ready for play players in the match. Captains who are are termed the Indian, Canadian, and not players are not allowed to carry a American. The positions and players crosse or be dressed in lacrosse uniform. are: Goal keeper, point, cover point, first They are not allowed to obstruct the play

defence, second defence, third defence, or interfere in any manner with a member A GOOD PASS.

centre, first attack, second attack, third | of the team opposing their own, under penalty of disqualification for foul play. In attack, inside home, and outside home. The crosse may be of any length to suit all disputes regarding the game, each cap-

drop it on the ground. If the ball enters goal after the referee has called time it does not count.

ALL THREE WANT IT.

must not be touched by either party or the

players move from the positions in which

they happen to be until the referee has

called "play." If a player is in possession

of the ball when "time" is called, he must

The term of office of the referee begins at the time the game is started and continues one hour after the match After that time he does not have power to act or give a decision in an official capacity. After hearing the evidence, his decision in all cases is final and without appeal. Any side rejecting the referee's decision and refusing to continue the match must be declared the losers, and the contest awarded to their opponents.

At each goal there is placed one umpire. These umpires cannot be change dduring the progress of a game, unless by mutual consent of the captains of the two teams. They must be appointed at least one day prior to the match in championship contests, and must not be members of the contending teams.

The umpires' jurisdiction lasts during the game for which they are appointed. They



shall not change goals during a match.

No person is allowed to speak to an umpire or in any way distract his attention when the ball is nearing the goal over which he has jurisdiction. The umpire's position is behind the goal flags; in the event of game being claimed, the umpire at goal where the claim is made must at once decide whether or not the sphere has passed through the flags fairly or not, his decision being simply "game" or "no game," without comment of any kind. He is not required to express any opinion, and his decision, like the referee's, is final and without appeal. If during the progress of a match, an umpire shows evident partiality for the side for which he is officiating, the opposing team is allowed The Daisy FLY KILLER, to enter a protest against the decisions rendered by him, and the referee, after hearing both sides, must decide whether he shall continue to serve or shall be dismissed from the position. If dismissed, the referee Wilson's Fly Pads. must appoint another umpire at once in his place. Any decisions given by the re- Stickey Fly Paper. tiring umpire previous to his dismissal,

however, stand. The game is started by two players



which are accomplished only after long study and assiduous practice. The body check is the interposition or placing of the body of the checker in the way of the player in possession of the ball, any other use of it being strictly forbidden. The possibilites of this move are great, a

few of which are shown by the pictures herewith. Deliberate fouls are not tolerated, disqualification being the punishment for this offence. The cuts printed herewith were taken at a regular game. Each one of the pictures is a view of a portion of the match and tells what the game is more fully than descriptive writing can.

> [FOR PROGRESS.] AFTER THE WAR.

Sing, O ye heavens! be joyful, O ye earth! Break into singing, O ye silent hills! Leap down your rocky glens, ye jubilant rills, Wake all your summer vales to golden mirth; Peace sits anew by many a lonely hearth; The Lord his bruise'd ones has comforted; Their tears now run in light, who mourned the dead; The warriors lead triumphant legions forth, Sing, O ye heavens! our bleeding land is not By God forgotten; in the blood-red sea Faith toil'd, and freedom, but they are not lost! Sing, O ye heavens! a race from bondage brought, A nation saved from shame to liberty! How glorious! but how terrible the cost! -ARTHUR J. LOCKHART.

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the player. It must be woven with catgut, tain is allowed to select one player from facing the ball, as shown in the first which must not be bagged. ("Catgut" is his team to assist him in deciding the con- picture. The referee places the ball in the Green Camphor (English). intended to mean rawhide, gut, or clock troversy. The captains are allowed to centre of the field between the two centres, FRESH STOCK! strings, not cord or soft leather). The select umpires and a referee, and to toss and each strives to get possession of the netting must be flat when the ball is in it. for choice of goals. They are also enball. The facing at the beginning of a JUST RECEIVED! In its widest portion the crosse must not titled to claim "foul" during a match, and game, and whenever the ball is taken to exceed one foot. A string must be brought must report any infringement of the rules the centre of the field during the progress E. CRAIBE & CO., through a hole at the side of the tip of the to the referee. Before the commencement of a game, is done in a square. No other turn, to prevent the point of the stick of a game each captain must furnish the players but the two centres are allowed in catching an opponent's crosse. A leading referee with a full and correct list of his that square while the ball is in it. A match Druggists and Apothecaries, string resting upon the top of the stick may team and a declaration stating that they is decided by the number of goals gained 35 KING STREET. be used but not fastened, so as to form a are all bona-fide members in good standing in a stated period of time, which must not SABBATH HOURS-930 to 10.45 a. m.; 2 to 4 and pocket, lower down than the end of the of the elub which they represent. Previous be less than one hour. In championship to 9 p.m.

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