



Vintage Jaques Croquet Set with Boxwood Mallets

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Height: 19.5 cm (7.7")

Width: 110.5 cm (43.5")

Depth: 27 cm (10.6")

## Description

### Vintage Boxed Croquet Set.

A good vintage croquet set in a later polished pine box with two carry handles that is stamped 'Jaques' and has a Jaques paper label on the inside of the lid. The set comes with four box wood croquet mallets with octagonal ash handles (which helps a player 'feel' the alignment of the mallet in play). To complete the set there are four balls in the standard croquet colours, six bent metal hoops, two new posts (the coloured bands indicating the order of play). The boxwood mallets are stamped 'Benetfink, London'.

Benetfink described themselves as 'furnishing ironmongers' and from 1845 to 1907 they had a large store on Cheapside in London. They sold a very large range of metalware items for the home and claimed in an advert in 1852 that they could furnish an eight-roomed house for £5.

As well as selling optical lanterns, chandeliers and lamps they also had a sports department offering bicycles and sports attire. By 1900 they were selling motorcycles as well motoring accessories.

Gamages (also a department store) took over Benetfink and Co. in 1907 and the Cheapside department store became Gamages's City Depot.