



1865 Croquet Rules By Jaques

John Jaques

£650



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Height: 21 cm (8.3")

Width: 14 cm (5.5")

Depth: 0.5 cm (0.2")

Description

Antique 1865 Croquet Rule Book by John Jaques.

A very rare and early Victorian croquet rule book, *The Laws and Regulations of the Game of Croquet*, published by John Jaques in 1865. This second edition, 48-page illustrated volume is the 'New Edition, Thoroughly Revised' issued for the ensuing season, incorporating modifications and additions to the minor laws of the game.

The book is bound in thin card covers covered with green cloth, featuring an embossed decorative design, gilt title lettering, and an attractive gilt illustration of a lady playing croquet. A particularly desirable item for the croquet collector and sporting historian alike.

Title: *Croquet, The Laws and Regulations of the Game, with a Description of the Implements, etc., etc. Illustrated with Diagrams and Engravings.* By John Jaques. New Edition, Thoroughly Revised. London: Jaques and Son, 102 Hatton Garden. Sold also by Longman, Green, Longman, Roberts, and Green. (The Right of Translation is Reserved.)

Contents include: Preface, Introduction, The Croquet Ground, The Implements for Playing Croquet, The Arrangement of the Hoops, General Directions, Laws of the Game, A croquet-themed poem originally published in *Punch*, Croquet price list, Advertisements for Jaques implements and other games.

Among the advertisements are: The "Croquet Indicator", Croquet Stand, Parlour Croquet, The Staunton Chessmen, In Statu Quo Chess-Board, Enfield Skittles & Jaques's Portable "B.C.D." Board.

An exceptionally scarce and fascinating survival from the formative years of croquet's popularity in Victorian Britain, offering a valuable insight into the early codification of the game and the products marketed by the renowned Jaques firm.