



DIRECTIONS FOR THE GAME OF HALMA.

1) FOR TWO PLAYERS.

Place the board in position with a nineteen square "Goal" at the left hand of each player. Each player chooses his colour, (so that his own men may be recognized throughout the game) and fills his nineteen square Goal with his own colour pieces.

The object of each player is to place the whole of his nineteen men in his opponents Goal, by the following means:

1. Each player in turn moves or hops one of his own pieces.
2. A move means, shifting a piece into any adjoining square, providing it is unoccupied, that is forward, backward, sideways, or any way, so long as the space immediately adjoins that on which the piece stands.

3. A hop means jumping over one, or a series of pieces, (as boys do in Leap Frog), but only one piece can be jumped over at a time, and each piece jumped over, must, of course, have a space behind it to jump into. It is the same as jumping over in the game of draughts, but with the following differences.

A. There is no taking.

B. The hop can be made backwards, or in any possible direction suitable to the player, and one hop may mean a series of jumps, even right across the board, until there is not a piece in an adjoining space to jump over — when the hop ends.

C. Under the above conditions a player may hop over either his own or his opponents men.

Of course the real amusement commences when the opposing armies meet, each endeavouring to use his opponent's pieces, as a sort of ladder to advance his own.

The first to place all his men in his opponent's Goal is the winner.

2) FOR FOUR PLAYERS.

1. Each player may play for himself.
2. The two opposite players may be partners.
3. Partners may sit side by side.

In 1 and 3 the game is very similar to the single handed game, but in No. 2. a great variety is caused by the fact that partners sitting opposite to each other, they endeavour to assist each other across the board, instead of blocking the way, as in the case when they are opposite an opponent.

In four handed games only thirteen pieces are used by each player.

