

Rules and Directions

for

Tucker's Table Tennis

and

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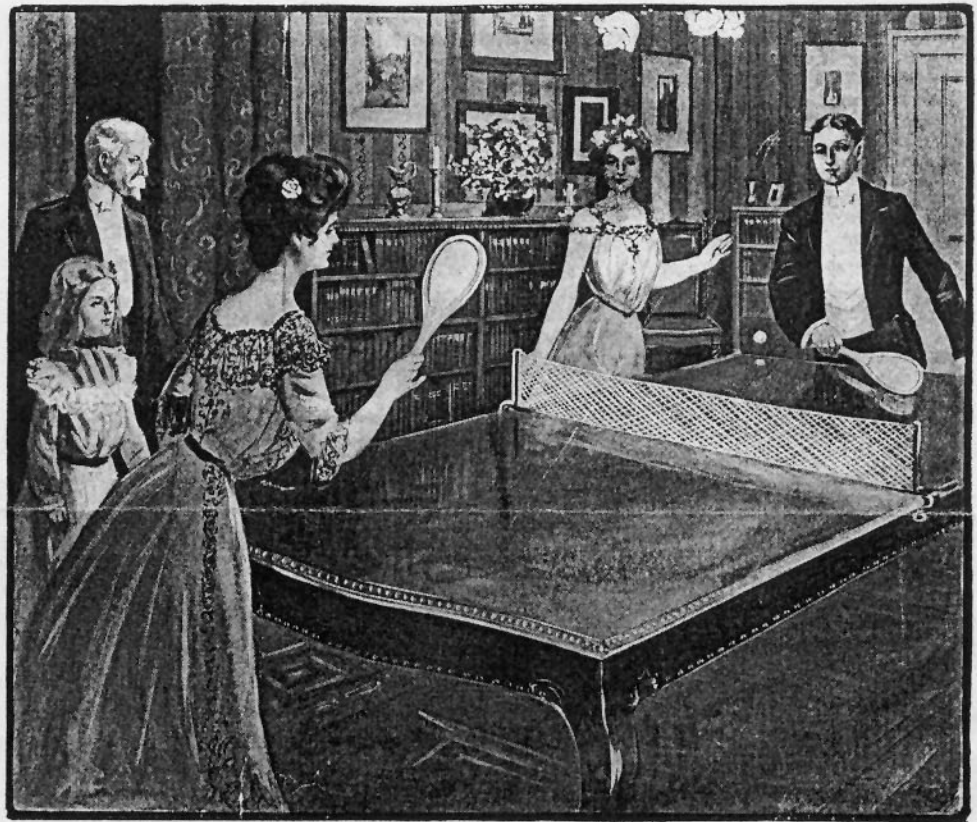
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❧ ❧ DIRECTIONS ❧ ❧

THE GAME of Table Tennis is played in a similar way to Lawn Tennis, except that the game is adapted for use on a dining table, and is played with a specially prepared elastic ball instead of the usual India rubber one. It requires some little practice before the proper strength is attained with which to strike the ball, but ten minutes or so is sufficient, as a rule, to enable the players to keep the ball within the space of the table top.

A dining table about 7 feet to 9 feet long by half the width, without a cloth, is the best place to play the game on; and when the room is lighted from above the table by a chandelier, the table should be moved a little to the side of the room.

The height of the net can be varied from 7 inches to 5 inches: the lower it is the more difficult the strokes can be made to return.

When wings are used with the net, these should be fixed up on the posts, so that they project out beyond the edge of the table, and thus prevent a ball being returned round the sides of the posts instead of over the net.

Special directions are now issued for Match or Tournament play.

Wooden racquets have been found by expert use to be preferable.

❧ ❧ RULES ❧ ❧

The game is for two or four players. They shall stand one at each end of the table. The player who first delivers the ball shall be called the server, and the other the striker-out.

At the end of the first game, the striker-out shall become the server, and the server shall become the striker-out, and so on alternately.

The service shall be strictly underhand and delivered from behind the end of the table.

The ball served must drop anywhere on the table-top beyond the net, and is then in play. If it drop into the net or off the table it counts to the striker-out. *There is no second service, as in Lawn Tennis.*

RULES—CONTINUED.

In serving, it is a fault if the ball touch the net in passing over.

If the ball in play strikes any object above or round the table before it bounces on the table-top itself (net or post excepted) it counts against the player.

The server wins a stroke if the striker-out fails to return the service, or return the service or ball in play off the table.

The striker-out wins a stroke if the server serve a fault, or fails to return the ball in play, or return the ball in play so that it falls off the table.

No volleying is allowed; but as long as the ball touches the table-top it is in play, and can be taken at half-volley.

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 (40 all), the score is called deuce; and the next stroke won by either player is scored advantage to that player. If the same player win the next stroke, he wins the Game; if he loses the next stroke the score is again called deuce, and so on, until either player wins the two strokes immediately following the score of deuce, when the Game is scored for that player.

The player who first wins six games wins a set.

The Game may also be scored by points, twenty up. The players, in this case, change the service after every five points scored, like "overs" at Cricket.

SPECIAL MATCH REGULATIONS.

Size of Table—9 ft. by 5 ft.; 2 ft. 6 in. high. Table to be painted dull dark green, with $\frac{3}{4}$ inch white line round the edges.

Height of Net—6 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Racket—Any Racket may be used. Wooden preferable.

System of Play—American.

PRICE LIST OF TUCKER'S LATEST TABLE TENNIS.

- Set No. 1—2 Wood Battledores plain, 1 net, 1 wooden base and posts, 4 balls, complete in good box, with rules. **\$1.75**
- "Popular" Set—2 Wood Battledores finished, 1 net, 2 wood posts with wire clamps plated, 6 balls, complete in good box, with rules. **\$2.50**
- "Club" Set—2 Vellum Battledores, double face, 1 net, 2 wood posts with wire clamps plated, 6 balls, complete in linen covered box, with rules. **\$3.50**
- "Special" Set—2 Best Hardwood Battledores finished, 1 net, 2 wood posts with wire clamps plated, 12 balls, complete in finely finished wood box, with rules. **\$5.00**
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BATTELDORES—THE LATEST.

- No. 1—Wood Battledores, good quality, No. 1 set, Each **.50**
- No. 2—Wood Battledores, good quality, finished, "Popular" Set, " " **.60**
- No. 3—Wood Battledores, hardwood, polished, "Special" Set, " " **\$1.00**
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- No. 5—Vellum Battledores, best quality, double face, " " **\$1.25**

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- No. 1—As furnished with No. 1 set, Pair **.25**
- No. 2—As furnished with "Popular" set, " " **.75**
- No. 3—As furnished with "Special" set, " " **\$1.25**

NETS.

- No. 1—For Table, 4 feet wide, Each **.25**
- No. 2—For Table, 5 feet wide " **.35**

TABLE TENNIS BALLS.

- No. 1—Regular Balls, Dozen, **.50**
- No. 2—Match Balls, " **.75**

PORTABLE TABLES FOR PLAYING TABLE TENNIS.

- No. 1—4x8, without legs, best whitewood, finished, **\$10.50**
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- No. 3—Tournament, size 5x9, without legs, best whitewood, finished, **12.50**
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