

THE LACROSSE BOOM.

Lacrosse, the great Canadian game, is rapidly becoming popular in the United States.

The oldest and leading lacrosse organization in this country is the Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association of the United States, representing Johns Hopkins university, Swarthmore (Pa.), Lehigh (Pa.) and Stevens Institute (Hoboken, N. J.) This body has adopted rules substantially the same as those of the National Amateur Lacrosse union of Canada. The championship was won last spring by Swarthmore, her team beating the former leaders, Johns Hopkins, by a score of 8 to 3. Subsequently Swarthmore beat the Toronto university twelve by a score of 4 to 2, winning Canadian as well as United States honors.

A newer organization among the colleges consists of a league between Columbia, Cornell, Haverford and the University of Pennsylvania. In making up the schedule games are arranged between the teams of both bodies and also with independent twelves.

Shooting goals is one of the skillful features of lacrosse. An ordinary observer would say that when a man was able to place the ball anywhere within the limits of the six foot square he had acquired the art, but it is necessary to have far better control than this in order to get it past an efficient goalkeeper. A good player should be able to hit a twelve inch square five out of six times.