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Edouard Manet, *The Croquet Party*, 1871

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**Artist**
Edouard Manet, French, 1832–1883

**Title**
The Croquet Party

**Object Date**
1871

**Alternate and Variant Titles**
The Croquet Party at Boulogne-sur-Mer; La partie de croquet

**Medium**
Oil on canvas

**Dimensions (Unframed)**
18 x 28 3/4 in. (45.7 x 73 cm)

**Signature**
Signed lower right: Manet

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In this complex outdoor genre scene, Edouard Manet (1832–1883) presents a view of his family and friends on the croquet lawn outside the casino at Boulogne-sur-Mer, in northern France. On the far left is Paul Roudier, the artist’s childhood friend and a central member of Manet’s social circle; he is the only figure in the scene to address the spectator directly. Alongside him is Jeanne Gonzalès (1852–1924), a talented young painter who would enjoy recognition at the Paris Salon from the late 1870s (Fig. 1). Jeanne was the younger sister of the painter Eva (1849–1883), who was Manet’s favorite female pupil. Jeanne, too, received artistic lessons from Manet and frequented his studio. She looks toward Léon Leenhoff, Manet’s stepson (and, possibly, his biological son) and a favorite model for the artist. To the right is Léon’s mother—Manet’s wife, Suzanne Leenhoff—who raises her mallet to hit a croquet ball alongside an unknown partner. This painting is therefore an image of Manet’s intimate inner group. Farther back on the promenade path, a man looks away through a telescope, accompanied by a woman holding a parasol. Although the figures are the focus of this scene, Manet shows his abilities as a marine painter in his distant view of four passing ships and his evocation of the seaside wind that blows from left to right, animating the flags, tugging at Jeanne’s dress, and causing the unidentified woman to hold onto her toque.

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followed here. In a provocative reading, Joachim Pissarro sees the picture in relation to the trauma of the recent events experienced by Manet in Paris in 1870–71. He argues that the work reflects the artist’s continuing disorientation and retains elements of alienation and detachment, even comparing the isolation of the figures to a play by Samuel Beckett. As is generally the case with Manet, however, readings are never clear, and the bright colors of the scene, notably Jeanne’s dress, and quaint details, such as the scrapping dogs, argue for a less dark reading.

In depicting the game of croquet, Manet was showing a sport that was newly imported to France from England in the mid-nineteenth century. Equally suited to men and women, croquet rapidly became popular among the upper classes. The 1874 edition of Merridew’s Guide to Boulogne-sur-Mer and its Environs noted: “On the terrace next to the sea will be found spacious lawns, on which the game of croquet is played.” Juliet Wilson-Bareau and David Degener have described The Croquet Party as “a brilliant comedy of manners.” Croquet was recognized as a space for flirtation between the sexes, and it is possible that Manet intended to suggest a sexual attraction or tension between Léon and Jeanne, both nineteen-year-old young adults. Jeanne, as the many portraits of her by her sister reveal, was an attractive young woman. Léon, for his part, takes on an air of detachment, as is often the case in Manet’s images of him. Could he be playing hard to get?

The Croquet Party shows Manet’s fascination with the seaside resort of Boulogne, which he visited repeatedly and painted on at least forty occasions. About half of Manet’s total number of marines were painted at Boulogne. The town had expanded greatly as a resort since 1848, when a railroad line connected it to Paris. It became even more of an attraction following the opening of its casino and beach house in 1863, and these locations soon became the center of tourist life for the city. Five members of Manet’s family, including the artist himself, took a one-month subscription to the beach house on July 16, 1864. In the summer of 1868, Manet spent about two months in Boulogne with his wife and stepson.

On the advice of his doctor, Manet probably returned to Boulogne in the summer of 1871 to treat his nervous exhaustion following the siege of Paris by the Prussians during the Franco-Prussian War, and the subsequent bloody episode of the Paris Commune, when up to twenty thousand Parisians were killed. The Croquet Party has generally been dated to 1871, a dating that is

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Fig. 1. Jeanne Gonzalès, ca. 1874, photograph, album de photographies ayant appartenu à Edouard Manet, Département des estampes et de la photographie, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris

Fig. 2. Edouard Manet, The Croquet Party, 1873, oil on canvas, 28 5/16 x 41 3/4 in. (72.0 x 106.0 cm), Städel Museum, Frankfurt. Acquired in 1912, Property of Städelischer Museums-Verein e.V.

Manet shows a game of doubles in process, or alternatively two separate games of singles. The four protagonists hold mallets, ready to strike red and yellow
Manet shows his interest in contemporary fashion in The Croquet Party. Fashion magazines at the time recommended specific types of dress and headwear for visits to the beach. The youthful Gonzalès wears a dress, in bright blue and yellow, with a short skirt that leaves her ankle boots visible and that first came into fashion around 1867. A print from this time shows a young woman wearing a very similar dress (Fig. 3). The exotic blue bird ornamenting Gonzalès’ toque, perhaps an African starling, coloristically complements her auburn hair. Suzanne and her partner are dressed in more muted colors and wear small crinoline cages, rather than bustles, also reflecting the continuing influence of late 1860s fashions. Paul Roudier wears a dark suit and bowler hat, and Léon Leenhoff a checkered, tightly fitted gray jacket, brown pants, and a black fedora, animated by a brown feather.

The Croquet Party is among Manet’s most rapidly worked paintings and relates closely to the painterly practice of the Impressionists. Although the artist never exhibited with this group, this picture shows his closeness to their work in its rapidly gestural technique and evocation of atmosphere. The picture has been compared to Garden at Saint-Adress by Claude Monet (1840–1926) for its similar frontal view of a windy beachside with blowing flags; Manet is known to have admired that picture on a visit to the studio of Frédéric Bazille (1841–1870) around 1867. Despite its air of spontaneity and sense of the “captured moment,” The Croquet Party was based on at least ten watercolor and pencil studies, also probably

Fig. 3. Jules David, fashion plate of women playing croquet, published in Le Moniteur de la Mode: Journal du Grand Monde 2, no. 2 (August 1867): opposite page 270

Fig. 4. Edouard Manet, Femme debout, coiffée d’un chapeau, tenant un mollet de croquet, 1875, pencil on laid paper, 4 x 2 1/2 in. (10.1 x 6.3 cm), Musée du Louvre, Paris, RF 30410
made in 1871. It was thus probably composed in the studio rather than being painted en plein air. Manet’s practice of conflating plein-air pencil studies into a studio picture is also evident in On the Beach at Boulogne-sur-Mer (1868; Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond). The drawings for The Croquet Party include a rapid sketch of Jeanne Gonzalès holding a croquet mallet behind her back, which underpins her final pose in the painting (Fig. 4), and a pencil sketch of Léon Leenhoff preparing to hit the croquet ball (Fig. 5). Other sketches, as in the rapidly worked watercolor study Two Croquet Players (Musée du Louvre, Paris, RF 30549), are more loosely connected to the picture.

The Balcony) were accepted, but this work was refused for unclear reasons. Today, it can be considered one of Manet’s most intriguing paintings. The artist’s vibrant, abstracted brushwork is clearly part of the picture’s modernity. So, too, is Manet’s depiction of a newly fashionable sporting activity. The painting provides a glimpse into his private inner circle, showing his wife and stepson, his longtime male friend, and a favored female artist friend, all enjoying a moment of escape and reprieve after a recent period of unimaginable horror.

Simon Kelly
January 2020

Notes

1. “... dans le cercle des amis de Manet, au premier rang desquels était Paul Roudier qui l’accompagnait partout, aux jeudis de son père et de sa mère et aux vendredis du café Guerbois...” Antonin Proust, Edouard Manet: Souvenirs (Paris: Librairie Renouard et H. Laurens, 1913), 37. Manet had previously used Roudier as a model for the legs in his 1866 full-length portrait The Tragic Actor (Rouvière as Hamlet), depicting the actor Phillibert Rouvière (National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC).

2. Jeanne Gonzalès showed at the Paris Salon from 1878 until 1889, producing impressive pictures such as Portrait of Eva at Dieppe (private collection), a portrait of her sister. She was often represented by her sister. See Eva Gonzalès, Jeanne Gonzalès en Profil (Portrait de femme), 1865–70, oil on canvas, 65/16 x 51/2 in. (16 x 14 cm), Musée des Beaux-Arts, Marseille, inv. 797. Both were daughters of novelist Emmanuel Gonzalès. See “Jeanne Guérard-Gonzalès,” in Marie-Catherine Sainsaulieu and Jacques de Mons, Eva Gonzalès, 1849–1883: Étude critique et catalogue raisonné (Paris: La Bibliothèque des Arts, 1990), 32–42. See also Russell T. Clement, “Jeanne Gonzalès” in Dictionary of Artists’ Models, ed. Jill Berk Jimenez (2001; repr. New York: Routledge, 2013), 241–42. In 1872, for example, the two sisters exhibited a pastel that they signed jointly as Jeanne-Eva Gonzalès. See also Janalee Emmer, “Rethinking Self: Eva Gonzalès on Her Own,” paper presented at the Hawaii International Conferences on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, HI, January 9, 2012, http://www.huichawaii.org/assets/emmer,-

The Croquet Party was acquired by the painter Gustave Caillebotte (1848–1894) directly from Manet in 1879 for the comparatively low sum of 600 francs. In 1894, Caillebotte offered it as part of his bequest to the French state. The two other Manets in his bequest (Angelina and...
3. See Carol Jane Grant, Eva Gonzalès: An Examination of the Artist’s Style and Subject Matter (PhD diss., Ohio State University, 1994), 78.


5. We might conjecture that the faceless woman could be Eva Gonzalès or perhaps the mother of the Gonzalès sisters, since the Gonzalès family generally holidayed together.


8. That Jeanne Gonzalès is in the painting supports this date, since Manet was only introduced to the Gonzalès sisters in 1869. Adolphe Tabarant initially dated the picture to 1873, based on an inscription on a photograph by Fernand Lochard of the related The Croquet Party at the Stadel Museum, Frankfurt (see Fernand Lochard, three albums of photographs of the work of Édouard Manet, ca. 1883, Morgan Library and Museum, New York, MA 3950, vol. 2, cat. no. 69). Tabarant subsequently amended his dating to 1871: “... cette peinture de plein air qui est la Partie de crochet. Théodore Duret la place en 1873, et nous l’y avions placée après lui, sur la loi d’une mention que porte une photo Lochard. Rectifications: la Partie de Crochet est de 1871.” Adolphe Tabarant, Manet et ses Œuvres, 5th ed. (Paris: Gallimard, 1947), 191. Also dating the painting to 1871 is Étienne Moreau-Nélaton, Manet Raconté par Lui-Même (Paris: Henri Laurens, 1926), 1:153. See also Théodore Duret, Histoire d’Édouard Manet et de Son Œuvre, Avec un Catalogue des Peintures et des Pastels, new ed. (Paris: Bernheim-Jeune, 1919), 137, no. 169. The Rouart and Wildenstein catalogue raisonné also follows this dating; see Denis Rouart and Daniel Wildenstein, Edouard Manet Catalogue raisonné (Lausanne: Bibliothèque des arts, 1975), no. 173, p. 1:154. There are two photographs by Manet’s photographer colleagues, Godet et Cie, of the Nelson-Atkins The Croquet Party (photographs of the work of Édouard Manet, undated [portions ca. 1872–74 and 1884], Morgan Library and Museum, New York, MA 3950, vol. 1, no. 21, and MA 3950, vol. 2, no. 16. The latter has an inscription dating the picture to 1871. Editions of both the Godet and Lochard photography albums owned by the Morgan Library and Museum bear different handwritten inscriptions than the albums owned by the Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris. The editor would like to thank Maria Isabel Molestina, The Morgan Library and Museum, New York, for her assistance in researching these volumes). Wilson-Bareau and Degener have suggested an alternate date of ca. 1872, arguing that the artist may have made an undocumented trip that summer. Wilson-Bareau and Degener, Manet and the Sea, 73, 135.


11. Wilson-Bareau and Degener, Manet and the Sea, 73, 135.

12. There is a preliminary sketchbook drawing that shows a large group of hoops alongside a peg (Cabine des dessins, Fonds des dessins et miniatures, Musée du Louvre, Paris Croquis [RF 30494, verso]).


15. Thanks to Justine de Young for providing the author with this image.

16. In a pastel portrait of Jeanne by Eva Gonzales from 1869–1870 (private collection), she appears with darker hair, in line with her Spanish ancestry. Manet may have therefore taken some license with her hair shade.


18. Juliet Wilson-Bareau argues that the sketches were not made in 1868 at the same time as the Boulogne 1868 (Whatman) sketchbook (Musée d’Orsay, Paris, RF 11169), which also “includes many blank pages, so it seems unlikely that the small Folkestone Boat and Croquet sketches were made at the same time.” She has suggested a date for these sketches of ca. 1872. See Wilson-Bareau and Degener, Manet and the Sea, 71–72. The sketchbook dates from Manet’s lengthy vacation in Boulogne in 1868 and is composed of paper watermarked “J WHATMAN.” See Juliet Wilson-Bareau and David Degener, Manet and the American Civil War: The Battle of USS Kearsarge and CSS Alabama, exh. cat. (New York: Metropolitan Museum of Art, 2003), 69, 72n15.

19. See the following preparatory drawings for two croquet paintings by Manet from the Cabinet des dessins, Fonds des dessins et miniatures, Musée du Louvre, Paris: Femme debout, coffée d’un chapeau, tenant un maillet de croquet, ca. 1871, pencil on laid paper (RF 30410); Femme debout, de dos, ca. 1871, pencil on laid paper (RF 30412); Homme, debout, un maillet à la main, pencil on laid paper (RF 30476); and Femme debout, tenant un maillet, pencil and watercolor on laid paper (RF 30538).


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### Technical Entry

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figures, it can be assumed that the figures were the first elements painted. In transmitted light, the free brushwork of the figures is visible. This is especially striking in the dress of the left female figure (Fig. 7).

In some instances, the exposed ground is used within a compositional element, such as the left male figure’s collar (Fig. 8), the left female figure’s hands, and the two right female figures’ croquet mallets (Fig. 9). White ground around the central male figure’s mallet indicates that this shape, too, was likely part of Manet’s initial compositional plan. In comparison, the lower green foreground paint extends beneath the croquet balls, the marker (Fig. 10), and the dogs, confirming that these elements were added at a later stage in his painting process.

Once the figures, dogs, and croquet equipment were painted, details of the grass were applied in hatching strokes. In many instances, these strokes slightly overlap the edges of the figures, with minimal wet-over-wet application, indicating that the figures had mostly dried before the grass was added. Around the left female figure’s bodice, the various layers and their applied order are clearly visible. The yellow bodice was painted first, followed by the lower green of the middle ground, which meets and slightly overlaps the bodice in places. The bodice details were then painted. Finally, the upper green layer was applied, extending over the figure’s edges and bodice details (Fig. 11). Similar layer structures are seen with the middle-ground figures. However, in this region the lower green paint does extend beneath parts of these figures, with limited exposed ground visible around the figures’ perimeters. This indicates that while Manet may have planned to include figures here, the exact placement or shape had not been decided upon until the middle ground was
A few small, pale green droplets of paint are visible on foreground figures' faces, indicating that some green passages, perhaps the grass detail of the foreground, were among the last compositional elements applied (Fig. 12).

Fig. 8. Photomicrograph of left male figure's collar, *The Croquet Party* (1871)

Fig. 9. Photomicrograph of right-most figure's mallet, *The Croquet Party* (1871)
Within the sea, it appears that again the background was painted around the figures, with the blue-green paint of the sea overlapping the figures slightly, as can be seen over and around the eyelashes of the left female figure (Fig. 13). Some wet-over-wet paint is visible between the sea and figures, as well as wet-over-dry and glimpses of exposed ground, indicating that varying sections were sometimes revisited and painted at different moments. The two left boats were painted wet-over-wet with the sea and sky, while the right-most boat was painted into the wet sky, or wet-into-wet, creating the illusion of distance (Fig. 14).
There are two prominently raised vertical strokes when viewed in raking light, which likely reveal the earlier placement of the two flagpoles. Within the drying cracks in the sky, glimpses of brown and yellow paint of the earlier right flagpole are visible, closely resembling the colors of the existing flagpole (Fig. 16). Approximately five centimeters to the right of the flagpole pentimento, red paint is visible in drying cracks, exposing the likely original placement of the flag (Figs. 17 and 18). To a lesser extent, red paint is also visible two centimeters to the right of the left flagpole pentimento. Other pentimenti include minor alterations to the shapes of the figures, such as the hat of the second figure from the right, where blue water paint has covered the brim of the hat, and the left-most figure’s right arm, which has been slimmed using green foreground paint.

Two varying paint applications are present in the sky. To the left, the sky is painted thinly, with Manet utilizing the ground to represent the haziness of the clouds. To the right, the sky is more thickly painted, as can clearly be seen in transmitted light (Fig. 15). Manet was known for reworking sections of paintings, which often created a dense, opaque appearance in transmitted light and on x-radiographs. In this case, it appears that Manet reworked this section to cover a compositional change, causing opaqueness in the right side of the sky.
The painting is in good condition overall, having been treated in 1986. There are two small tears in the leftmost figure and in the sky; however, these remain in plane and unobtrusive to the viewer. There is minimal retouching, mostly related to the small tears. The retouching in the sky has discolored slightly but does not detract from the image. Strip lining perimeters from the 1986 treatment have created a visible ridge; however, it is unclear when this planar deformation first appeared. The painting is varnished with a synthetic resin, which remains in good condition.

Diana M. Jaskierny
July 2020

Notes

1. David Bomford, Jo Kirby, John Leighton, and Ashok Roy, Art in the Making: Impressionism (London: Yale University Press, 1991), 45–46. The Croquet Party measures 73.2 x 45.9 cm, while the no. 20 marine size measured 73 x 50 cm from Bourgeois and 72.9 x 48.6 cm from Lefranc & Company.

2. Due to how minor the cupping appears, it is likely secondary cupping caused by the stretching onto the original stretcher (no longer extant) and not due to sizing and ground application.

3. Estimated single layer; no samples were taken.

4. With infrared reflectography, no underdrawing was detected using the Hamamatsu infrared vidicon camera.

5. Wet-into-wet paint application is also present, mostly found in the faces and the orange croquet


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**Notes**


**Provenance**

The artist, Paris, 1871–1879;

Purchased from the artist by Gustave Caillebotte (1848–1894), Paris, 1879–February 21, 1894 [1];

To his brother, Martial Caillebotte (1853–1910), Paris, 1894-January 16, 1910 [2];

Inherited by his wife, Marie Caillebotte (née Minoret, 1863–1931), Paris or Pornic, France, 1910–October 5, 1931;

By descent to her daughter, Geneviève Charudeau (née Caillebotte, 1890–1986), Paris, 1931–1973 [3];

Deposited with Galerie Lencoreau, Paris, by a member of the Charudeau family, January 23, 1973 [4];

Possibly with Galerie Schmit, Paris, after January 23, 1973 [5];


[3] See emails from Gilles Chardeau, grandson of Geneviève Chardeau, to Brigid M. Boyle, NAMA, July 30, 2015; Sylvie Brame, Galerie Brame et Lorenceau, to Mary Frances Ivey, NAMA, November 30, 2018; and Sophie Pietri, Wildenstein-Plattner Institute, to Mary Frances Ivey, NAMA, December 17, 2018, NAMA curatorial files.

On August 4, 1970, seventeen paintings in Chardeau’s collection, including “*The Croquet Game,*” were stolen. They were returned anonymously to a Paris metro station in November 1970 and restituted to Chardeau. See Janet Flanner, “Letters from Paris,” *New Yorker* (August 22, 1970): 85, as *The Croquet Game.*


A sales receipt from Margo Pollins Schab indicates that the painting was owned by the Peugeot family, France, before its purchase by de Beistegui. This was published in Richard R. Brettell and Joachim Pissarro, *Manet to Matisse: Impressionist Masters from the Marion and Henry Bloch Collection,* exh. cat. (Kansas City, MO: Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, 2007), 155. However, neither Pollins Schab nor the Peugeot family can confirm this information. Conversation with Margo Pollins Schab and Mary Frances Ivey, NAMA, January 11, 2019, and email from Dominix Kirchner, Peugeot family descendant, to Mary Frances Ivey, NAMA, February 13, 2019, NAMA curatorial files.

[5] See email from Miguel de Beistegui, son of Juan Guillermo de Beistegui, to Brigid M. Boyle, NAMA, May 15, 2015, NAMA curatorial files. Galerie Schmit has not responded to emails.

[6] According to Denis Rouart and Daniel Wildenstein, *Edouard Manet: Catalogue raisonné*, vol. 1, *Peintures* (Lausanne: Bibliothèque des arts, 1975), no. 173, the painting was owned by P. A., Suisse, or “propriété anonyme.” De Beistegui did not live in Switzerland and was living in Paris at the time that he purchased the work; see email from Miguel de Beistegui, son of Juan Guillermo de Beistegui, to Brigid M. Boyle, NAMA, May 15, 2015, NAMA curatorial files.

[7] Conversation with Margo Pollins Schab and Brigid M. Boyle, NAMA, May 18, 2015, notes in NAMA curatorial files. According to Schab, her gallery had *The Croquet Party* on consignment from Juan de Beistegui.

**Related Works**

*Edouard Manet, *The Croquet Game,* 1873, oil on canvas, 28 5/16 x 41 3/4 in. (72 x 106 cm), Städel Museum, Frankfurt.*

**Preparatory Works**

*Edouard Manet, *Femme, debout, coiffé d’un chapeau,* 1875, graphite on laid paper, 3 15/16 x 2 1/2 in. (9.7 x 6.4 cm), Musée du Louvre, Paris, Cabinet des dessins, Fonds des dessins et miniatures, RF 30411, Recto.***

*Edouard Manet, *Femme debout, coiffée d’un chapeau, tenant un maillet de croquet,* 1875, graphite on laid paper, 4 x 2 1/2 in. (10.1 x 6.3 cm), Musée du Louvre, Paris, Cabinet des dessins, Fonds des dessins et miniatures, RF 30412, Recto.*

*Edouard Manet, *Femme debout, de dos,* 1875, graphite on laid paper, 4 x 2 1/2 in. (10.1 x 6.4 cm), Musée du Louvre, Paris, Cabinet des dessins, Fonds des dessins et miniatures, RF 30413, Recto.*

*Edouard Manet, *Femme debout, tenant un maillet,* ca. 1871–1873, graphite on laid paper, 4 x 2 1/2 in. (10.3 x 6.3 cm), Musée du Louvre, Paris, Cabinet des dessins, Fonds des dessins et miniatures, RF 30418, Recto.*

*Edouard Manet, *Feuille d’études avec personnages,* ca. 1871–1873, graphite on laid paper, 7 3/4 x 4 7/8 in. (19.7 x 12.4 cm), Musée du Louvre, Paris, Cabinet des dessins, Fonds des dessins et miniatures, RF 30475, Recto.*

*Edouard Manet, *Homme, debout, un maillet à la main,* ca. 1871–1873, graphite on laid paper, 4 x 2 1/2 in. (10.3 x 6.4 cm), Musée du Louvre, Paris, Cabinet des dessins, Fonds des dessins et miniatures, RF 30476, Recto.*

*Edouard Manet, *Homme, de dos, jouant au croquet,* ca. 1871–1873, graphite on laid paper, 3 7/8 x 2 1/2 in. (9.8 x
6.3 cm), Musée du Louvre, Paris, Cabinet des dessins, Fonds des dessins et miniatures, RF 30478, Recto.

Edouard Manet, *Femme debout, tenant un maillet*, ca. 1871–1873, graphite with brown wash on laid paper, 3 15/16 x 2 1/2 in. (10 x 6.4 cm), Musée du Louvre, Paris, Cabinet des dessins, Fonds des dessins et miniatures, RF 30538, Recto.

Edouard Manet, *Femme debout, jouant au croquet*, ca. 1871–1873, graphite retouched with watercolor on laid paper, 3 15/16 x 2 1/2 in. (10 x 6.4 cm), Musée du Louvre, Paris, Cabinet des dessins, Fonds des dessins et miniatures, RF 30539, Recto.

Edouard Manet, *Femme debout, de face, jouant au croquet*, ca. 1871–1873, graphite retouched with watercolor on laid paper, 3 15/16 x 2 1/2 in. (10 x 6.4 cm), Musée du Louvre, Paris, Cabinet des dessins, Fonds des dessins et miniatures, RF 30540, Recto.

Edouard Manet, *Deux personnages en plein air, jouant au croquet*, ca. 1871–1873, watercolor, 3 15/16 x 2 1/2 in. (10 x 6.4 cm), Musée du Louvre, Paris, Cabinet des dessins, Fonds des dessins et miniatures, RF 30459, Recto.

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*Works in Oil and Pastel by the Impressionists of Paris*, exh. cat. (New York: J. J. Little, 1886), 39, as *A Game of Croquet*.


*La Revue*, no. 47 (September 1, 1905): 262, as *Partie de Croquet*.


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