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Charles L. a. engine, playing his favourite game.

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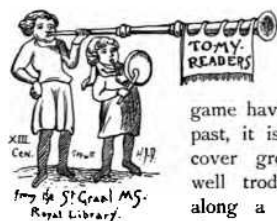


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WHEN collating facts interesting to votaries of any game having its origin in the dim past, it is absolutely necessary to cover ground in some measure well trodden; but, as travellers along a road are not equally observant, and many points of interest may have been passed unremarked by former writers, I have ventured to put my observations on record in this little volume.

Prefatorial notices, in manuals of the game, are more or less fragmentary; and while the matter herein may be not altogether new, I hope my brother bowlers will agree with the old Arabic proverb, which says, "Honour to the beginner, even though the follower does better."

In the words of the immortal William—

"I do beseech you
To understand my purposes aright."

H. J. D.

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"Get your enemies to read your works,
in order to mend them; for your friend
is so much your second-self that he
will judge, too like you."—*Pope*.