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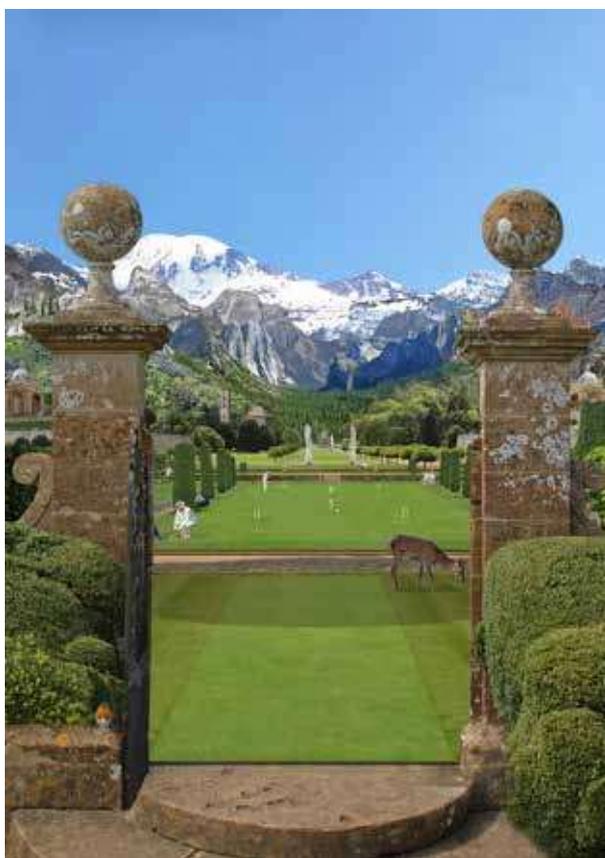
## UTOPIAN CROQUET

I wondered whether you would like to include the enclosed picture of a utopian croquet club in your next issue.

Utopia typically describes an imaginary community or society that possesses highly desirable or nearly perfect qualities for its members, so I spent the cold and damp New Year imagining what a utopian croquet club would be like.

In Utopia the weather is always warm and sunny during the day and it only rains overnight. The grounds are populated by a variety of wildlife that never venture onto the lawns, which remain immaculate all year round. There are a very large number of gardeners, all of whom are volunteer members.

The club exists in a perfect state of harmony and most importantly has no committee or regulatory regime. There are no competitions and every game ends in a draw, which may not suit everyone, but there is always a price to pay for perfection.



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