"J'ai Toujours Ma Boule" throwing game set 6186

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Abstract: "J'ai Toujours Ma Boule." Nouveau Tue-Boches. An unusual game, dating to the First World War, in which the aim is to launch a ball at five chromolithographed wooden heads representing the "Boche" (or Germans) and the leaders of the other Central Powers, consisting of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and the Ottoman Empire, with the goal of knocking the heads over to reveal the word "Kamerad!" printed to the base of each figure. The game was produced by Perplexité in Paris, circa 1916. This collection holds the game's complete set of original pieces and equipment.

Scope and Contents
This collection includes the original cardboard box with the title printed to both lid and label along with typed instructions affixed to the underside of the lid. The contents of the game are loose as issued, but the original elastic band is not present. The game comes with multiple pieces. To set up the game, two long dowels are inserted into the board holding the targets. At the other end of these two dowels is placed a middle board, from which the elastic is stretched. Two more dowels are inserted into this center board, and at the other end is placed the L-shaped "shield", or the point to which the elastic holding the ball is stretched and from where the ball is launched. When assembled, the game measures approximately 37 inches full-length. The board with the leaders' heads measures approximately 14 and a half inches long.

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