

Although the rules of the game are not yet properly codified, which fact leads to bad feeling at times and sometimes to the mobbing of the Rulers and of the umpires, there is no sport better calculated to strengthen the muscles and develop the nerve than this of Drawing the Line. If the forfeit side could be balanced by the awarding of premiums to those who win out on the Ruler the game might come to rival hockey as a lucrative and a moral sport.

Catch-as-catch-can, or Blind Man's Buff, is a game for dark winter days. All the players are blindfolded except one called the Chief who is known by his long coat-tails. The object of the game is to catch hold of the coat-tails and to maintain hold on them until the Chief says the player is It. The game may be varied by putting coats with long tails on the backs of chairs. Great amusement is caused by the players pulling lustily at the tails of these dummy chiefs. They imagine that they are It and wait patiently, sometimes impatiently, for the pronunciation of the magic word. In some contests the chief has a phonograph inside the coat of a dummy which repeats It, It, It at stated intervals. This pleases the player grasping the coat-tails immensely. In the meantime the Chief is endeavouring to make the player who has hold of his coat-tails believe that he is pulling the dummy's tails. The excitement is great but the prizes are few. There is a movement on foot to remedy the latter defect by eliminating the pull as a feature of the game and by having anyone proclaimed It who can touch the real Chief. For a long time men only were permitted to play the game, but the Umpires have expressed their willingness to open the sport to women. The objection to this innovation is that these players would have too great a margin in their favour on account of the open work style of handkerchief in vogue

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