

BE BA BABITY (*continued*).

The ring stops. She spreads her handkerchief on the ground before a boy. Both kneel and salute. They rise, and all dance round, singing:—

- (3) Kneel down, kiss the ground,
Kiss the ground, kiss the ground.
Kneel down, kiss the ground,
Kiss a bonnie wee laddie.

Then the girl joins the ring, which dances round singing, "Wha learned, etc." Thus the game re-commences, the boy being left in the centre. "Laddie" in the song is now changed to "lassie." And instead of "Kneel down, etc.," the line becomes "Choose, choose, wha ye'll hae, wha ye'll hae, wha ye'll hae. Choose, Choose, . . . Kiss a bonnie wee lassie."

The tune is that of a court-dance of the time of Charles II. The game is well known in Scotland.