

HOLIDAY PASTIMES.

NEIGHBOR, NEIGHBOR.

"Neighbor, Neighbor, I Come to Torment You," is an amusing game, played as follows: The players sit in a circle, and one begins by saying, "Neighbor, neighbor, I come to torment you." "What with?" is the question of the next player. "To do as I do," whereupon one hand is moved. This is passed round the circle, until all the players are moving their one hand. Then the same formula is repeated, save that the answer is "To do with two as I do," when both hands are moved; and the thing continues until both hands, legs, head, and body of each player are in motion, which presents a comical effect.

JINGLES.

One of the players leaves the room, and the rest determine on a word. When he re-enters he is told a noun that rhymes with the one chosen, which he must find out by their dumb movements. Say "bat" is the word selected, he is told that it rhymes with "rat," and the players either try to imitate flying or hitting a ball with a bat.

THE EYE TEST.

We have known much fun caused by keeping four or five children in the room while the others are sent out, and placing them behind the drawn window-curtains; then let one just show the eye through the opening, and when the rest are admitted they have to decide to whom it belongs—by no means as easy a task as it seems.

Another way of playing this called "Orientals" is as follows: All the company but five or six go out of the room while each one of these wraps himself, all but one eye, with a sheet. Then let the company guess who they are.

THE LAWYER.

Those who play this game choose one of a number for a lawyer. The chairs in the room are then arranged in two rows facing each other, when the gentlemen take seats in one row and the ladies in the other, or promiscuously, just as is preferred. The persons sitting opposite each other are partners and the game consists in the lawyer asking questions of different persons, which must be answered in each case by that person's partner. The person addressed must never answer, but his partner must be on the alert to answer for him. If either one make a mistake he must take the lawyer's place. The lawyer will almost surely catch some one very soon, if he asks questions rapidly and changes about indiscriminately.

TURNED HEAD.

A laughable appearance is produced by investing a lady in as many wrappings as possible, but cloak, shawl, scarf, etc., put on wrong side before, her bonnet only being put on right—thus giving the appearance of a turned head. Then let her carry a muff behind her, as naturally as possible, and enter and pass around the room backwards. It is a droll sight.

THE HOWLING GYASTICUTIS.

No little amusement can be afforded at an evening gathering, where there are children, by an exhibition of the Howling Gyasticutis. Some gentlemen, who may have travelled, could introduce the animal. Previous to its entrance into the parlor are heard in an adjoining room the clanking of chains, unearthly howls, and the sharp, commanding voice of the keeper. Suddenly, as the door opens, the Gyasticutis enters, uttering his most hideous notes through the long pasteboard nose. Some one on all fours,