

can be withdrawn. If successful, the person struck must take a turn as leader; if not, the book is replaced and the leader tries again. If one's hands are withdrawn because of a feint by the leader, or before the book is actually caught up, it counts against one the same as if struck.

CXII

BLOWING THE FEATHER

MATERIALS REQUIRED: *One large sheet or table-cloth; one feather from a pillow.*

A simple and successful game is the old-fashioned one called "Blowing the Feather." Having provided a sheet or table-cloth and a small feather such as sofa-pillows are stuffed with, ask your guests (all but one) to be seated on the floor in a hollow square. The table-cloth or sheet is then spread so that the players can hold the edges of the sides and ends up just under their chins, thus stretching the cloth taut about a foot and a half above the floor. Upon the cloth the small feather is placed, and the player who is left out of the square is then