## BLIND MAN'S BUFF.

## The Origin of This Favorite Sport of Childhood and Youth.

This favorite sport of childhood and youth is of French origin and very high intiquity, having been introduced into England in the train of the Norman conquerors. Its French name, "Colin Maillard," was that of a brave warrior, the memory of whose exploits still lives in the chrot.ieles of the middle ages.

In the year 999 Liege reckoned among its valiant chiefs one Jean Colin. He acquired the name Maillard from his chosen weapon being a mallet, wherewith in fight he used literally to crush his opponents. In one of the feuds which were of perpetual recurrence in those times he encountered the Count de Lourain in a pitched battle, and, so runs the story, in the first onset Colin Maillard lost both his eyes. He ordered his esquire to take him into the thickest of the fight, and, foriously brandishing his mallet, did such fearful execution that victory soon declared itself for him.

When Robert of France heard of these feats at arms, he lavished favor and honors upon Colin, and so great was the fame of the exploit that it was commemorated in the pantomimic representations that formed part of the rude dramatic performances of the age. By degrees the children tearned to act it for themselves, and it took the form of

a familiar sport. The blindfolded pursuer, as, with bandaged eyes and extended hands, he gropes for a victim to pounce upon. seems in some degree to repeat the action of Colin Maillard, the tradition of which is also traceable in the name, blind man's bluff. - Philadelphia Press

### His Reason.

Some of the best of Dean Pigon's stories come from Halifax (not Sheffield). One of these concerns his verger, one Sagar. Imagine bim, a venerable figure with gray hair, skullcap, gown and verger's staff. In ignorance they had matried a man to his deceased wife's nieter.

tle the matter about the bauns, was at once cross examined. "Oh, yes, vicar, said he, "I knowed right well! I knowed parties. "But why did you not tell me?" I should have forbidden them." "Well, vicar, it was just this way, do you see. One of the parties was \$4 and t'other \$6. I says to myself. 'Lord, it can't last long Let 'em wed, and bother the laws!' "-London News

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Equal to Occasions Lord Whitworth, who held various posts of honor in English diplomatic a class all by herself. circles, was a kindly, gracions gentleman as well as a wit and a man of the

world. He ind indeed almost measured swords with Napoleon at the Tuileries made a beautiful green plush cover for when that despot railed at England for it, so the polish wouldn't get scratched. not having evacuated Egypt and Malta, Yesterday she made another cover of accused her of having violated treaties linen to go over the plush to prevent Want Your\_ and ended by flourishing a cane danger. that from getting soiled. Next week I ously near the face of the English embassador

hilt of his sword.

"What would you have done if the emperor had struck you?" he was afterward asked

"I would have felled him to the ground, " was the quiet auswer. Perhaps the best story told of him is one showing how his quick wit disposed

of a rival. When he was at the Russian court, Fox sent there as a sort of embassador of his own a man named Adair. the son of a surgeon.

One day the empress, speaking in French, said to Lord Whitworth : "Is he a very important man, this

M. Adair?" "Not so very, madame," replied Lord Whitworth, "although his father was a grand saigneur," a remark which read-Whitworth means "blood letter, " while

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"How so?" queried his friend Hojax. "Last week I bought an upright piano," replied Dixmyth, "and my wife suppose she'll make a calico cover to Lord Whitworth put his hand on the nave great big fertile minds."-Chicago News.

We All Cling to Life.

"The strangest thing in life is the way we cling to it," said a physician whose practice has given bim abundant opportunity to study the seamy side of things. "Five minutes ago I gave a dime to an old beggar man who has been soming here regularly for years. He is broken by age and tortured by an incurable cancerous malady that renders him repulsive and keeps him in con-

"He is ignorant and he has been poor. In his carly life he was a sailor before the mast, and from what I can learn he suffered all the hardships of

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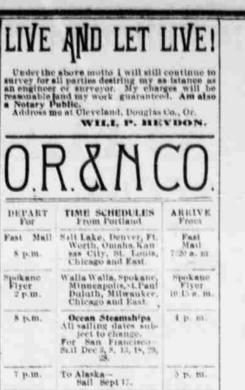
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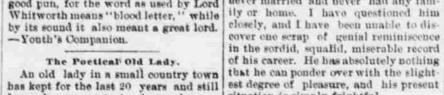
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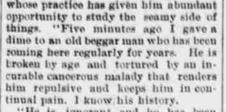


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