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DIRECTIONS FOR PLAYING

THE GAME OF

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The game is played as follows: The straws are gathered in a bunch, and grasped by one hand, near the end. Held in this manner, about two inches from the table, and suddenly dropped, they fall into an irregular heap. Each person, when playing, has a hook with which he endeavors to draw the several straws from the pile, one at a time, without moving, in the slightest degree, the others.

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If a player succeeds in removing one straw, he keeps it, and proceeds to draw

another; and so continues, as long as he does not disturb any other straw than the one he is endeavoring to remove; but when he moves any other than the one straw, he gives up his turn to the next player. The next player now gathers up the straws and drops them again, as at first, and endeavors to draw the straws.

In general terms, all the pieces are called straws, while, as above stated, the Guns, Lances, Arrows, etc., are called Jack Straws, and are the most desirable to get, as they count the highest in the game.

The game is continued by the players, in turn, until all the straws are drawn; and then the player having the greatest amount according to the following count, wins the game.

The game is sometimes played by simply dropping the straws once, and then working at that same pile until all are drawn. Thus when one player, in attempting to draw a straw, moves another one, the next player, in turn, attempts to draw from the same pile; and so on, without taking up the straws, until they are all drawn. This makes a slower and more tedious game and the first-named method is generally preferable.

