

"HAXEY HOOD" GAME - - - People of the Lincolnshire
village indulge in traditional "game", as they have
done each January for 600 years !

-Near Doncaster-

Picture:- Old customs, like old soldiers, seem to
take a lot of killing ! This one--

--at Haxey, near Doncaster, has gone on for over
six-hundred years. The villagers gather at the
ancient Cross--

--and the 'fool' (only for a day) is hoisted upon
a barrel, and instructed by--

--the Lord of the Hood(also--

--only for one day) to speak his piece. That done,
he dives away for the--

--Hood throwing. The game is based on an old romance.
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--Hood was lost by a lady of Haxey. When found, one--

--half of the village who disliked her tried to
wrest it from her supporters.

To-day's game is to throw the Hood to the players
and let who--

--can secure it for their half of the village. Everyone
takes part. The scramble reminds one--

--of a rigger scrum. When the Hood is finally won.
its holders take it to the local--

--Inn, and get a reward worth fighting for. Free
beer !