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## FOOTBALL'S ANCESTOR

600-YEARS OLD GAME.  
BATTLE OF "HAXBY HOOD".

Mr. Doncaster-

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Picture.:- The game just about to start is six-hundred years old, but--

--you needn't worry about that. It is played at Haxey, near Doncaster. The chief characters--

--are a fool - - the gentleman in the striped jumper, and the Lord--

--of the Hood. The Hood, represented by a sort of--

--cylinder, is fought for by the opposing halves of the parish, and this is the story. There was a young lady of Haxey - -(don't--

--get nervous)- - who lost her hood on a dark and probably--

--stormy night. Someone had stolen it, and so the village friends and enemies--

--of the lady fought to secure it. The--

--lady arrived home safe and sound, and so the poor dog had none.

But the scrapping for the lady's hood has continued until this day - - and not only at Haxey.