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ly apply the fooling ^{*play*} ~~age~~ theory of Froebel's to the 40 year ~~elders~~
in their play and can also consistently apply the serious play theory
to the youth in their teens. The serious play is for a purpose,
while the fooling play tends to ^{*pacificity?*} ~~facilitate~~ and to no great purpose.
(spelling)

Therefore, I still believe that you
have slighted a fast growing attendance and playing game that the
provincial east has as yet failed to appreciate and which should have
been included in any article on fast-growing sports.

Your comparison of football, ~~and~~ basket
ball and fornication in relation to real sport, is unworthy of a dig-
nified reply. As truly as does tennis, basket ball deserves its place
in both attendance and in participation sports. In your letter you
hoot at the idea that basket ball recently drew over 16,000 at Madi-
son Square Garden, yet in your article you mention with dignity the
fact that "last February 17,000 persons, the largest number that ever
saw a match of tennis, packed into the Garden to see Tilden play
Cochet. They stayed until nearly 1 o'clock on the worst morning of
the winter and paid almost \$30,000 for the privilege."

The basket ball games that I mentioned
were college sports played by amateurs - collegians. The tennis match
that you mention was more than tennis. It was a duel between two
professional super-champions, Tilden and Cochet. You ought to know that.

In spite of the fact that in dividing
your article into epochs, you state that the super-champions passed
away at the end of 1930. Yet, you state the basket ball games were
exhibitionisms and not sport. I maintain that these games were more