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necessarily played by boys of the teen age. Games suited to the physical and moral growth of the boy are specially indicated. Indeed it would be a poor plight to teach young boys games that men past forty enjoy. Fighting games with contact and combat, which develop the qualities of courage, romance and drama are necessities for the boy. "Man is an omnibus in which all of our ancestors ride."

The English conception of a gentleman is that one should learn to play one game well. It is for the purpose of acquiring game sense and thus to teach sportsmanship in the growing boy, that the educators of America have incorporated athletics in our school system. Education through play is as sound today for the high school and college boy as was Froebel's theory which he prescribed for the kindergarten age years ago.

We have our youth for play and development, rather than to learn games for the forty year age period. I am inclined to grow facetious and to state that many men past forty are permitting gin to do the thing for them in the way of a kick or pickup that exercise would have done had they indulged in the struggle or fighting games during the early period of their youth. In other words, I think I can rightfully apply the fooling play theory of Froebel's to the forty 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 pacifical behavior and leads to no great purpose.

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, basket ball and fornication in relation to real sport, is unworthy of a dignified 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 Madison 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."