

THE LITTLE BLIND HEN (BLINDMAN'S BUFF)

It's a children's game played in a spacious area, such as outdoors or in a large room, in which one player, is blindfolded .You need something to use for a blindfold. Ex: a handkerchief.

There are several versions of the game: In Spain is called THE LITTLE BLIND HEN

Children make a circle, they can join hands if they wish. One of them, a blindfolded player designated as “little blind hen“ (in other countries called “It”) is in the middle of the circle .

Someone turns this player around and around twice or three times in order to make it change direction and then joins the circle.

Then s/he gropes around attempting to touch and catch the other players without being able to see them. When s/he does it, touches and feels the face of the person tagged and attempts to identify the person, and only if the person is correctly identified, they change their roles

DIALOGUE between “Little blind hen” and the group:

(Before s/he starts to turn around)

Group: Little blind hen, what have you lost?

“Little blind hen”: A needle and a thimble.

Group: Give three turns and you will find them.

while “ Little blind hen” made three turns, the other sing:

White little hen, clears everything.

Black little hen, collects everything.



The game is known as **blind man's buff** in the UK and Ireland, "*buff*" meaning a small push. It is possible that the American name is a corruption, or it may originate from the older sense of bluff meaning to blindfold.

Blind man's bluff should be played in an area free of dangerous obstructions so that the It player will not suffer injury from tripping over or hitting something.

A children's game similar to blind man's bluff is Marco Polo, with the main difference being that Marco Polo is played in a swimming pool and the one that is "it" calls out "Marco" to which the other players must reply "Polo." Thus indicating their position and making it easier for the person who is It to go in the right direction.

The game was played at least as far back as the Tudor period, as there are references to it being played by Henry VIII's courtiers. It was also a popular parlor game in the Victorian era.

