

boy knows how to spin a top. We would clear the snow away from the base ground, leaving enough snow on which we could spin our tops and we would try to see who could spin and drive his top in motion the farthest. But the best contest was, we would clear a place on the ice or on the snow covered ground which we made smooth. We would then break off some willow brushies and placed these in a circle like a corral. The inside of the circle was cleared away with nothing but ice on the surface. The inside circle was about four ~~or~~^{five} feet in diameter. We left an opening on one side about a foot wide. This was the entrance for driving the spinning top. Two or more can play this game. The party on the side, first succeeded driving the spinning top inside of the circle, was the winner - consequently we did every ~~thing~~^{copy} with our tops to obstruct the spinning top from entering the circle. The tops are supposed to be in motion all the time. If one stops - failing to keep up he is disqualified. It was a game where we made our tops knock each other to keep each others top from entering.

This is the way our Indians are doing since they came on the Reservation. The Indian Agent's office is the circle. They all want to get inside and become a favorite but no sooner one does this, then, they all knock on him and consequently, a lot of them failed to enter.