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A winter sport! Curling is an old winter favorite in Scotland, and is the national game. The curling rink is a smooth stretch of ice 30 to 50 yards long and 4 yards wide, kept clean during the game by a besom (broom) wielded by the captains of the teams. The curling stone weighs 30 to 70 pounds, depending upon whether made of wood, stone or iron; it has a smooth bottom, and the top is provided with a handle resembling that of a plastering trowel. The object is to slide the curling stone, giving it aim and speed so that it will come to rest at the "tee". The game is played by two teams composed of four men each. After the first man has played and made a good shot, his partners try to protect his stone, while his opponents endeavor to knock it out of position.

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