

Contrary!

Traditional English Game
19 century.

Here we go round the rules_ of con - tra - ry, Hop-ping a - bout like a lit-tle ca - na - ry!

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When I say 'Hold fast!' let go, and when I say 'Let go!' hold fast!

A ring is formed by each child holding one end of a hand-kerchief.
One child stands in the centre and acts as leader.
The ring moves round slowly.
The leader says the words as above while the ring is moving round,
and then suddenly calls out whichever he chooses of the two sayings.
If he says " Hold fast! " every one must immediately let go the corner
of the handkerchief he holds.
They should all fall to the ground at once.
When he says " Let go !" every one should retain their hold of the
handkerchief. Forfeits are demanded for every mistake.