Is that me?

The season's maddest fad has celebrities in a tizzy. You can play too. All you have to do is close your eyes—and start drawing!

Next party you go to, don't be surprised if someone hands you paper and pencil and asks you to shut your eyes and draw a picture of yourself. It will only mean that the season's craziest game has caught up with you.

In the zany new pastime of making self-portraits, the only rule is that you mustn't look while you're drawing.

The psychological trick behind the game, which we've named Peek-a-boo Portraits—is that everybody has a secret image of himself, which he will reveal only when he thinks his ego isn't looking.

Writer Charlotte Willard, who thought up Peek-a-boo Portraits—and asked the celebrities on this page to try it out—says it was suggested to her by a technique used by the famous painter Jules Pascin. Pascin got nervous when curious Parisians looked over his shoulder while he was working. So he took to sketching on a pad in his pocket. Much to his amazement, he found his concealed "intuitive" drawings more interesting than those done out in the open.

For fun, try a round of peek-a-boo portraits at your next party. Shuffle the results and challenge your guests to identify the artists. The gold medal goes to the person with the most right guesses. After all, guessing requires talent, too!