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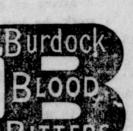
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The methods adopted by the card.sharpers on the fast Atlantic lines are many and varied, said one of the officials of a well-known steamship company to the writer recently. Our captains do their best to put down gambling, but it is difficult to pick out the professional gambler in a party of card play-

One of their dodges is to make themselves agreeable with everyone, particularly with those of the wealthy class, and then, when cards are suggested as a medium for whiling away the time and they are asked to fill vaant places at the table, to plead lack of interest in such games, and when finally induced to play it is with a show of much reluctance. We always look upon such men with suspicion. They go about in couples or in fours, and win by posting each other on their respective hands by means of signs.

Now, I will give you an instance which occurred on one of the largest liners during the present season, and happened to an American millionaire and his party. Two gentlemen and a lady passenger made themselves very agreeable with the young millionaire and his friends. They professed not to have met one another before, whereas in reality the men were professional gamblers and the woman was an accomplice.

After the first day's voyage there was the usual frank rush for the card room. The sharpers, however, remained on deck. They attended to the ladies, got books for them out of the library, and made themselves very agreeable in performing all sorts of little ser-

vices to inexperienced travellers. On the third day they were induced to fill vacant places at a card-table, and the two unwilling players did their best to make the occasion enjoyable. They were scrupulous in their manner of handling the cards and in obeying every rule of the game. It was a high game, practically without limit. At first the two sharpers lost. Never were there two more amiable losers. After a while, however, the luck seemed to change for one of the sharpers, while the other continued to lose. One of the onlookers-an old poker player-noticed that the losses of one of the men were much smaller than the winnings of the other Presently their positions were reversed, with the same result: the loser was a comparatively small loser, while the winner was making large hauls.

The veteran poker spectator then left the room and informed the captain of what he had seen. In a few minutes the latter entered the smoking-room and, approaching the table, said quietly, but firmly, "This game must stop." The players were startled. The millionaire and his friends were amazed and angry. They demanded the reason for such a command.

The captain then pointed to the two all kindred ills? sharpers, whose code of signals to each other had been reported to him by the enlightened spectator, who now stood at his side, and

"Those two men are cheating. They are professional card-sharpers."

Turning to the culprits the captain said: "Leave the room and keep out of it during the remainder of the trip.'

Needless to add, the affable and obliging sharpers were dead cut after that.

On a recent voyage of another liner four professional gamblers very nearly succeeded in sharing a "jack-pot" worth \$2,200. In this particular game no persons of any great celebrity figured. There were two or three old poker players of ample means, a young man with more money than observation, and four sharpers, who, as usual, had to be urged before they would "sit in."

Play began on the evening the ship left port. It continued, with short interruptions for eating and sleeping, for four days. Up to the fourth day there was no apparent suspicion against any of the players. On the afternoon of that day the game reached its climax. The pot then was worth £2,200. Over twenty spectators were gathered round the table and excitement ran high. Suddenly one of the officers of the ship rushed into the room, shouting, "Stop that game there!

Pointing to the four sharpers he said: "If any one of you is seen playing on this ship during the rest of this voyage you will immediately be arrested. Now, keep your hands off that money till all the players have taken what they have put in."

He then explained that some one had given him the tip that the four players were in collusion. By a pure accident he happened to glance down through a window on his way to the smoking-room, and saw one of the quartet add a fourth king to his hand while ostensibly reaching for his mug of beer.

The moment a captain of a ship receives tip that something is wrong the games are at once stopped. But a pair or a quartet of sharpers will travel back and forth on the fast ships, which they habitually use, as they carry the wealthiest passengers the year round, and fleece their victims right and left, without even attracting suspicion to themselves. Even when suspicion exists, it is so extremely difficult to get conclusive evidence extremely difficult to get conclusive evidence so, of the Great Chicago packing-house. That of collusion between players that those who is quite sufficient to establish his reputation. feel sure they have been plucked lack the

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believes he is being cheated his best and wisest course is to pocket his takings and leave the table, as a New York lawyer did only three months ago. One evening, when there was a vacant seat at the table, he was requested to "sit in." He believed he detected a couple of sharpers amongst the party, but decided to play. He was a clean shaven individual and much older than he looked. As he had anticipated, he began winning at the start. He thereupon enacted the role of a youth with a suddenly acquired passion for poker and raised the limit.

His plan worked admirably. Feeling sure of their prey, the sharpers let him on till he was £250 ahead. Then, in one hand, they took away £70. It was the first ioss of any consequence, so, making up his mind that a turn of the tide had been decreed, the lawyer pocketed his £180 of winnings and with-

The next day he kept away from the cardroom. On the second day following his profitable play he entered the card-room, when he was asked to "sit in" for a while. The young lawyer replied that he did not feel like playing.

"You felt like playing the other night," aid one of the men, "and you owe us our revenge.'

"You refer to my winnings, I suppose?" said the lawyer. "Well, there we disagree. call them voluntary contributions."

So saying the lawyer walked away. The scene was witnessed by a roomful of people. Poker languished during the remainder of

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