A Good Poker Yarn, and two More Stories of the Green Cloth.

'Talking about expensive clothes,' said a business man to a party of friends the other night, 'I wore a shirt that was worth \$700. I don't mean to say it cost any such amount of money, but it was worth \$700 to me, and I cashed it in for just that sum in gold and greenbacks.'

An incredulous smile went around, and some stinging inquiries were passed as to what new brand of 'hop' was on the market, but the speaker never flinched.

'Crack away, boys,' he continued, 'but when I come to explain the matter you will see that it is really a simple affair, and something which might happen to any man who was similarly situated. One night in the fall of the World's Fair year a party of six gentlemen, of whom I was one, was playing poker in a botel on Dearborn street. As the night was warm and the room small and close all of us threw off our coats and played in our shirt sleeves. At first the game was light, the ante being a dime and the limit 50 cents. It was an all-night session, and late in the evening the limit was raised to \$2, and money changed hands freely.

'My, how the cards did run that night. I have never had such luck since and can't reasonably expect a repetition of it. I would stand a raise and draw tour cards to an ace in big jack pots and get two more with it. Once I had picked up my hand and found three small cards and the ace and king of clubs, there was a fat pot to fight for, so I came in and, discarding the small cards, asked for ace and king face up on the table so all the players could see them. The draw gave me the queen, jack, and ten of clubs, making a royal flush. There was a number of strong hands out against it, including one set of fours and a full. Everybody, of course, played me for holding an ordinary flush or a straight and thought I was burning up my money when I kept meeting all raises I was too foxy to do any of the tilting myself. By simply meeting the raises it was easy to conceal the real strength of my own hand and make the other players think I had got tangled up to an extent where it was imperative to protect my interest in the pot against possible bluffing. When the play was over and the hands shown down, what a howl there was. One man, a good fellow, and a clever card player, by the way, was so angry at what he called 'fool luck,' that he tore up the cards and kicked his chair over.

'In settling up the man nearest to me reaching over and wrote on my shirt his IO U for his indebtedness. The example was contagious, and the other players followed him. The game lasted several hours longer, and as my run of luck held good and the losers continued to write their I O U's on my shirt that garment was soon covered with valuable memoranda. At the close of the play the shirt bore evidence of an indebtedness of \$700 due me by the five gentleman with whom I had passed the evening.

'It was some days before any of them gave a sign of settling, and how I did guard that garment in the meantime. In those days I was fairly well fixed financially and had a safety deposit box in the vaults under the First National Bank. The first thing I did when the game broke up was to put on a clean shirt and lock the \$700 garment carefully away in the vault. It was a week before all the debts were cancelled. Every time one of my debtors came to the office to settle I would take him over to the safety deposit vault, unlock the box, and erase the amount of his payment from the shirt. By the time the payments were all made the shirt was in pretty bad condition, but I kept it at home as a souvenir until house-cleaning time last spring, when a fresh domestic, ignorant of its interesting history used it to scrub windows, and one of the most valuable shirts ever worn by mortal man thus came to an ignoble end.'

'That's a regular kokoloono,' grunted the doubter of the party, 'but then one does experience strange things at the cardtable occasionally. I remember one night when Jack Harding a sport known all over the country, was playing faro bank and had blown in his last cent. Jack had a valuable dog that he called Nero, of which he thought as much as he would of a child. Wherever Jack went the dog went, and it was with him on the night in question. When his last check was taken in by the dealer Jack turned round and patted the dog, saying: 'No supper to night, old fellow.' Suddenly a bright idea struck him, and he said to the dealer:

'Is Nero good for \$50.

'Sure thing,' answered the dealer, well knowing the dog was cheap at that money, and that Jack would rustle hard to redeem him. 'Pass him over.'

'The dog was led to the rear of the table and tied to the leg of the dealer's chair,

and Jack was given \$50 worth of checks. He could not shake off his bad luck and was soon broke again. Jack put in a pretty tough night, reviling himself for letting the dog pass into the care of strangers, and was unhappy until he fortunately met a man the next day who staked him for another tussle with the tiger. This time he played in better form and went along carefully accumulating a pile of checks until his share of the winning amounted to \$50. The dog, which was still tied to the dealer's chair, seemed to know the moment for his being taken out of pawn had arrived, for just as Jack finished counting the last of the checks which made up the \$50 Nero set up a series of joyful barks and as the debt was paid the dog broke the string with which it was tasten. ed and went bounding to the side of its master. It was natural for the animal to want to get back into the possession of its owner but what puzzles me is how that dog knew Jack had won enough to take him out of pawn with, and why he lay quiet until the last check necessary to make up the

\$50 had been won.' Every faro dealer of note in the country has at some time had 'Little Dick' in hock for \$500 or more. In the days when confidence men were making big money working the railway trains Canada Bil had as a side partner a dapper little fellow named Dick Cody. It was the fashion those times for the dudes to carry small canes with richly mounted and decorated heads. These were too small for use as walking sticks and were intended for show solely. Dick Cody was a dude of dudes-would change his clothes two and three times a day, and always looked as if he had just stepped out of a bandbox. After getting his share of a 'trick,' as the robbery of the innocents was termed, Cody would strike for the nearest large city to have a good time, and this to his mind meant rich draw of three, at the same time turning my | meals, a tew bottles of wine, and a bout at faro. He was a careful, methodical little tellow, and on reaching town would plant most of his money ia a safe place, retain-

ing only \$200 or \$300 for his spree. After his meal and wine he would march to some favorite faro bank and tackle the tiger. If he won he would keep on playing until the game closed or the dealer turned up the box. If he lost, as he generally did, Dick would begin to look closely at the gold-mounted stick he always carried, and the dealer knew what was coming. Handing over the cane Cody would say in a cool, natural manner, the same as it he was cashing a certified check:

'Put 'Little Dick' in for \$200, please.' And no dealer who was on to his job ever refused him. Win or lose Cody was always around promptly to take his cane out of pawn. The stick itself was not worth at the outside more than \$10, but Cody could go into any faro bank of note in the country and get a loan of \$500 or any reasonable sum on it. It was his way of giving a promissory note for the credit, and he never repudiated the obligation,-Chicago Tribune.

He Objected.

Hostess-Well, Tommie, you can tell your mother for me that you are the best behaved boy at table I ever met. Tommie-Thank you, ma'am, but I'd

rather not. Hostess-Rather not. And why, pray? Tommie-She'd think I was ill, ma'am, and would send for the doctor .- Pearson's

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Kingsport. Jan. 8, to the wife of C. H. Borden, a Windsor, Jan. 7, to the wife of Stephen Barron, a

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Somerville Mass., Jan. 1, to the wife of George B Jeffery, a son St. John, Jan. 16, to the wife of Robert A. Jamle. son, a daughter. Sheffield, N. B. Jan 16, to the wife of Murray E.

Gilbert, a daughter.

to Jane Anderson.

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Preston, Jan. 12, by Rev. E. Dixon, Alfred James to Nancy Diggs. Hillsboro, Jan. 13, by Rev. W. Camp, Burns Bishop, to Lillian Irving. Halifax, Jan. 11, by Rev. Dr. Foley, William Lane

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Pictou, Jan. 9, by Rev. W. S. Whittier, James M. Currie to Annie B. Baillie. East Pubnico, Jan. 6, by Rev. Wm. Miller, Chas. Blades to Mary E. Darkin. Pictou, Jan. 9, by Rev. A. Falconer, James Mc-Kenzie to Ida J. Davidson.

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Stevenson to Alice Crone Halifsx, Jan. 13, by Rev. F. H. Wright, Edward Kennie to Mary A. Chase. Rockingham, Dec. 25, by Rev. S. K. West, Charles Roberts to Marion F. Ring.

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Boston, Dec. 31, by Rev. J. B. Brady, Albert W. Mix to Harriet E. Donaldson. St. George, Jan. 5, by Rev. A. H. Lavers, Edward

Truro, Jan. 6, by Rev. S. Cumming, Wilbert A. Creelman to Elizabet W. Reid. Laurencetown, Jan. 12, by Rev. Jas. Gaetz, Rev. J. H. Toole to Ethel G. Durling. Scotch Village, N. S., by Rev. Wm. Reese, Torrence Fish, to Cynthia Burgess

Durham, Dec. 31, by Rev. J. R. Coffin, Augustus Cameron to Flora B. McKenzie. Eas' Boston, Dec. 15, by Rev. W. H. Richan, John E. Doane to Adelaide Knowles. Berwick, Jan. 12, by Rev. G. W. F. Glendenning, George H. Oxley to Sadie Caldwell

Dartmouth, Jan. 7, by Rev. C. F. Udderwood, William Millard to Augusta Keans. Grand Manan, Dec. 31, by Rev. W. H. Perry, Blanche I. Rice to Oscar S. Burnham. West Pubnico, Jan. 11, by Rev. E. L. Duchesneau, Simeon D'Entremont to Emma Auiro.

neau, Sylvester Auro to Maggie Carrd. Frederick H. Foster to Maggie Clark. Scotch Village, Jar. 11, by Rev. Wm. W. Rees, Monson Marsters to Agnes A. Sandford. New Glasgow, Jan. 12, by Rev. W. I. Croft, Edmund S. Siteman to Marcell Strickland.

Lower E. Pubnico, Jan. 1, by Rev. E. L. Duches-

Austin, Ill., Jan. by Rev. Ed. Averill, George B. Hall to Mary Kennedy, formerly of St. John. Granville, N. S., Dec. 4, by Rev F. P. Greatorex Charles R. Goldsmith, to Margaret H. Gesner. Shag Harbor, Jan. 6 by Rev. Wm. Halliday, Howard W. Kenny to Mrs. Deborah Nickerson.

DIED.

St. John, Jan. 18. Thomas Love, 27. Escuminac, Jan. 10, Philip Carrol, 46. Springhill, Jar. 9, John Buchanan, 31. Hardwicke, Jan. 3, Thomas P. Welsh. St John, Jan. 14, William Bunting, 72. St. John, Jan. 20, Michael J. Crowley. Seal Cove Jan. 1, Auson Ingersolf, 82. Bay Du Vin, Jan. 10, Philip Carroll, 39. Wolfville, Dec. 31. Deacon S. Morse, 78. Truro, Jan. 16, Albert Martin Tanner, 29. Louisburg, Dec. 31, W. H. McAlpine, 57. Escuminac, Jan. 3, Thomas P. Walsh, 37. Charlesville, Dec. 31, Asa McKerson, 70. Jordan Bay. Dec. 30, Thomas McKay, 47. South River, Jan. 12 Donald McDonald. Hampton, Jan. 16, Leah E. Flewelling, 64. Fraser's Grant, Dec. 24, Ronald McDonald. Dorchester, Mass., Jan. 6, R. W. Jamieson. Barrachois, C. B., Jan. 10, John Johnson, 75. Boston, Jan. 16, William W. McLauchlan, 43. Hopewell Hill, Jan. 2, John Newton Stiles, 86. Yarmouth, Jan. 1, Mrs. David Thompson; 49. St. John, Jan. 15, Lida A. wife of Harry B. Peck. Tremont, N. S. Jan. 6, Thadeus W. Messenger, 51. Merigonish, Dec. 30, Mrs. Helen Young Dunn, 83. South Brookfield. Jan. 6, Berjamin C. Minard, 57. St. John, Jan. 14, Isabella, wife of David Watson. St. John, Jan. 14, Deborah E. widow of P. McGuire Port Williams, N. S., Jan. 11, William Lockwood-

Moncton, Jan. 12, Mary J. wife of Samuel Capson, Meteghan, Jan. 2, Rosalie, wife of George Gorman,

Truro, Jan. 16, Emma J. H. wife of Allen M. Mor

Bristol, Jan. 10, Elizabeth, widow of Frances Gard-Parrsboro, Jan. 6, Jane S., widow of George Phil-Yarmouth, Jan. 8, infant child of Thomas M.

East River, Pictou Co, Jan. 10. Daniel John Mc-Lean, 64 Mira Ferry, Nov. 23, Mary, widow of Donald Far-Chelsea, Lunenburg Co., Jessie wife of Albert

Yarmouth, Jan. 8, May, wife of John H. Harris, Sydney Mines, Jan. 10, Alice C., wife of Thomas, Toronto, Jan. 16, Mary A. widow of Capt. George Belmont, Jan. 2, Mrs. Staples widow of William

Carleton, Jan. 16, Mrs. Campbell widow of Alex Windsor, Jan. 10, the infant son of Stephen and Mrs Valdosta, Georgia., Jan. 9, Richard Allison Knight

Lower Caledonia, Dec. 8, Christy, widow of David McDonald, 81. St. John, Jan, 17, Mary A. daughter of James and Sarah Duke, 13. Monks Head, Antigonish, Dec. 23, Anne widow of Fred Morrell, 84.

Hine Vale, Antigonish, Dec. 29, Margaret widow of Alex. McDonald. Buffale, N. Y., Dec. 25, Susan widow of Robert Marsh, of N. S. 60. Richmond, Jan. 10, Eliza C., daughter of William and Jessie Calder, 29. East Boston, Dec. 21, Ethel I., daughter of Frank

aud Annie Brown, 6. Grand Harbor, Grand Manan, Dec. 31, Jennie, wife of Sandford Brown 33. St. Andrews, Jan. 5, Gretchen M. child of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Williamson. Yarmouth, Jan. 8, intant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Seely, 2 days.

Newton Mass., Jan. 1, Elizabeth McDonald. merly of Nova Scotia. New York, Jan. 15, A. B. Sheraton of Halifax formerly of St. John, 52. Melbourne, Australia, Nov. 9, 1896, John Wier, formerly of Halifax, 76.

Moncton, Jan. 14. Mary E. child of Dr. G. T. and Laura Smith 15 months. Cambden, N. J. Jan. 16, Rev. James R. Mace formerly of St. John, N. B. Cape Traverse, Jan. 4. Thomas Bell father of Rev. A. C. Bell of Bayfield, 82. Waterloo, N. B. Dec 27. Clara daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Fanjoy, 4.

Minneapolis, Dec. 31, Julia, wite of David McFadden of Albert Co., N. B., 45. St. John, Jan. 17, Elizabeth youngest daughter of the late Francis Wilson, 19. Rochester, N. Y. Dec. 31. Irene, widow of James English formerly of Halifax, 71. BEST POLISH IN THE WORLD.



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