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**A Mephistopheles of Today.**

(Original.) A bridge whist party was in progress in one of the fashionable houses of a large city. The games were for money, but as one may lose or win a large number of points at bridge a point was fixed at a few cents. There were two sets of tables. At one set the play was for money; at the other there was no stake. Guests were permitted to sit at the stake or no stake tables, as they pleased.

Nearly all the guests had arrived and selected their seats when a young man entered who took a chair opposite a young girl at one of the tables where there was no stake to be played for. On his left sat an elderly woman with a superior look; on his right, a middle aged man with a bald head, who seemed to regard the affair as a bore. The newcomer was delicately formed, strikingly handsome and with a winning voice and smile. The girl was what is called a "Titian beauty"—that is, with reddish golden hair and dark, liquid eyes. The young man was not known to any one at the table, but introductions in such cases are not required. He addressed the young girl modestly, yet confidently.

As the play went on it was evident that she was falling under the spell of the many pleasant things he said to her, the musical voice in which he said them, the glances that shot from his eyes. Indeed, his whole personality was fascinating and plainly devoted to impressing her. Finally he suggested that a game without a stake was uninteresting and proposed that they have a small one to consist of but a cent a point. The opposing couple did not object, but the Titian girl demurred. She said she was a member of a church that prohibited both card playing and dancing. She had attended the party not knowing there were to be cards and had been persuaded to play only at the urgent request of the hostess, there being one vacant seat. The young man opposite her looked into her eyes with his, whereupon she took up the hand that lay before her, making no further objection.

From that moment the cards seemed bewitched. Whenever it came the turn of the Titian girl to play dummy she invariably played "without a trump," which in bridge whist counts twelve points for each trick above six. She usually won most of the tricks, often taking them all, making what is called a grand slam and counting a bonus. Besides, she and her partner always won the rub game, which gave them an extra hundred points. This was all the more remarkable since she had never played the game before. Occasionally her opponents would take up a good hand and "double," upon which she would "go back," which is the term for doubling the double. This doubling and redoubling would often go on till the original count had been multiplied by six.

The only person at the table having ordinary hands was the young man who had suggested playing for a stake. But, while he took no important part in the game himself, the others seemed to feel that all this high play originated through some mysterious influence emanating from him. One by one the players at the other tables ceased to play and, noticing that there were large hands and a large count at the table where sat the girl with the Titian hair, stood watching the game. One of these onlookers by mental process counted the score and noticed that she and her partner were winners of a considerable sum.

Her partner sat facing a corner with his back to the room full of guests, so that his face could not be seen. The host, noticing persons about his table, advanced, looked at him and, not recognizing him, thought that he was some friend of his wife's to whom he had not been introduced. Then the hostess saw him and fancied he must be some friend of her husband's. Everybody was inquiring who he was, and no one could give information.

At last there arose a whispering and a murmuring. The Titian girl was known to most of the guests as an example of probity, but here she was playing for stakes that had been raised from a cent to a dollar, her eyes blazing and her cheeks red with excitement, her partner a man whom nobody knew and of whom everybody was suspicious. Another estimate was made of the winnings, and they were found to reach far up into the hundreds of dollars.

Presently a clergyman joined the onlookers. He was an Episcopalian, and a gold cross glistened on his breast. He stood directly opposite the young stranger, who, on looking up, espied the cross. In a twinkling every member of the card party seemed released from his enthralment. His opponents threw down their cards and arose, with an angry look. The Titian girl leaned back in her chair and covered her face with her hands. The strange young man paled, half arose and, muttering something about having promised to be at home early, slunk away through the crowded rooms. A moment later carriage wheels were heard rolling rapidly away.

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The baldheaded opponent took up the score, figured up his loss, felt nervously in his pockets, whispered something to the host and left the room. His partner, exclaiming, "Well, I declare!" also stalked away. The Titian girl after sitting for a few moments with her face covered withdrew her hands and looked dazedly at those standing about, when her mother approached and, like a storm cloud, swept her away. As for the stranger, he never appeared to claim his share of the winnings, nor was he heard of ever afterward. F. A. MITCHEL.

**Give Chicks Charcoal.**

When chicks are fed mash it is a great benefit to them to add a little powdered charcoal to their feed. Have the mash moist enough so the charcoal will stick. The chicks will soon learn to like it and will eat the mixture as readily as plain food. When they get older, feed the charcoal alone and see how they will eat it. It is a fine thing to keep them healthy, for it is a great corrective, preventing fermentation of food in the crop, and for that reason is a great aid in warding off bowel complaint.—California Cultivator.

**Canada's Cash Road Tax System.**

Canadian townships, particularly those of the province of Ontario, are adopting the cash road tax system in place of the ancient method of working out the road tax, which is in too many cases a farce, says the Good Roads Magazine. Supervision of the work on the roads is entrusted to from one to four responsible commissioners, who use labor saving machinery, build better bridges than the roads had and make the highways permanent and durable. During the decade from 1896 to 1905 the outlay on county roads of Ontario amounted to \$21,000,000. Of this \$10,432,002 was cash, and \$10,510,900 represented days of statute labor. This equaled an average of \$2,100,000 per annum and included the expenditures by the townships and a part only of that made by counties on their country highways. Cities and towns spent a large amount in addition to the above sums. The good roads movement is said to be extending widely in Canada.

**Gumbo Roads.**

State Engineer George W. Cooley of Minnesota was recently quoted as saying that he is convinced that there is no reason why good gumbo roads cannot be built. "The gumbo road built last year near Crookston," he stated, "is now in excellent condition and has been every day during the year in which it has been in use."

**Long Island Motor Parkway.**

It is expected that the work of constructing the Long Island motor parkway will soon be begun in order to have it finished about a year hence, says the Good Roads Magazine. The length of this roadway is to be over sixty miles, from 75 to 100 feet wide, and its cost is estimated at over \$2,500,000.

**She Was a Bit Bashful.**

Mr. Peet, a very diffident man, was unable to prevent himself being introduced one evening to a fascinating young lady, who, misunderstanding his name, constantly addressed him as Mr. Peters, much to the gentleman's distress. Finally summoning up the courage, he earnestly remonstrated: "Oh, don't call me Peters. Call me Peet!" "Ah, but I don't know you well enough, Mr. Peters," said the young lady, blushing, as she withdrew behind her fan.—London Telegraph.



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Cut some of the second crop clover to feed to the hens next winter. Drop mash for awhile and try feeding whole or cracked grain. There is a reason and a good one. Change of diet is good even for hens.

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