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BIG MEN AT POKER TABLE

Correspondent of Saturday Evening Post Writes of Games in Which Statesmen Figured.

Mr. Cleveland was fond-not overfond-of cards. He liked to play the noble game at, say, a dollar limiteven once and a while for a little more -but not much more. And, as Dr. Norvin Green was wont to observe of Commodore Vanderbilt, "He held them exceeding close to his bosom,"

Mr. Whitney, secretary of the navy in his first administration, equally rich and hospitable, had often "the road gang," as a certain group, mainly senators, was called, to dine, with the inevitable after-dinner soirce or seance. I was, when in Washington, invited to these parties. At one of them I chanced to sit between the president and Senator Don Cameron. Mr. Carlisle, at the time speaker of the house-who handled his cards like a child and, as we all knew, couldn't play a little-was seated on the opposite side of the table.

After a while Mr. Cameron and I ury .- Saturday Evening Post-

began bulling the game-I recall that the limit was \$5-that is, raising and back-raising each other, and whoever else happened to be in, without much

or any regard to the cards we held. up a pat flush; Mr. Cleveland a pat full. The Pennsylvania senator and I her veins was the blood of kings and went to the extreme, the president, of course, willing enough for us to play his hand for him. But the speaker of the house persistently stayed with us and kept on.

We could not drive him out. When it came to a draw Senator Caro-ron drew one card. Mr. Cleveland and I stood pat. But Mr. Carlisle drew four cards. At length, after much banter and betting, it reached a showdown and, mirabile dictu, the

speaker held four kings! "Take the money, Carlisle; take the money," exclaimed the president. "If ever I am president again you shall be secretary of the treasury. But don't you make that four-card draw too often."

He was president again, and Mr. Carlisle was secretary of the treas-

The comedy that was felicitously presented a season ago written around the life of George Sand was scarcely fair to her, though highly entertaining. It chanced on a deal that I picked George Sand, the genius, had her folbles, but she had a great brain. In heroes, so, naturally, she was highly romantic and gathered into her cate gory of passions the names of famous men of her time-the blazing epoch of genius, when Hugo, Balzac, De Musset, Dumas were at their zenith. Chopin, Helne and De Musset were George Sand's adorers. Her real name was Armandine Lucile Aurore, Baroness Dudevant. As the author of "Consuelo," "Lella," "Valentine," she has a sure niche in the hall of fame. Her morals could bear reproach; she seemed to exact and excite love without loving. That she turned her varied amatory experlences into "copy" may or may not be true. That she was an inspiration to gifted men is an established fact. The perfect Nocturnes of Chopin arose, in large measure, from his sorrows and joys with George Sand. She made \$40,000 by her writings.

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