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**A Mephistopheles
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[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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ly 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.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz:
Henry Bobell and Nicholas Luderman of Euclid Or.; A. L. Baldwin of Waldport, Or.; Henry Howell of Toledo, Oregon.
BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, Portland, Oregon,
February 5, 1908.
Notice is hereby given that Henry Wilton of Siletz, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 16145, made January 16, 1907, for the n $\frac{1}{2}$ s $\frac{1}{2}$ e $\frac{1}{2}$ l $\frac{1}{2}$ s $\frac{1}{2}$ and Lots 2, 3 and 4 of section 33, township 8 s, range 10 w, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of Lincoln county, at Toledo, Oregon, on March 24, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz:
Stephen Logan, Esten Olson, John Savage and T. F. Cowing all of Siletz, Oregon.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, Portland, Oregon,
February 8, 1908.
Notice is hereby given that Albin Mueller of Siletz, Ore., has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 16136 made January 5, 1907, for the n $\frac{1}{2}$ s $\frac{1}{2}$ e $\frac{1}{2}$ l $\frac{1}{2}$ s $\frac{1}{2}$ w $\frac{1}{2}$ n $\frac{1}{2}$ s $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 14, township 9 south, range 10 west, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Portland, Oregon, on March 24, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz:
Marlie R. Wilson, A. W. Morgan, Stephen L. Stratton and Chris Burnell of Siletz, Oregon.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, Portland, Oregon,
February 8, 1908.
Notice is hereby given that Daniel W. McGill Siletz, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 16142, made January 16, 1907, for the s $\frac{1}{2}$ e $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 26, township 8 s, range 10 w, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Portland, Oregon, on March 24, 1908.

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A. W. Morgan, Stephen L. Stratton, Christian Burn and Harlie R. Wilson all of Siletz, Oregon.
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Lincoln County.
In the matter of the estate of John F. Huntsucker, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administratrix of the estate of John F. Huntsucker, deceased, has filed with the County Clerk of Lincoln county, her final account in said estate, and the County Court, sitting for the transaction of probate business has set Monday, April 6th 1908, at the hour of 10 a. m. thereof, at the County Court room of said county, as the time and place for settling said account and hearing objections thereto, if any exist. And notice is hereby given that at said time and place, any and all objections to said account, if any exist, will be heard and passed upon by said Court.
Dated, Toledo, Or., Feb. 28, 1908.
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