

member a bet between us, in regard to how many honours I would deal myself in so many times running, and that I won a hundred pounds of you ?' I replied I did, perfectly; and his rejoinder was, 'Well then, Fairfax, I tell you that sum was not won fairly. You piqued me by contradicting my assertion regarding my uniform luck, before the whole mess, and I determined, right or wrong, that you should lose your bet. I marked the cards, Fairfax, by running a needle through the corner of every coloured card; I reinclosed them carefully in their covers, to escape all suspicion, and completely deceived you and every one present. I thus dealt myself what I pleased, and won your money most unjustly. Now you can have no scruple at receiving it again.' At first, my love, I could hardly believe him, and thought it was a generous sort of trick he sought to play me; but he assured me, most solemnly, that he had stated the plain facts; and, as you may easily imagine, I had no further hesitation in taking that which was my own. He eagerly bound me to the promise I had made, however, never to repeat his confession to any one as long as he lived, and I repeated it with

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