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## SCIENTIFIC POKER

Every Man a Loser but the Winner and he Quit Broke

He Had \$60 in I. O. U.'s and the Other Players Kindly Lent Him Carfare

"Talk about your funny poker games," said the newspaper reporter, "I think the games we used to have over in the Grand hotel were about as diverting comedies as you could find anywhere, only they didn't seem half so funny at the time. You see, none of us had much money in those days; haven't got much now, for that matter; but we had less then. The managing editor, of course, had money. He was drawing a salary of \$10,000 a year, and naturally he could raise us poor night police tramps out of our chairs whenever he had anything better than trays up. Think of a night police reporter on \$25 a week and with a wife and family and an expensive third going up against \$10,000 a year!

"The managing editor liked to play, and far be it from a night police reporter to say nay to his managing editor. But one thing in favor of the managing editor which was more than I can say for the majority of the other players, was that he put real money into the game. When he bought chips he would take a green-back with a large V conspicuously marked on it in several places and throw it over, careless like, to the banker. Two or three of the rest of us also put real money into the game and, in fact, everybody generally paid cash for the first \$2 worth of chips. But it was after the game had gone on for a while and the players had to go back to the bank for more chips that the trouble began.

"There was old Bake, the political man. He was always bunter by the way. I don't know why except that he took care of the chips between the games and he always sat down at the table ahead of everybody else and began sorting the chips into neat \$2 piles. Bake was always neat and methodical at the game when the morning light was beginning to steal in through the dingy windows of the Grand hotel the bank would be hopelessly insolvent, and its accounts would be so muddled that a government national bank examiner couldn't tell whether Bake owed everybody else in the game a hundred dollars apiece or whether everybody owed Bake a thousand dollars and a half case of wine.

"After Bake used up his first \$2 worth he would say: 'Well, I'll just have to take a few more and go after you men with all the chips over there,' and he would take another \$2 worth of chips, but would put no money into the bank. That was all right, as he was responsible, anyhow, and would have to make good for all chips on the table out of his own pocket. Only he never had anything in his own pocket to make good with.

"Then Thompson would strike the cloth after a desperate encounter over a jack pot, and he would have to go to the bank he would say: 'Neither two dollars' worth, Bake. Here's an I. O. U. Good as gold.' 'Neither two dollars' worth was written, I. O. U. two dollars,' Thompson.

"Willie Smith, otherwise known as Sadiron Bill, would next see all his visible supply of chips swept away in an unsuccessful attempt to prove to the managing editor that three eights beat a queen full. Sadiron Bill would not lose heart. Not Sadiron. He would merely chirp merrily: 'You can't keep a squirrel on the ground.' 'Neither two dollars' worth, Bake. Here my I. O. U.' He would get his chips and toss over another I. O. U. good for two dollars. That is Sadiron would think it was good for two dollars. Nobody else ever seriously thought so.

"So the game would go on. Finally all the chips would be on the table and no more could be got at the bank. Then Flum-dum, the Fiend, would do his regular act. I don't remember what his other name was; he was a copy reader and played poker because he needed the money, although I never knew him to win as much as 10 cents. The Fiend would look over entreatingly at Sadiron and say, 'You seem to have a good many over there, Bill. Lemme have a couple of dollars' worth.' Sadiron would comply, and Flum-dum would make out another \$1 I. O. U. I. O. U. cars would fly around like snowflakes in January. The managing editor and Siller and Parker, who always paid cash for their chips, would look sad whenever anyone would make out a fresh I. O. U., but we were all to gether there in the office, and of course nobody would be mean enough to insinuate that it would be fairer to those who put cash in the game for the others to do the same thing.

"We would play with desperate earnestness from midnight until morning. Then as the daylight began to steal in somebody would suggest a double round of jackpots as a night cap. Then there would be a consolation round of jacks, after which there would be a round at the request of the one who had been the heaviest loser.

"Then there would be one last round and one absolutely last round of jacks, and the game for the night would be over. After that the winners would begin to cash in. Bake would sit there with a cigar box full of I. O. U.'s and try to figure out the bank's available assets. Almost everyone around the table had from one to half a dozen I. O. U.'s from almost everybody else, and the poker party would resolve itself into a sort of clearing house to audit the I. O. U.'s and see who owed who.

"At the last game we played we put in more than an hour trying to square the amounts up. The managing editor paid out what money it had and of the I. O. U.'s it had received payment for chips.

"Finally Parker arose with a

## THE FIRST STEP

Of the child is an event in the mother's life. How proud she feels when the attempt to walk is begun so early as to evidence childish courage and sturdy strength. Such pride should be enjoyed by every mother. But it often happens that the child is timid, weak and deficient in vitality, and clings to the mother's arms with no desire to walk or play.

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thoughtful and somewhat wearied expression. 'Gentlemen,' said Mr. Parker, 'this is the last time I shall play with you, and it is only fitting that I give you a word of explanation. I came into this game with \$15, all of which I played in. I have won \$60. I repeat I have won \$60. I have to say that over to make sure of it. Yet you who have kept account of the game and the bank itself will assure you that it is true. I have won \$60, and if some philanthropic person will now lend me 10 cents in cash for car fare I will go home and I don't think I can play any more. I do not believe that I understand your game.' "Somebody lent Parker 10 cents in cash, and with his pockets bulging with I. O. U.'s that he couldn't have collected with a club he left our little circle forever. That settled the game. When we discovered that one man could win \$60 at our game and still have to borrow car fare to go home on we decided that we had a wrong conception of poker, and we played no more."

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## CHARM OF MANNER.

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Certain it is that this charm is the most to be desired of all the good gifts the fairy godmothers have to bestow. Beauty may fade and riches may fly away and health and youth be swallowed up by the years as they pass, but that charm will ever remain, more potent, more soul satisfying, than beauty and riches and even youth itself.

How often does not one see this exemplified in society by the popularity of some woman who apparently possesses little or nothing to justify such success and who nevertheless is courted and admired and of whom every one says, "Isn't she charming?"

You agree that she is and wonder why. Other women you know, better looking, younger, better dressed perhaps—though the really charming woman is never badly dressed—and yet they lack just something which attracts you in the other woman as it attracts others. What is it? You ask yourself, and you come to the conclusion it is something which, for want of a better name, you call "charm."

## FOLDING DOORS.

When They Are Unsightly Remove Them and Use Drapery.

Folding doors are sometimes unsightly and a blemish to an otherwise pretty room, and it costs a good deal to hide them with curtains of any pretensions.

However, they can be done away with and the vacant space decorated, as shown in the illustration. The doors are entirely removed and a deep mold-



## IN PLACE OF FOLDING DOORS.

ing fixed round the vacant space, bordering it, as it were. A wooden archway, much fretted and quite inexpensive to carry out, is placed across the top, and from the center depends the artistically careless, scarflike silk drapery, passed through three parts of the wooden carving. All the wood-work should be enameled either cream or ivory white and the drapery of plain or figured silk, bordered with silk ball fringe. This has a singularly light and dainty effect. This idea for disposing of folding doors is especially to be commended, where the room space is small, and by it a much larger and prettier room can be obtained.

## A Pleasant Voice.

A pleasant voice is surely something worth having, but how many girls seem to think so? They will spend hours over their clothes, complexion, carriage, hair and teeth and never give their voice a thought. Those other things should not of course be neglected, but if any one of them was wrong how quickly a girl would be to improve it, and why does she not think of what is equally important? An agreeable, cultivated voice can be acquired, just as a pleasant expression can, if you take a little care and trouble. Of course a few lessons in voice culture are a great help, but you can do it quite as well yourself if you persevere. The pitch of the voice is most important, and if this is high the work of lowering it should be the first thing to do. Soon the right pitch will become habitual, and the great point is gained.

## How to Get Taller.

That little women can grow taller—even an inch in height by proper exercise—is the verdict of a physical teacher. If a woman is short and stout, to grow taller she must first reduce her flesh by dieting and thorough exercise. Walking is the best way of reducing. Then when she has reduced until she is in just the right proportion to her height she must endeavor to grow taller. This is the slowest and most tedious process. She must practice deep breathing and have regular exercises, such as hanging by her hands and always standing erect. Massage is excellent for keeping the body in good condition and when the desired height is once gained should be kept up regularly, just as are the exercise and deep breathing.

## Slaves to Children.

Many kind, devoted, even self sacrificing, mothers find the result of their children's bringing up very unsatisfactory. Their complaint is that they have given up everything for their children, granted every wish and indulged every whim, and yet they have grown up to be anything but helpful and blessings. There is just where the trouble lies. Let the children sacrifice something for the mother and father save their steps and help them all they can in little things. The old saying is that as the twig is bent so will it grow, and the first impressions made on children's minds remain through future years.

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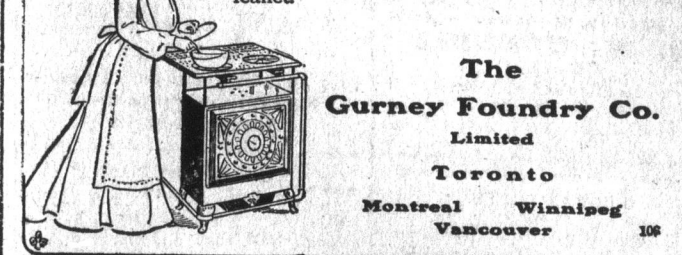
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