POOR DOCUMENT

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Swindlers Ply Their Trade On the Great Ocean Liners

Before an ocean liner docked at New York the other day, says the boronto Maii and Empire, a private detective in the employ of the company year on board, fined up a group of three or four well-known gambiers and forced them to diagorge several thousand dollars which they had won at cards from a passenger. The gamblers, having a record, and fearing a criminal charge, handed over their loot. It is said that the business of swindling passengers on trans-Atlantic steamers is raging on an unprecedented scale in this year of unprecedented ocean traffic. Organized gangs cross and recross the ocean a dozen times a year, operating on most of the big vessels, and plundering their victims of enormous sums. Now and again a victim lets out a roar, and then he usually frightens the swindlers into making a settlement. More often than not the person who knows he has been cheated refrains from publishing the fact, fearing the subsequent derision. Often, too, the victims never know that they have been the victims of bad luck. If they can afford their losses they keep silent.

A Delicate Position.

In the Staterooms.

The officers are also faced with the fact that the most serious gambling takes place in the staterooms, and not in the smoking room. If men want to battle for their bets, they prefer to do it in privacy rather than in the presence of the occupants of the smoking room. To intrude on one of these games, indeed to enter a stateroom without invitation, is something that a purser hesitates to do, even if he known that a big game is going on.

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Lawyers as Victims.

It is reported that several member of the American Bar Association provided rich prey for the transatlanti







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For some time after the war, but to a less extent today, passport regulations did much to limit the depredations of these traveling swindlers. The big steamship companies have always made war upon them when they got the chance. They have refused to book passage for notorious gamblers, but when one of them turns up traveling upon an assumed name after the ship has put to sea, it cannot turn back to land him. Frequently captains and stewards have warned passengers avainst certain other passengers, and all of them given general warnings against the practice of playing cards for money with strangers, but these warnings amount to little or nothing. Skippers are somewhat chary about being specific in their warnings, since one of them made a mistake and told passengers to beware of one of their number whom he denounced as a crook passengers to beware of one of their number whom he denounced as a crook but who turned out to be a French business man of extraordinary respectability. Naturally this made trouble for both the captain and the steamship line, and it is now the custom for ships' officers to be specific only in the case of gamblers whom they know to have been in the hands of the police.

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