

A FAMOUS GAMESTER.

Amazing Skill of Captain John Scott at Whist.

HIS RAPID ROAD TO WEALTH.

The Winnings of the "Gentleman Gambler" at White's, in London, in the Eighteenth Century Exceeded \$5,000,000—Fox's Reckless Play.

Of all the gentlemen gamblers at the close of the eighteenth century in England a single one is noted for the immensity and the regularity of his winnings. This was John Scott, who, beginning as a penniless captain, wound up his career as a millionaire general.

Writing to Richard Bentley from Arlington street on Feb. 25, 1755, Horace Walpole says:

"The great event is the catastrophe of Sir John Bland, who has flitted away his whole fortune at hazard. He tother night lost in reckless play an immense sum to a Captain Scott, who at present has nothing but a few debts and his commission."

Sir John Bland, to conclude here the history of that luckless dicer, shot himself dead, after losing the last of his fortune, in Kippax park.

Captain John Scott was of that branch of the numerous Scott family of which Sir Walter was a member, and his ancestor in the thirteenth century was that famous chemist, Michael Scott, who won the name of wizard.

A later Scott distinguished himself in the time of Charles II. by marrying, when he was himself only fourteen years old, a lady who was three years his junior. The bride was Mary, countess of Buccleuch, in her own right the richest heiress in Scotland.

A pointed prayer. Aunt Dinah had come to see her old mistress, who had just recovered from an illness.

"Yes, Miss Lila, I sho'ly done prayed yer for to git well all de time, and now yer see how it done turned out."

"Then you believe that your prayers are always answered, Dinah?"

"Sho'ly, sho'ly!" Then, with a sly glance: "Yer see, I neber tempts de Lord, 'case I don't pray fer nothin' dat I don't know I'll git. Dr. John, he done tol' me he tort yer was on de recovery road." After a pause she went on:

"Say, Miss Lila, yer know what I prayed for last night?"

"No."

"Why, I just p'intedly begged de Lord ter put it into yer heart ter give me dat brown silk dress yer done out-groved."—Brooklyn Eagle.

did men gamble for such high stakes as Scott and his victims did at White's between 1753 and 1759. Scott's system was an exceedingly simple one. He gave himself the best of it in every possible way. He never went to the gaming table unless his head and his stomach were in the very best order.

A story which illustrates capitally Scott's patience in the face of hard luck has been preserved. One night while he was at the card table news was brought to him that his wife, the first Mrs. Scott, had given birth to a girl.

"Ah," he said, "I shall have to double my stakes to make a fortune for this young lady."

But in a few hours he was £8,000 to the bad. Retaining his invariable serenity, he said he was sure of his luck returning, and at 7 a. m. he went home the winner of £15,000. That's the sort of play that went on at White's night after night during the years that John Scott was winning the largest fortune ever accumulated by a gentleman gambler.

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Figures of the same shape don't always have the same style.

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A plain figure is one all points of which have been neglected by the dressmaker.

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A broken line is a series of successive straight lines described by a woman alighting from a street car.

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