

PLAYING A MAN AT HIS OWN GAME.

[Original.]

Billy Parmeter went to college, where he became familiar with the different methods used by students who either won't study or can't learn to help them through their examinations. Mind you, I don't say that Billy used any of these methods. In the first place, he was so bright that he could keep well up with his classes and find plenty of time to work most of the mischief that was accomplished during his sojourn in college. In the second place, Billy was fairly honest and would not have "ponied" unless he was sure of being found deficient if he didn't. Be this as it may, Billy's chum was both lazy and stupid, and to help him through his examinations Billy invented a wire and elastic contrivance that would enable the student to hold cards up his sleeve on which were written the demonstrations of various problems that might be propounded to the student.

After being graduated Billy went to the wild west. There he suffered from the usual pranks played on a tender-foot, but as he was a good fellow he made friends from the start. There was one custom of the country he would never follow. That was carrying a revolver at his hip, or, rather, a pair of revolvers at his hips. His friends remonstrated with him for not doing so, telling him that there were plenty of men about mean enough to shoot him down in cold blood either for revenge or gain.

Billy played draw poker just as any other western man. He never won anything, but his losses were not great, and he considered that the fun he got out of it was worth what it cost him. He never played with men who were not supposed to be "square," so he had nothing to fear in being cheated, and, to tell the truth, he was a much better poker player than most of those with whom he played. In fact, it was soon noticed that if Billy found himself getting too far ahead he invariably played very badly till he had lost his winnings.

One day a new man named Morgan came into town ostensibly looking for opportunities to invest money. He was a suave talker and soon gained sufficient confidence to be admitted to the poker parties. The stranger lost steadily for a week, though not very large amounts; then his luck turned, and he won steadily. Meanwhile he had succeeded in getting the boys to raise the limit, and his winnings were in far greater volume than his losses. Billy informed the others that he believed the man was a card sharp who had come among them to get their money. Unfortunately they were all by this time losers except Billy, so they turned a deaf ear to him and kept on playing with the stranger. Billy told them that he would keep in the game with the hope of discovering some flaw in the stranger's play.

From this time the hands held by Morgan and by Billy were something remarkable. Billy didn't hold as large cards as Morgan's, but he played them with far greater skill. At any rate, he won back all the money the stranger had taken out of his friends. The stranger, realizing that Billy was a match for him, informed the boys that Billy was a card sharp and they must get him out of the game. When they demurred he declared that if they didn't decline to admit Billy and he caught him cheating he would get rid of him by shooting him. This of course was reported to Billy, and he was urged to arm himself. Billy responded that if he had pointed out the irregularities he had observed in the stranger's game the air would have rained lead. That's all he would say about the matter, and, as for wearing a revolver at his hip, it was as conspicuously absent as it had always been.

Well, the thing came to a head in this wise: They were all playing in a room over the store, and the hands held by both Morgan and Billy were unequalled by the "beaten Chinese." Billy, as usual, never bet simply because he had a big hand, only putting up his money in large quantities when he knew he had a better hand. Morgan was losing steadily. It didn't seem to matter how valuable his cards were, Billy invariably held better ones. Morgan's brow was every moment becoming more clouded, and the brows of the party (Billy's excepted) were also becoming more troubled. The stranger wore a revolver at each hip. Billy had no weapon at either hip. Finally when Billy had raked in a jack pot containing \$160 there was a sudden movement of a hand of every man present (Billy excepted) to grasp his revolver. The occasion of this was that Morgan's hand went back for his, and the others were hoping to head off a movement that was undoubtedly intended for their friend. But both Morgan and the rest were too late. Before the stranger could move his weapon Billy had covered him with a pair of derringers.

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