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The following from an English paper shows the deep interest in draw poker created in the British mind by Minister Schenk's [sic], exploits in this industry, during his stay at the Court of St. James.

Ever since General Schenck's admirable treatise brought it prominently into notice *savans* have been endeavoring to prove that draw poker is justly entitled to consideration as one of the exact sciences, beautifully governed by strictest mathematical law, instead of being merely one of the eccentric and ruleless recreations incident to American leisure. Their efforts, however, seem to be attended by many complex difficulties. Having been appointed a committee to investigate some interesting experiments explained in a recent paper by Professor Dana, on the "Correlation of Blind and Straddle," Professor Huxley, Darwin and Tyndall pursued their researches from 7:30 P.M. one Saturday until 11:15 A.M. Sunday, and Professor Huxley, the chairman, reported as follows:

"Your committee, after arduous labor and great expense, find that while the Dana theory of 'Elevation of Stradles,' as contained in his paper, is correct in the premises, it is sometimes disastrously fallacious in the conclusion. One of the experiments tried by your committee proved this, as follows: The senior hand, governed by myself, consisted before the draw of one stratum of sable queens, and one accidental but worthless diamond –almost as valuable a formation as that instanced by Professor Dana. The sub-senior hand, engineered by Professor Tyndall, was nearly homogenous with small spades, the beautiful continuity being only bobtailed at one end by a healthy but inefficacious heart. The junior hand, under the management of Professor Darwin, consisted before the draw, as he states, of one thin stratum of deuces, with three substrata of detritus –an eight, a four, and a six of assorted suits. Professor Tyndall and Darwin having duly entered, I generously uplifted the revenue to the extent of the limit, which in our case was £10. In this Professor Tyndall readily acceded Professor Darwin demurred for several minutes, arranged and re-arranged his strata in an uncertain and, as we thought, nervous manner, but finally concluded his meditation, and contributed quite a handsome fossil collection towards the general centre.

To me he then dealt one sub-stratum, to Professor Tyndall one, and to himself three. Applying myself to the taxidermist's art, I soon discovered that my formation of Jacks had been wonderfully enriched, the triple strata of which even now, resting upon my stratum of queens, quite filled my hand. Professor Tyndall then, after examining his newly-acquired stratum with evidences of suppressed emotion advanced one fossil, to the value of £2.

Professor Darwin took a panoramic view of his strata, and neatly covered that, and to my great delight, added a smaller fossil to the value of 10 shillings. I promptly covered both deposits to hoist Professor Darwin to the extent of £10. Still further to my delight Professor Tyndall elevated me in like ratio. I naturally feared that now Professor Darwin would retire. So did Professor Tyndall, who half regretted having put on so aggressive a front to his usually timid friend. But to our immense satisfaction Professor Darwin, after again reviewing his strata to see if they were all there, not only nimbly ascended Professor Tyndall's elevation, but capped it, as before, with 10 shillings. Rejoicing secretly in the wisdom of the Dana theory, but with an artful simulation of hesitation designed to encourage my fellow

investigators, I again climbed over both precipitous heaps to the extent of £10. Then began a contest which now comes to me like a blurred and hideous dream.

Professor Tyndall leaped over me, Professor Darwin hopped over him, and I turned sommersaults over Professor Darwin, until not only was my entire fossil collection, my pocket portfolio of engraved portraits of government celebrities and cheques [sic] for half the sum of my accumulations in the East India Bank heaped on the pile, with Professor Tyndall's watch and eye-glasses and a fine polariscope and collar-buttons, together with his seal ring, a mortgage on his house, an order for seven months' advance salary as secretary of your honorable body, and a transfer order for twothirds of his registered consols, but also drafts from Professor Darwin upon his publisher for the entire gross receipts of a new edition of the 'Descent of Man' and a corrected revision of the 'Origin of Species,' with a clear deed of the copyright of a book now in preparation. I now naturally began to fear lest my zeal should blight the future of my two friends, especially that of Professor Darwin, whose acquaintance with the science under discussion was but limited at best, and who, I felt quite certain, merely persevered through a gentlemanly spirit of accommodation. But as Prof .Tyndall continued his muscular exercise in boosting my ventures, and as Professor Darwin would each time mildly encourage him with a 10 shilling prod. I still continued. Finally, when my overcoat and Professor Tyndall's rubber goloshes and Professor Darwin's telescope hat had been added to the heap on the extra table brought in to hold the increasing pile, the hands were called all round, Professor Darwin apologetically saying that he called simply because he had nothing more to bet but his sleeve buttons, which were a birthday present from his wife. Upon the call I looked at Professor Tyndall. Professor Tyndall looked at Professor Darwin, and Professor Darwin looked at both of us. Professor Tyndall said that he had not foreseen this—that he had been bounced higher than when he was on top of the Matterhorn, and had forgot himself in his excitement —that he was so sorry he couldn't think, but he had an ace flush. He then started to gather in and count up the pot. I checked him, and with tears in my eyes, confessed that I had been very, very wrong, but that I had really supposed Professor Tyndall's strata were more nearly like my own —that I felt keenly for Professor Darwin, who had been dragged innocently into the destructive contest —that I would cheerfully return to him his vest and comforter and polka-dot handkerchief and telescope hat, and to Professor Tyndall his eye-glasses and goloshes and one collar button, and beg both not to mention it — that I had been surprised at the tremendous developmental effect of the draw upon the germinal protoplasm of my hand, and had been unnecessarily deluded into raising—and that

I was almost ashamed to say it, as they were friends, but that I had three jacks and a pair of queens. I then burst into tears and began to rake in the small change. In this I was assisted by Professor Darwin, who certainly displayed the utmost stoicism throughout. At length, when the huge pile was sorted and the value roughly estimated, I thought to console him and asked what he, had. The horror of both Professor Tyndall and myself can only be imagined by your learned body when we saw Professor Darwin deliberately first pocket the neatly folded bank-notes, and then the rolls of guineas, and then put Professor Tyndall's watch in his fob, and try on Professor Tyndall's goloshes, and adjust Professor Tyndall's eye-glasses on his nose, and test them by running over my hand again, and put on my overcoat and stuff the pockets thereof with the mortgages and deeds and checks, etc., which had accumulated, and then pass in the fossils to me to be cashed, and finally, with a delicate smile of condolence, skin out four duces and a king.

“Your committee beg to state that the Dana theory is pernicious and fraudulent in the extreme. In conclusion I would respectfully beg to withdraw my offer to make at my own expense a scientific investigation of the theory of Professor McCosh, of Princeton, that ‘straights are absolute in jack-pots.’ Professor Tyndall also desires me to say that his failing health will prevent his equipping and accompanying the proposed party to explore the

glaciers of the Jungfrau, and says they must equip themselves or stay at home." Accompanying the above was a minority report as follows:

"The Dana theory, in my opinion, is the most striking instance of transmitted Simian instinct I have yet seen. Although apt to mislead at first sight, its finer and more deeply-seated reasonings are among the noblest and most improving studies in the contemplation of the ascent and descent of man. I beg to inclose my back dues for eighteen months to the Royal Society, with advance payments for the year, and to state that I will cheerfully contribute £500 towards the contemplated 'Classification of the Ring-Tailed Monkeys of Madras' by your illustrious body. I have to-day decided to take a pleasure trip around the world, and will forward to your museum, at my own expense, all objects of interest coming under my notice. Respectfully submitted.

"CHARLES DARWIN, F. R. S.

"Addendum: Should your honorable body desire any further investigations into the same subject, I will cheerfully defer my trip, and shall be proud to serve. C. D."