

MININE GAMBLERS

WOMEN WHO HAVE WON FAME BY THEIR RECKLESS WAGERS.

France Has Furnished the Greater Number of These Furious Plungers. Nell Gwynn's Darling Play—The "Art" of Louisa Paqueta.

From time to time throughout the world gambling among women has flourished and declined. The pages of history tell over and over again the story of great women gamblers.

There seems to be something in the blood of French women that makes them gamblers of a high order. Mme. de Montespan won so much at basset, her favorite game, that Louis IV. was delighted and borrowed some of her winnings.

Mme. du Barry was the most famous woman gambler of the time of Louis XV., but with her it was only a pastime. But that other favorite, Mme. de Pompadour, went in with the sole object of winning, if she could.

Queen Marie Antoinette, according to history, was a gambler who liked to be surrounded by gamblers. Faro was the popular game, but the stakes got to be so great that many a nobleman had his entire estates wiped out in a single night.

Possibly the most famous woman gambler of English history was Nell Gwynn, the actress who was so great a favorite with Charles II. In that reign the manners were much the same as they were at the French court.

The acknowledged queen of American women gamblers was Louisa Paqueta, who was born in Texas about 1850, but early went into Mexico to rule over outlaws and cowboys.

But they soon found that they were no match for her, and that even her teacher, Qualeto, was a tenderfoot compared with the child. With the passing years Louisa Paqueta grew to be a beautiful woman.

There were many people who thought it was merely luck that followed her, but the luck kept up too long, and the gamblers who knew a few tricks themselves understood that it was "art."

Her death occurred in 1875, and was tragic. Some lawless acts had been committed by a body of gamblers, and search was made for them.

whether she should go free or kill herself. This was agreed to, and one of the party, a gambler known the country around, was selected.

The women of today, although they doubtless gamble as heavily as in other times, incline more to speculation in stocks. The new woman will go on gambling, but appearances show that she cares a great deal more for the money there is in it than she does for the notoriety of being a gambler.

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