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Raffles in Real Life

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Imerican cits．It．has to deal with the breed from one years end to another，and he knows．I know，and since I have been asked to expres an opimon，I repeat：The genteman bur－ glar is not a myth．in thi－conntry．In another part of this mazazine．the dis－ tingushed chiet of the Identitication Department of the French Police－ M．Alphotise Bertillon－reveals hi－ views on thi－subject．He has stated that the term＂qentleman burglar＂is a misnomer and the type of criminal an invention of the writers of detective fiction．bet us－re．
1 consider Profesor Bertillon to be one of the ablert men of hi－proterson in the entire word，and feel that he is
entithed to ereat credit for the wopder－ tal pertection to which he has brought the method of keppina record－ot crime and eriminals．I bould，therefore hes trate to take issue with him concerning
ansthing he mizht have to say on a sub－ jeet of which he is a ma－ter，wepe I not a－they apply to the l vited states．I mus hot be werlooked that M．Ber－
tillon is writug about France and other European comeries．He is not to be blamed it he believer that what is ban mough tiof Paris is bad enoush tor

## The Gentleman Crook Defined

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 Thl：tirst place how shall we do fine the word gentleman as applied to a thet？I take it that a man of re lege traming and education and ha－ moved in polite owiety may be callen taal for a livine．he is a burglar－ a mere crook among other crook－．Bur if he use his－werial powition as a shield it he rob－behind their back－the triend whe entertain him and trat to his hon of．he is that hero of tawdry romane －w Not long ago my servies were el listed by some pople in the upper eit dey in a my terions way：at meeption and dimmer pattien the doak rown would be looted．I ran the thiet＇ earth in short order．To the unspeak able embarasoment of my alients，he ptoved to be one of thetr trietas．Ho would whtain an invitation to the place to be mobbed，and wonld bring a cot

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 What that I could lwe more speciti－ of bemge a waracternte othe Bitt the pronshed．berallae his vetims wtion to pu－h the charge asainst him．It is my ramest hope that he ha－pootited by his lewent，athd I would bot cate to sal anything that mizht lead oothe acopaint atice of his．rading thi－editorial．It iflentity him＂ith the case．Howere base the criminal may be．I bele eve i giving himemen chanee to lead a lite．In fact．I resand it an my dut aid in every way powibl

## Blackmail a Source of Income

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individual that had cotne into their met
how powertot． is not a common thatitistation．Whil －ultured men－for varions reaon ＂hich they have often modertaken pwl wnally to explain－bewome eriminal they lack．with all their education at refined manners，the one cowntial ele ment of shewes．Thes can not keep （1），the pare demanded by crime． It becomes a quetion whether th
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 But that men who atmon meatare to the be intelleettal standard－wera
sonally becotme criminals is undoubte

## An Aristocratic Confidence Man

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Cowk who was a zetnine thember
 qualitications of the genileman，in cial poise．This worthy permitted him seft to becothe what we term a prote－ －ional＂contidenee man，＂and suceeded in hoolwinking a philanthropically i rimed Ameriean gentleman．In robhins the latter of many thousands of dollar he reoorted to the mont deopicable ta tics．He induced his wife，a pure ＂inded，well bred and highly connected American girl，to act as his imocet acompliee in saming the contidence ． the vietim．The American，althoug duped at tirot，tinally became aware of the real eharacter of thi sentlema burglar．He placed the case in m
hamds．I followed the man to Pari
none hands．I followed the man to Pa ＂here I bronght abont his alppene serving a sentence of sereral years a French privon．
If any one questions the soundness of my contention in this matter，let him re member that I am not aceusing a who class of moral turpithde．If it is es
tablished that even a small proportion of convicted burglar are ako＂qentle men，＂my case is proved ipmo facto．

