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sit down over there on the other side of it sofa and have a nice cozy talk."

The location he proposed for this coziswas highly unacceptable to the three tics. The divan upon which sat Mackiand Albert Jones was double, with a fiback separating the two long seats; it was the occupation of the vacant that the objectionable man suggested is objectionable party. In fact, he did the than suggest it. Carrying a filled in one hand, and with his other pelling before him the gray-haired but iously elated person to whom he had ded as "Ole Doc Taylor," he urged friends to this central position in the m, and, in doing so, passed close by bridge table. With horror Ogle saw glass in the outstretched hand waverover the silken shoulder of Madame moro, and though its bearer avoided astrophe there, the next moment he uped heavily into the chair of the ng Hyacinthe. "Excuse me, young s," he said. "I never been to Europe re: I like the ocean fine, but I haven't red to walk on it properly yet."

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lyacinthe rose, and accepting this logy with a foreign formality, he bowed thy and quickly, inclining his body athe waist; then, without any change auntenance or looking at the disturber, down again and played a card from hand.

You'd think that might put the man is," 're," Macklyn muttered.

n was impervious; his voice file room. "Doc. you and Mr. brown set on the sofa. spin' to take this chair where I can get od look at you, so's I'll know you a and be able to pick you out o' the d wheneve we all want to go sometor a mee song and a little convivigation, poor woman!"

he seeing his friends disposed as he he seated himself in the deep chair them, and, appearing to find life and his surroundings benevolent, beamingly about the room. His fell upon the chilling faces of m and Albert Jones, who had the the divan; and his recognition of the cordial. "Howdy, bows!" he tha wave of the hand that included Ogle. "I see you never get very from the bar." After that, unof any rebuff as the three heads tonily away, his gaze moved on coming aware of Madame Momained arrested there. "Wellich't have seen it in the old days." In pointedly approving reference "yet I don't know but what it's annt, after all—ladies situn's ang us and playin' cards and g, right in the barroom."

mingation of the man's offense an offensive intention; lightand no offensive intention; lightald have destroyed the presump-Lightnings failing, something be done about it, the playtought; and he had impulses thing about it himself—and to throwing the fellow out of the matter how dincult that might over, his immical urgings were his two mends. Mr. Jenes minteningly, winne Macalyni said "mighter boots head if his "reference of the first

look in the tumbril on the way to the guillotine, cool, untouched and untouchable, while the canaille surged about the cart, powerless to make her conscious of

The canaille of the present occasion did not delay upon the subject, but, after a philanthropic smiling upon the admirable lady, went on talking: "No, sir; the old days were mighty different. Why, you take the people on this ship, for instance. You know it yourself. Mr. Wackstle. You say you been to Europe seven times, and this is the first for me; but I bet there's a mighty big difference between the passengers on this ship and the ones on the first ship you went over on. When'd you say that was?"

"Eighteen-ninety-one, Mr. Tinker."
"Tinker!" Albert Jones said bitterly, on the other side of the divan. "The creature's name is Tinker. It would be!"

THE creature was continuing his dissertation. "Why, there's more big business represented on this vessel right now than what there was on every ship in all the oceans of the world in eighteen-minety-one. Mr. Wackstle. You read over the passenger list and look at the names on it that stand for big things and accomplishment all over our country. It took my breath: darned if it didn't! I'll bet it would run into hundreds and hundreds o' millions! I tell you there's some mighty big men on this ship, gentlemen, men I want to know before we land way over yonder and get all split up and goin every which direction. For instance, you take yourself, Mr. Wackstle. Soon as I saw your name I told my wife: I told her, I certainly got to know that man, mamma. Poor woman, she was already about gone even that early, and she couldn't take much notice. But you aren't the only well-known man or, this boat.

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"No." Mr. Wachstle admitted, laughing modestly. "There's a dozen bigger celebrities aboard than I claim to be."

"Well. I won't say bigger." the genial Tinker went on; "but there certainly are others. Take James T. Weatheright, for instance: he's the best-known man in the whole state of New York. I expect. Weatheright's Worsteds are practically household goods all over the world. Then there's T. H. Smith, president of the G. L. and W.; Harold M. Wilson, exchairman of the Board of the Western Industrial Corporation: Thomas Swingey of Swingey Brothers. Incorporated; there's both the Holebrooks of the Northwestern Trust: there's Judge Mastin, ex-general counsel for the Roanoke: J. Q. A. McLean, of the Chicago Milling Company—well, talk about an all-star aggregation, why, when you think of what's represented by a passenger list like that you almost wonder how the United States can go on running with these menout here on the ocean."

H1S new friend. Wackstle, chuckled, "Well, I don't know. You've pretty well covered the list, Mr. Tinker: I don't know of anybody on board you ve left out but when you think it over, most of the gentlemen you've named are like me, either retired or turned the management of their businesses over to other people, except Smith, of course. He spretty active in the G. L. and W. still, and it would be a bad tinne if this boat went down with him on oracle. A vot she there is a find more retiresented. The indicates the seamer all minimum of sometime, the first seamer all minimum of sometimes and first seamer all minimum of the commence of the seamer all minimum of the

