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## FITZ-BOODLE'S CONFESSIONS.

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### PREFACE.

GEORGE FITZ-BOODLE, ESQUIRE, TO OLIVER YORKE,  
ESQUIRE.

*Omnium Club, May 20, 1842.*

DEAR SIR,—I have always been considered the third-best whist-player in Europe, and (though never betting more than five pounds) have for many years past added considerably to my yearly income by my skill in the game, until the commencement of the present season, when a French gentleman, Monsieur Lalouette, was admitted to the club where I usually play. His skill and reputation were so great, that no men of the club were inclined to play against us two of a side; and the consequence has been, that we have been in a manner pitted against one another. By a strange turn of luck (for I cannot admit the idea of his superiority), Fortune, since the Frenchman's arrival, has been almost constantly against me, and I have lost two-and-thirty nights in the course of a couple of score of nights' play.

Every body knows that I am a poor man; and so much has Lalouette's luck drained my finances, that only last week I was obliged to give him that famous