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**THE LATEST FAD.**

PIRATE BRIDGE. By R. F. Foster. E. P. Dutton Company, New York.

Auction has passed from vogue. Pirate is the rage. And most people can lose enough money to embarrass them at the simple game of poker; but that being tabooed in the best circles, Mr. Foster, a game authority of long standing, tells how to win at pirate bridge, which is the latest development of auction.

Pirate differs essentially from auction in that partners may be selected "instead of having all partnerships decided by their accidental positions at the table;" and the game was introduced to the public by its originator, Aleister Crowley, in *Vanity Fair*.

Mr. Foster goes thoroughly into the subject, explains the simple and fine points; and he appears rather pleased that the greatest gambling feature of auction, the doubling, has been minimized in the new game.

The book is designed to tell all that anyone needs to know to be able to have a fair understanding of the game and to play with a degree of assurance.