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“Confidence once established, the subject is skillfully introduced speculative avarice is aroused, and the man who swindles his fellow creature in the banking, brokering or other business, is very easily reconciled to the slave trade. It will pay magnificently, or at least it does in seven cases out of ten, and that is all he wants to know. He is introduced to the first class, the managers, and negotiations are soon closed...I know of two ladies, now attracting adoration at a fashionable watering place, who invested in a little venture of this kind not so long ago, and as a result have augmented their banking accounts- one to the extent of \$23,000 and the other \$16,000.”