

NOTICE
PARKDALE MEN'S ASSOCIATION
 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 10 AT 8 O'CLOCK
PARKDALE HALL
 R. MacLEAN, Secretary-Treas.

Benefit Concert
 Presented by a number of
 The City's Musicians
 at
SALVATION ARMY CITADEL
TONIGHT, 8 P.M.
 Adm. 50c.

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

THE SPIDER THAT WASN'T

One look is not enough to know Look twice before you say 'tis so. —Old Mother Nature.

Farmer Brown's boy was looking up in a coconut palm. On his good-natured freckled face was such a funny look that the friend with his laughed right out. Up near the top, just below the great bunch of coconuts growing there, was a Spider. Anyway, Tommy thought it was a Spider, the biggest Spider he ever had seen. "Phew, what a Spider!" he had exclaimed. Then he had been informed that that Spider had a shell.

"Listen," said Tommy a bit indignantly. "I know I don't know much about things down here in the Tropics, but I know better than to believe that Spiders wear shells. You can't make me believe that."

"That kind does," repeated his friend. There was a twinkle in his eyes and Tommy caught it. He looked up at the Spider again. As he did so the Spider moved a little way around on the trunk of the tree. There was something odd about the way in which it moved, yet there was something familiar about it, too. Tommy took a step or two nearer to the tree and to one side where he could get a better look at that Spider so far above his head. Then a funny expression crept over his face. He blinked two or three times as if to clear his eyes, then stared. That Spider was holding up a claw that even from that distance he could see was a pinching claw, and whoever heard of a Spider, big or little, with a great pinching claw like that?

Slowly Tommy turned to look at his friend. The latter burst out laughing again at the look on Tommy's face.

"Are you telling me —" began Tommy.

"All I said was that that kind has a shell," interrupted the other.

"—that — that is a Crab?" finished Tommy.

The other nodded. "You said it," he replied.

"But Crabs can't climb trees," cried Tommy.

"What about that one up there?" was the prompt reply.

Of course there was no answer to that. "That is Big Claw the Land Crab," continued the friend. "You can see for yourself that he can climb. If he couldn't he wouldn't be up there. Certainly no one put him there, and he hasn't wings to fly up there."

"What does he do it for?" Tommy wanted to know.

"Do you mean what does he climb for?" asked the other.

"Of course. He must have a reason for climbing way up there," replied Tommy, looking up at the Crab again.

"Perhaps he climbs just for fun, or to get up in the world," suggested the other.

"Which means that you don't know," said Tommy.

"Yes," agreed the other. "My guess is that he goes up there to get something he likes to eat. I have noticed that food, something to eat, is usually the reason for whatever jungle folk do. So probably Big Claw is up there to get something to eat."

"But what is there up there for a Crab to eat?" asked Tommy wonderingly.

"There are coconuts, plenty of coconuts," grinned the other. "Just then a big coconut fell from the tree and landed with a thump at their feet."

"I'm glad that didn't hit me on the head!" exclaimed Tommy. He looked up at the top of the tree. Big Claw was nowhere to be seen. A sudden thought popped into Tommy's head. "Do you suppose that Crab did that?" he asked.

"Did what?" the other inquired.

"Cut that coconut loose so it would fall," replied Tommy. "Now what are you laughing at?"

"Wouldn't it have been funny if one of us had been knocked out by a Crab?" chuckled his friend.

Tommy grinned. "Don't tell me you think he did it purposely," said he.

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE CONVENTIONS

Conventions for the purpose of Nominating Candidates to Contest the forthcoming Provincial General Election will be held at the following times and places. Poll Chairmen are requested to see that each Poll is represented by Five Delegates at their respective Conventions.

1st District of Prince—Tuesday, April 10th at 7.00 p.m. Alberton Court House.

2nd District of Prince—Tuesday, April 10th at 2.30 p.m. Verdun Theatre, O'Leary

REAGH BAGNALL, President
C. R. McQUAID, Secretary.

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CHARLOTTETOWN and ROYALTY

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LIBERAL CONVENTION
 THIRD DISTRICT OF QUEEN'S

A convention to nominate Liberal candidates for the forthcoming Provincial election will be held in the LEGION HALL, MT. STEWART, Tuesday, April 10th, 8 p.m.

Poll chairmen are requested to hold poll meetings to appoint five delegates.

ROLAND MacDONALD, President.

Charlottetown Board of Trade

APRIL MONTHLY DINNER MEETING
 CHARLOTTETOWN HOTEL
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11th, 1951

Time 6 P. M. Price \$4.50

Special Guest Speaker
MR. JOHN MAGEE
 of Toronto, Ont.
 Executive Secretary
 Canadian Automotive Transportation Association
 Subject: "TRUCK TRANSPORTATION."

An invitation is extended to interested businessmen to attend. Call 1874 for Reservations prior to Wednesday Noon.

NOTICE
EUSTON FISH MARKET
 135 EUSTON STREET

Opening
APRIL 10th.

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EVERETT WYLIE and RAYMOND DOUCETTE
 Proprietors

Contract Bridge
 By Josephine Culbertson

PREEMPTIVE BIDS AT MATCH-POINT PLAY

Preemptive bids, properly employed, are even more useful in match-point duplicate or tournament play than in rubber bridge. Also, these shutout bids can be given greater scope. The best match-point players consistently "shade" the playing-trick requirements for shutout bids, especially when the vulnerability conditions are favorable to them, because there is not the same need for safety at duplicate as at rubber bridge. In the latter game, if a player opens the bidding with (say) a very weak three-spade shutout, and the cards are distributed a little worse than he expected, the ensuing penalty may be catastrophic, but this same development at match-point will mean only a bad board. Against this is the fact that the bid may make it so difficult for the opponents — who are not merely interested in "showing a profit on the deal," but who are aiming at the largest score possible — that they in turn will "go overboard."

Here is a deal, taken from the recent Eastern Tournament, in which a bad preemptive had remarkable success — though, admittedly, one of the opponents had to be highly cooperative!

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

♠ 6	♠ Q982	♠ K3
♥ 8	♥ Q95	♥ AK7
♦ J85	♦ J8743	♦ KJ64
♣ J64	♣ A73	♣ K105
♠ A Q 10 9 7 4		
♥ 10 5 3		
♦ 10 8 2		
♣ 9		

The bidding:
 South West North East
 3♠ Pass Pass Pass (!)

BINGO
 Holy Redeemer Hall
 TONIGHT
 8.30

The prizes are the same as those prevailing at other Bingos in the city.

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED
 By Zano Grey

JOE PALOOKA
 By Ham Fisher

HENRY
 By Carl Anderson

DOTTY DIPPLE
 By Ruford

TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBBS
 By Edwina

BRINGING UP FATHER
 By George McManus

TILLY THE TOILER
 By Westover

L.P. ABNER
 By Al Capp

R.P. KIRBY
 By Alex Raymond

PENNY
 By Harry Meisgen