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FITTED FOOTWEAR at the Montague Shoe Store. Miss Alice Millar, teacher at Murray Harbour North, attended the Teacher's Convention at Charlottetown.

DON MESSER'S DANCE in Montague, cancelled until May 12th. Mr. Mansfield Irvine and Mr. Stewart Reid, R.C.N., stationed at Cornwallis, N.S., are spending a few days at their respective homes in Peters Road.

Billie MacLure, young son of Mrs. Cameron MacLure, is spending the holidays in Charlottetown guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chester MacLure.

His many friends are pleased to learn that Abner Dewar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Dewar, Brudenell, has resumed his classes at Acadia University after being confined to hospital for several weeks.

A very enjoyable school dance was held at the Armouries on Monday night with a large crowd attending. Music was supplied by record player and sound system under the management of Mr. Eric Dewar. A completely new outfit, 45-rev. player, amplifier and 12 inch speaker, it received many favorable comments from those dancing.

The supper, sponsored by the Beaver Club, Ladies' Auxiliary of the King's County Hospital, and the Nursery Club, held at the new hall on Monday night proved out to be a magnificent success due to the extremely inclement weather. A very large crowd attended and partook of a most delicious supper as only the ladies can prepare. Excellent food and quick service made the supper an enjoyable one for all who attended.

The thanks of the respective clubs are extended to those who made the evening such an admirable success. The new hall was started last fall, and completed this year and has been totally financed by the Beaver Club, who have conducted dances for the past several years at the Curling Rink, the proceeds of which have gone to the support of the King's County Hospital.

PASSION WEEK SERVICES HELD - Passion Week services which were held in Montague were largely attended. The first service was in the Baptist Church, Wednesday evening, and was conducted by the minister, Rev. M. Fletcher, assisted by Dr. A. D. MacKenzie who read the Scripture and led in prayer. An inspiring address was given by Rev. F. N. Young. During the offering the choir sang "I Know My Redeemer" Miss Clemmie MacLean was organist. The Thursday night service was held in the United Church and was conducted by Dr. MacKenzie. Rev. F. N. Young read the Scripture and the address was delivered by Rev. M. Fletcher. The hymn "Alas, and Did My Saviour Die" was beautifully rendered by the choir. The concluding service was held in the Presbyterian Church conducted by Rev. Mr. Young. The Scripture was read by Rev. M. Fletcher who also led in prayer. Dr. MacKenzie preached the sermon, bringing to the large congregation a stirring message of the Cross. A solo "Calvary" was very effectively rendered by Mrs. W. R. Garrick. Mrs. A. F. Campbell was organist.

Lakeview Women's Institute. Lakeview W. I. met recently on January 6 at the home of Mrs. Lyman Rose, Lakeville, Vice-President, Mrs. Francis Rose presiding. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. It was decided to send to Red Cross for Sewing and knitting. Program consisted of a contest and reading and a talk on First Aid Course by Mrs. Charles McCormick. Attendance, eight members and two visitors. Collection 85 cents. The February meeting was held at home of Mrs. Allan Cummings, president presiding, and opened with the Ode and creed. Minutes were read and approved. A letter from W. Institute in England, acknowledging with thanks, the receipt of a box of food received was read by the secretary.

A letter was also read from social welfare convenor, and a ballot to decide a delegate to be sent to convention in Copenhagen, was signed by the members. School committee reported a number of articles needed in the school, and Mrs. Russell Dingwell and Mrs. J. E. Dingwell were appointed to visit school for next month. A reading was given by Mrs. Francis Rose, Contest by Mrs. W. Baker. Reading by Mabel Rose. Joke by Mrs. L. D. Rose and a reading by Mrs. J. E. Dingwell. Meeting closed with National Anthem.

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They stood facing each other—the one tall, heavily square and commanding, almost too immaculately dressed, with a slight trace of pomposity in his bearing; the other lithe, debonair, carelessly attired and easily poised.

Lessing had received him, but with very good grace. Robin's anger had cooled down somewhat. Even in his sense of righteous grudge he was conscious that he displayed considerable temerity in bearing this man with only a rather unusual form of accusation to justify his abrupt call.

"You say it is a personal matter," Lessing proceeded. "What I have to say won't take long, Mr. Lessing." "Would you mind coming to the point? I am as you can readily guess however much or little you know about me, an extremely busy man."

"If you want me to get to the point, here it is—what right have you to have my movements followed?" Lessing was in no way perturbed. "Every right, I think; as has transpired. You have heard of the pot calling the kettle black, Mr. Foster. He raised his voice slightly. "A man, sir, who follows a lady as you followed Miss Dexter last night requires to have his movements over-looked, nor has he any right to complain if they are."

Robin was unprepared for this counter-attack, but he rallied quickly. "Complain, indeed!" he exclaimed. "Don't imagine I've come here with any whining complaints to you. I've come here to ask you what the devil you mean by it. I have explained to Miss Dexter the reason for what I did, and she has accepted your implied reason, week though it is—for there are certain things behind it I am totally unable to understand. I take it you mean I was shadowed because I was seen following Miss Dexter?"

"You may take what you please, I would ask you what right have you, sir, to communicate in any way with Miss Dexter or to visit her?" "If you are going to adopt that tone," answered Robin warmly, "I must refer you to the lady herself. But in the meantime there's another point on which I'm entitled to enlightenment. Who followed me and why?"

"That is my business." "Exactly! That's why I'm here. But it happens to be mine, too. I want to know where I stand." "I should imagine you stand outside the whole affair. You have no need to worry—so long as you restrain your curiosity."

"Mr. Lessing, perhaps we can reach an understanding. Won't you be more frank with me? It is Miss Dexter herself I am concerned about. I know she is your affianced wife, but..." "I am glad you condescend to recall the fact."

"That's all very well," retorted Robin, stung into anger again, "but you seem to forget or overlook my position."

"I was not aware you had one where either Miss Dexter or I are concerned. What do you mean?" "Is it necessary for you to ask? I have a certain right to know your intentions, since circumstances have implicated me in the matter."

"Circumstances? Oh, I see," rejoined Lessing, throwing back his head and puckering his brows, as though carefully considering this fresh aspect. Then he added with cutting sarcasm: "You, I fancy, wish to be recompensed for your gallantry, and so on, is that it? Now I begin to comprehend. Of course, of course; I might have guessed. A sum of money, perhaps?"

Robin's face flushed and his right hand was involuntarily clenched as he returned Lessing's blandly insolent stare. "Apparently it suits you to be insulting, Mr. Lessing, and to dodge the real issue. What your reason is, I don't know. It is of Miss Dexter I am thinking, not of myself."

"Then I would counsel you to think of her no further." The words came like the whirlwind. "Permit me to state the reasons of doing all the thinking that is necessary in that connection. That lady's affairs have nothing to do with you."

"Look here! Don't you talk to me like that. Just come off your perch and talk business. I know nothing of you and care nothing for you. I refuse to be impressed. I take a man as I find him, and if you're not man enough..."

As he spoke, Robin Foster's voice died on his lips through his sheer astonishment at the amazing change that came over Peter Lessing. Under the blast of the other's words, Lessing's head jerked forward, his features were almost convulsed, and his eyebrows moved with a simoniacal twitch. He seemed to be transformed.

"You!" he exclaimed furiously. "You miserable six-a-penny artist! You cheap scribbler. You dare to come to a gentleman's house and speak like that. To me!" He took a step forward and his right arm shot out menacingly with the



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fingers extended, shaking with rage. "Get out! And if I find that by any means you try to..."

"Then his voice, too, died away. He in his turn, saw Robin Foster charge countenance and visibly start. "But it was the direction of Robin's intense gaze that reduced Lessing to silence. He followed that gaze with his own, and the eyes of both for a brief instant rested on Peter Lessing's outstretched forearm from which, in his excitement, the sleeve had been forced up almost half-way and taken the wide starched linen cuff with it. Instantly the arm was dropped. Lessing's brow in his breath audibly and bit his lower lip."

"I think," Mr. Foster, he said smoothly, "you will realize there is nothing to be gained by prolonging this conversation, interview—call it what you will."

Robin's indignation and surprise had left him. In their place was startled wonderment. He had the air of one who all at once had unexpectedly stumbled on the possible solution to an intricate problem, and yet was still incredulous about it.

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JACOBY ON Canasta

For Beginners - 19

A canasta is seven of a kind -- for example, seven ace, seven kings, or seven of anything else. If you make a canasta with seven natural cards, your side gets a bonus of 500 points. However, if you use one or more wild cards to help make your canasta, your side gets a bonus of only 300 points.

Both bonuses are very large compared to the other scores that you can make in the game. Your chief object, therefore, is to make as many canastas as possible. You play to go out, ordinarily, only when you believe that the opponents would otherwise make more canastas than your side would.

Although you want several canastas, the first canasta is the most important one to make. The reason is that your side must have at least one canasta when you meld out. After you have made your first canasta you are able to choose between melding out and keeping the hand alive. If you never make a canasta, you are not allowed to meld out, so you have no choice in the matter.

Save these simple instalment's. If you're a beginner, you'll soon be able to profit from the tips given in the second part of this article. If you're an experienced player, save the first half to teach the game to others.

For Experienced Players - 19

"The opponents had not yet melded," writes a Chicago reader. "We had two or three small melds and one big meld that consisted of four kings, a deuce, and a Joker. Both my partner and I had over a dozen cards. In this situation I added a deuce to the meld of kings, thus completing a canasta. "Was this a poor play? Please explain."

It was a poor play. This is one situation in which you should try to eat your cake and have it too. The open meld makes it expensive for either opponent to discard a king. If an opponent decides to keep a king or two in his hand, he may clutter up his hand and he may discard something else that is almost as bad.

Once the canasta is made either opponent can discard a king without giving up 300 points by his discard. In other words, there is less pressure on the opponents when the canasta is made. However, remember that even after the canasta has been made an opponent's discard of a matching card will give you the discard pile (if you wish to take it).

Eventually, you may draw a king yourself. Then you can complete the canasta with the king, saving your deuce for some other useful purpose.

If you fail to draw a king and the opponents stubbornly refuse to discard one, you may eventually use your deuce to complete the canasta. There is certainly no need to do so before the opponents meld; and no very great hurry even then.

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