



By Thornton W. Burgess

SOME OTHERS DISAGREE

What appears a state of being, depends on who has done the seeing.

—Old Mother Nature.

It is queer, but true, that a thing may be as you see it, yet not be that way at all. It all depends on who see it, and how they see it. Peter Rabbit declared that the winter had been one

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A BAD ALIBI

It is all very fine to "place key cards where they figure to be because of an opposing bid," but that is never a sound alibi when the declarer could have used a safety play.

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 4 3
♥ K 10 9
♦ A K 5
♣ A J 10 8

West
N E
S W

♠ 9 8
♥ 7 2
♦ 10 8 7 4
♣ K 6 5 3 2

The bidding

North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ 1 ♠
2 ♣ Pass 4 ♥ (final bid)

West opened the queen of diamonds, and when South saw the dummy he announced his regret that he hadn't bid a slam. Taking the first trick, he drew the outstanding trumps and then confidently finessed the queen of clubs through the West. He was horrified when East took the trick and returned the nine of spades—and down South went.

It was highly superficial analysis on South's part, that placed West so surely with the club king because of his vulnerable spade bid. West's overall was perfectly correct without the club king, and in any case it was up to South to protect himself if he could. Full protection in this hand consisted of letting West hold the first trick with the diamond queen. Observing the effect, West can do no better than continue diamonds. Now South draws two rounds of trump, discards a club on dummy's second diamond honor, cashes the club ace and then leads the club jack through East for the safe ruffing-finesse. (If East covers the club jack, South ruffs, goes back to the table with a trump, and discards two spades on the 10-8 of clubs. If East plays low on the club jack, South discards a spade then and there, and continues with the club ten. This method of handling the club suit is called an "avoidance play"—i.e., it avoids the possibility that the dangerous hand, East in this case, will gain the lead.)

If the contract had been six hearts, or even if the hand had occurred at match-point play, South's club finesse through West would have been sound, but at rubber bridge, with overtricks inconsequential, the described safety play was a must.



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MORSE'S
Selected
ORANGE PEKOE
TEA in BAGS

We had eaten all the twigs and buds and bark we could reach. And if we hadn't been able to get out of our yard when we did, we would have starved to death. Even then, the icy crust cut our legs. I don't know how anyone can say that it has been a good winter," said Lightfoot.

Paddy shook his head. "You don't say," said he. "That is too bad. As for Mrs. Paddy and myself, it has been the best winter we've ever known. We haven't had a thing in the world to worry about. In some winters there have been leaks in our dam that have made us a lot of worry and trouble. But not this winter. As for

storms and cold, we know nothing about that. I sometimes think of Adeline Hoodless, prepared and read by Mrs. C. H. Weeks, was the highlight of the February meeting of Alberton Women's Institute. Mrs. James Hodgson was in charge of an original contest which took the form of a questionnaire on provincial and national W. I. work and also that of the A. C. W. W.

The roll call was answered with "Benefits of meeting together." The committee in charge of a recent card party reported a successful evening.

The school committee reported a number of articles needed for the school and, on motion, was

authorized to secure them. A Red Cross First Aid class is being organized and already twenty persons have enrolled. Instruction will be given by Mrs. Walter Wells, a qualified instructor, and the first lesson is scheduled for March 15th.

The next meeting will be in the Hall with Mrs. Joseph Callaghan and Mrs. C. H. Weeks as hostesses. The program on "Education" and a spelling bee will be arranged by Mrs. O. H. Phillips, Mrs. Earle Atkinson, Mrs. Eldon Miller, Mrs. Norman Hardy, and Mrs. Cedric Hunter.

At the close of the meeting the hostess was assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. G. J. Johnston and Mrs. J. A. Noonan.

PUBLIC INVITED

The public are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Hospital, in the Nurses' Residence at the Hospital on Thursday, February 24th, at 8 p.m., and will be given an opportunity to question or discuss administration of the hospital affairs.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the P. E. I. Plumbers' Association at the Auditorium of the Vocational School Thursday, Feb. 24th. All persons interested please attend.

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