

**MY COLUMN.**

(BY THE CUB-EDITOR.)  
ALL ABOUT BRIDGE.  
CHAPTER II.

The general principles of Bridge are well known to most people to be any explanation from me, but the sake of the completely ignorant, I shall deal with them briefly. It is of course a card game. A pack of 52 cards is used, and the

dealer is—as a rule—left out. The game is for four players and one of these is always, (whether actually or not is open to question), supposed to be a dummy. The cards are all dealt, one at a time, until each player has thirteen. It is always better to count one's cards because one never knows what a dealer may do. Some of them are very irresponsible people. To obviate any foul play on the part of the dealer, the cards are shuffled by the player on his left and cut by the one on his right. In spite of this, however, a very good dealer can usually manage to appropriate all the aces and most of the court cards for himself and his partner.

See. This is a feat which requires considerable practice, if perfection is the goal. Seeing is a very complicated process and is understood by very few players. This is a great advantage to those who can score, for through their superior knowledge, they can always add surreptitious points to their scores. There are a lot of other principles, both good and bad, in Bridge, but I will not discuss them further. There is enough information in this article to muddle the head of the beginner or the advanced player. Having got so far, therefore, I had better give a word of warning. If one intends to take up Bridge seriously one must be prepared.

- (1) To concentrate carefully, and if one's partner is a good looking representative of the opposite sex, attempt to ignore that fact absolutely. A Bridge player must have no mind for petty thoughts.
- (2) To try and remember every card that has been played and all that are going to be played. There are two ways of doing this. One is to take up Pfenning's; the other is to jot down the cards as they are played. The first is a bore and the second is not allowed. So there you are!
- (3) To be able to judge how the cards are distributed. This is best done by placing one's self so that there is a mirror opposite, reflecting the hands of the other players.

Next week I shall give some practical advice on bidding.

**RIMES OF THE TIMES.**

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**RECIPROACITY.**  
Two dames of Foxtrap met one day  
And quarrelled o'er a garden gate.  
Each seemed to have a lot of say  
And swore they'd break each other's pate.

The first one wanted to go through  
The gate. The other held her back  
And with a hammer which she drew  
Threatened her neighbor's bean to crack.

But was that dauntless dame afraid.  
Not she! A pitchfork then she took  
And standing there, for war arrayed,  
Said that no insults would she brook.

But just as women always do  
They dropped their arms and with their hands  
At one another's throats they flew,  
The older falls, the younger stands.

And so at last to court they came,  
And there the matter was thrashed  
The plaintiff was the vanquished dame,  
The accused, she who knocked her out.

"Two dollars" did His Honour say  
Or for five days you'll be interned.  
Accused replied "I will not pay  
For money saved is money earned."

Some "Beaver" Wit and Humor.

**TRADERS.**

"Tis verra re-remarkable," remarked  
Scotty, "how it is ye Canadians  
make money."

"No more than you Scotchmen," returned  
the Canuck, politely. "I once heard  
of a couple of Scotchmen who got  
cast away on a desert island. When they  
died, years later, they had both  
made millions trading their clothes  
back and forth to each other."

**SAFE, IF NOT SANE.**

"He's wandering in his mind."  
"That's all right; he won't go far."

**EVERYBODY'S DOING IT.**

A party of travelling men in a Winnipeg hotel were one day boasting of the business done by their respective firms, when one of the travellers said:  
"No house in the country, I am proud to say, has more men and women pushing its line of goods than mine."  
"What do you sell?" he was asked.  
"Baby carriages," said the drummer as he fled from the room.

**RIOTOUS.**

Speaking of Ireland, Mr. Oliver Herford says it is a land of patriotic people. The term patriot is derived from two Greek words: Pat, a patronymic, and riot, a national pastime.

**INDEFINITE.**

"Is this the hosiery department?" said the voice over the phone.  
"Yes," replied the weary saleslady.  
"Have you any flesh-colored stockings in stock?" asked the voice.  
"Yes," replied the weary saleslady.  
"Waddy wan—pink, yellow or black?"

**LUCKY GIRL.**

It was leap year, and Lisa was forty and single, so when Luke called up on the telephone, the following conversation took place:  
Luke—Hello, is dis Miss Lisa?  
Lisa—Yes, dis is Lisa. What does you want?  
Luke—I jes' thought as how I'd call and ask you would you marry me, Miss Lisa?  
Lisa—Laws! Yessah! Yessah! Who am I?

**HE WAS NERVOUS.**

A passenger thrust his head out of a car window and excitedly exclaimed: "A woman has fainted in here, has any one any whiskey?"  
A man in the crowd handed up a bottle from his hip pocket to the passenger, who put it to his lips and drained the contents, and then said aloud: "It always did make me nervous to see a woman faint!"

**SHAMEFUL.**

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And yet they linger in my dreams.  
Those days of old when it was willed  
That I must keep the coal stove filled  
And early quit my cosy bed  
To clear a path unto the shed.

aghast at finding a newly arrived guest with his arm around his daughter's waist.  
"Mandy, tell that niggah to take his arm 'way from 'round yo' wals," he indignantly commanded.  
"Tell him yo'self," said Amanda.  
"He's a puffed stranger to me."  
**FOR THE BLIND.**  
A small Hebrew storekeeper down in New York, much to the surprise of his brethren, blossomed forth one morning with a gorgeous new blind on his store window. Of course it was the envy of all the tribe. Also the cause of many questions. "Nice blind, Isaac," began one of his neighbours. "Yes, Aaron." "Vat did it cost you, Isaac?" "It didn't cost me nothing, Aaron; my customers paid for it." "Your customers, vy Isaac!" "Sure, Aaron. I put a leadle box on my counter marked 'For the Blind' and they paid for it."

**HERB'S BUSY DAY.**  
Old Herb Sharples was sitting, reading his mail in his store the other day, and a stranger entered. Herb approached him, and asked him what he wanted. "Oh, I'm just looking around," replied the stranger. "Well," said Herb, "come in tomorrow. I'm too busy to watch you now."  
**HE WILL DO.**  
BUSINESS MAN (to young lad seeking employment): "Weren't you here two weeks ago, and didn't I tell you that I wanted an older boy?"  
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