

in the center fore
a woman is sitting at a kitchen table
playing cards

it is an ordinary woman
fiftyish with brown hair
at an ordinary kitchen table
turquoise flecked arborite with shiny chrome legs
and you can tell by the cards
two ace piles underway and one king with a five-card genealogy
that it's an ordinary game

in the background
where the fridge and cupboards might be
is a mural collage
newspaper clippings about Burger King and labour in Mexico
letters to the editor about bicycle lanes and certain pharmaceuticals
requests from Amnesty International, Energy Probe, Civil Liberties
articles exposing Faberge, Kimberly-Clark, Ontario Hydro, General Electric
pamphlets detailing the drug trade on playgrounds and black-bashing stats
factsheets on styrofoam and pesticides and nuclear accidents

nevertheless she sits there
'just minding her own business'
passing time

Playing Solitaire