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and I think one reason why the Western Home Monthly is so popular is because it is for both men and women, boys and girls. I live in a pretty little village which has a beautiful lake and several ponds which are fed by bubbling springs, and out of which beautiful trout are caught, but as these bodies of water are owned by companies and private parties only certain people are allowed the privilege of fishing. Then, too, we have beautiful trees of most every kind growing in large numbers, such as maple, beech, birch, elm and cedar, also we have great quantities of fruit. These are a few things that the Eastern people can boast of, and that the Western people are in great need of, especially in some parts. We have an electric power plant near our village which supplies light to us and to several other towns some distance away. There are a number of questions under discussion in this column—one "Country Life v. City Life." I have lived in both the country and the city, and I think it is just a matter of choice, as there are advantages and disadvantages in both city and country. Of course it is more healthy in the country. Then as to the question of amusements. I think each person should have a mind of his own, and be ruled by one's own conscience in doing what one thinks is right or wrong. I agree with Onlooker in giving our Correspondence a different name, and would suggest—Friendship. Wishing the W.H.M. continued success. A Canadian.

Good Wishes for the Bachelors

Alberta, November, 1912.

Dear Editor: I have been a silent reader of your very welcome paper the W.H.M. and enjoy it very much. I only wish it would be published at least twice a month. I am fond of reading and especially now when I am unable for much else, having had an operation a short time ago. There has been quite a lot of chitter chatter on dancing and card playing. I will not say much this time, but will say this: much praise for Josephus' letter and very much for Ontario Girl's. I enjoyed them both so much. Christmas will soon be here again. How quickly and quietly another year has slipped by. What great New Year resolutions we make and how many of them are upset. This year seems to me to have been but a few months. I have been ill so much, and the days came and went so quickly and I was unable to enjoy things as I usually do. We have a good church not far away from our place, and we generally have a Christmas entertainment—the wee folk seem to enjoy it so much and especially when Santa comes around. What an old man Santa must be. You poor bachelors far away, I hope Santa will not forget to call on every one of you. I see Mr. Editor is beginning to look around for that awful w.p.b. but I am going to close now, with hearty good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all. My address is with the Editor, and anyone wishing to correspond will have their letters promptly answered. I will sign myself just Half Past Sixteen.

Working on a Farm

Virden, Man., November, 1912.

Dear Editor: Being a subscriber of your magazine for several years past, and finding it a most wonderful paper, I think there is not one that can get up to it. I am at present working on a farm, but am thinking of going to the city of Winnipeg in a while. I can say I like the country life fine. I also like going to a good party and home dances as I don't see any harm in them. This being my first letter I will close. I would like to correspond with Motor Girl if she will write me—my address is with the Editor. Curly Alick.

A New Name

Montreal, December, 1912.

Dear Editor: I was looking over a couple of the back numbers of the W.H.M. Of course the Correspondence column caught my eye, and as it is cold and stormy out, and a feeling of sadness steals over me that my soul cannot resist. I suppose I have a fellow feeling for some of our Western friends who cannot call up their friends for a chat over the phone whenever they are feeling blue,

I thought I would write a few lines, and if any one cares to correspond I will be delighted as I love getting letters. I think Constance is right in urging the correspondents to elevate the tone of the letters, some of which are most interesting. They could be made to take us away from our every day cares and worries and give us mental stimulus instead of expatiating on the merits and demerits of the Western bachelors and whether the girls should do chores or not. Each person's actions should be regulated by their circumstances, and as circumstances alter cases, no one should make any hard and fast rule for themselves or others. Now I know pretty much what there is to do on a farm, having lived all my life on one with the exception of a couple of years, and although I love the country I think that country people, as a rule, do not cultivate their literary talents enough and are apt to get into a rut, but I also think that nowhere can one find more kind hearted people. Some one suggests a name for the club. Bravo! How would Maverick's club do, for surely there are strays all over the world belonging to it. A Reader writes in a rather sad key, let me remind him of Browning's beautiful lines.

The best is yet to be
The last of life for which the first was made

Our times are in His hand
Who said, a whole I planned,
Grow old, see all, be not afraid.

Wishing the W.H.M. continued success, and all its readers a Happy New Year, I will sign myself, Sunshine.

A Difficult Problem.

Nova Scotia, Nov. 25th, 1912.

Dear Editor: I am a reader of the W.H.M. and wish to join the Correspondence column if I may. I think one can make many good friends in this way. What do our readers think, in regard to the much discussed question as to whether young people should marry while possessing nothing, or wait until the home is all ready. Many young couples begin with practically nothing so far as worldly possessions go, but they have affection and confidence in each other. In five or ten years they still have nothing but the same wealth of affection and three or four bonny lads and lasses, and they are content and happy. Other couples might begin with a nice home and everything needed, but in five or ten years there is poverty of affection and discontent. Then, of course, there are the young people who begin together to make a home, and in course of time they become prosperous, and if they have worked together in harmony, aiming each to please the other, happy are they indeed. Now my opinion is, that much depends upon the individual disposition. Those who can be happy with one they love in any circumstances could marry any time. Those who could not be happy unless in easy circumstances, should not marry until they could afford to. I think it hard to apply any general rule. But it is only fair to my sex to say that the majority of women will marry the man they love (if he wants her to) be he rich or poor, and will try to build up the true home. I'll welcome correspondents of either sex, and will answer every letter received. Lonesome.

Setting a Good Example.

Manitoba, November 14th, 1912.

Dear Editor: I am not a subscriber as yet, but I am willing to be one just the same, so here goes, enclosed is my subscription, and I will commence right in with the December number. I have been here all the harvest, and the people I am working for are subscribers to your valuable paper, and I, of course, have read it, and find now I cannot do without it. As I am moving farther up West I must have one of my own. I should like to make a little comment on some of the letters written by other readers. In the first place I notice in the November issue that Ontario Girl abuses the greatest of amusements—dancing. Now I would like to say that it is the best exercise for the body and limbs in general, and I myself have done quite a lot of it, both in England, the States and Canada, and I find all are different, but the healthy exercise is



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