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THE PIANO OF TO-DAY.

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Correspondence

Our correspondence columns are growing enormously. The number of letters received last month enclosed in blank envelope with stamp attached with instructions to forward same on to some one or another writer, kept us busy a part of the time. We do not mind a little extra work if we can be of any real service to our readers in introducing those who are matrimonially inclined.

Send along your letters, we will forward them with pleasure to any writer in these columns with whom you wish to get acquainted.

Note:—We are not at liberty to send you the name and address of any writer, so please do not make such a request. Should you desire to get acquainted, forward us your letter enclosed in blank envelope with stamp attached and we will mail it to the person you designate.

Owing to the large number of letters sent us for publication, we are obliged to hold some of them over until next month, when they will appear in due course.

A Chance for Alberta Ranchers.

Portage la Prairie, Man., June 5th 1906.
Editor:—I am an interested reader of your magazine, and believe it the best in Canada. I have been nearly three years in Manitoba, and have met a few bachelors and not many of them were "pokey old way-backs, or consumers of strong drink," as a lady writer in your magazine dubbed them. Most of those whom I met impressed me as being good whole-souled clean-living men.

When we consider the difficulties they have to overcome the only wonder is they are as decent as they are. No girl could be expected to marry a drinking man and undoubtedly some of the bachelors are that, but is not the same to be said about a good many "town-men." "Young Woman," seems to have been very unfortunate in the bachelors she has met and I hope she will soon meet some who will correct the first impression. In your December number there was a letter from "Vacuum" telling us he wanted not only a housekeeper but a wife. Good for "Vacuum." Too many men are merely looking for some one to do the housework for them. I should like to meet some of the Alberta ranchers, but they must be sober, industrious and fairly well educated.

"A Manitoba Girl."

Bachelors, Wake Up.

Regina, May 9th, 1906.
Editor:—Your correspondence page is indeed interesting. I have lived in the West for a year and a half and have much sympathy for the Western bachelors. There is a lonely lot to be sure. Many of them, no doubt, do not wish to change. I know several about here who appear to be well satisfied with their bachelor life. If they are not satisfied why do they not make some effort to get acquainted with us girls. Some of your young men have been in the West for a number of years and their finances are now ample to meet the needs of a comfortable domicile. I read a number of letters from bachelors in your magazine, and you would think that the average bachelor regards getting married as a matter of business, such as the buying of a horse or a piece of farm machinery, etc. It is a serious business and no girl cares to be looked upon as a menial. Some express themselves as wanting one "strong and willing to work." Oh! yes, and she must be good looking too. I like "Vacuum's" way of putting it. He doesn't want simply a housekeeper, but a wife.

"Bachelor Girl."

"In the Matrimonial Market."

Alkenseide, Man., May 26th, 1906.
Editor:—It is with great interest that I have watched the correspondence in your valuable magazine, the Western Home Monthly. I am a farmer's daughter, twenty-one years of age and am considered good looking, having fair hair, fair complexion, and deep blue eyes. I have all the qualifications of a good housekeeper and am willing to do my share of the work, but draw the line at milking cows, feeding pigs, and getting up and lighting the fire on a winter's morning.

I would like to correspond with any nice young bachelor who is tired of single-blessedness.

Widowers, grass-widowers and cranks need not apply.

"Clover Top."

A Fortunate Young Man.

Norwood, Man., June 5th, 1906.
Editor:—The letter signed "Vacuum" in a recent issue of your magazine on the matrimonial questions seems to be most sensible and temperate. It seems a remarkable thing that so many bachelors should be unable to find wives. I have been in this country nearly a year, which of course is not very long, but at the same time have met young women who would only be too glad to meet a young man such as any of your correspondents describe themselves to be. I may say, I myself am among the number.

"Interested."

Victoria wants an Introduction.

Coleman, Alta., June 7th, 1906.
Editor:—I am a constant reader of the interesting correspondence appearing in your magazine. So far I have not met with a desirable farmer or rancher and I agree with other correspondents that they are rather inclined to waste too much money in drink. No doubt they are tempted to this by their loneliness and if, as one writer puts it, if they could meet with "Miss Right"

rich. I am good looking, a piano player, a vocalist, and have a second-class teacher's certificate and am going on for my first-class.

I am not thinking of such a thing as marriage. I prefer playing the piano, singing or studying. These old pokes are telling untruths and expect young girls to believe them. Don't believe a word they say. We girls of Manitoba and the North-West should aim for a higher station in life than to get married to such old "toughs" as some of these are. I wish to tell the bachelor from "Wakapa" he is right when he says the girls of Manitoba are contented.

That writer from "Stoetzel" I hope will be disappointed, he wants a slave and not a wife. We are as independent as you, Mr. Bachelor. If ever I wed I mean to get a rich banker or merchant, etc. No messback with hayseeds in his whiskers for me. Oh! No, thank! "Youthful Manitoban."

Defends the Bachelor.

Alameda, Sask., June 9th, 1906.
Editor:—Your magazine is excellent. Permit me to say a few words in



A TYPE OF GIRL WHO WILL "MAKE GOOD" IN THE CANADIAN WEST.

they would be glad to spend their lives at home, provided it was made happy and comfortable. I am an orphan, and came out to this country last July from England.

I am cheerful, affectionate, attractive, and past 30, a good housekeeper, well educated, musical, and would gladly correspond with a refined farmer or rancher of similar tastes. I shall be grateful to you if you will help introduce me to some of your bachelor readers.

"Victoria."

Farmers Not Wanted.

Miami, Man., May 26th, 1906.
Editor:—Your correspondence page is indeed interesting. These old pokey bachelors are stingy old critters and are protesting they do not drink or smoke, but I would judge that 90 per cent of them are not telling the truth. Don't believe what these old pokes say, and don't be too anxious to get married. You will simply be expected to help and slave to assist pull pokey hubby out of a hole. Girls, remain single and make something of yourself in the world. Don't tie yourself up to some stingy old "Bach" to do his housework for him. Just as soon as one of those old "chumps" get a homestead they think that we girls of Manitoba should rush to his assistance and help make him

defence of the bachelor. The bachelor has been the forerunner of settlement in this country and is not deserving of the abuse of some of the lady writers. His lot is a hard one and if his critics were in his place they would not do half so well as he has done. The trouble is today, the girls are all for education, or some way of making their living without work, such as teaching, office work, etc.

Every mother should teach her daughter to first learn housework, she would then be useful to her parents and when she gets married her husband would not be obliged to teach her how to keep house as is often the case. There are many maidens of marriageable age about here, but they are looking to wed some one better than a farmer. The newcomers from Europe are marrying our bachelors and will have good homes and be living in comfort when the maiden ladies of today, then (old maids) too old in fact to support themselves will be a burden to their friends. Possibly they expect the government will keep them in their old age.

"An Observer."

"Agrees with Spinster Aged 19."

Paynton, Sask., May 6th, 1906.
Editor:—I heartily agree with what "Spinster aged 19" has to say on bach-