

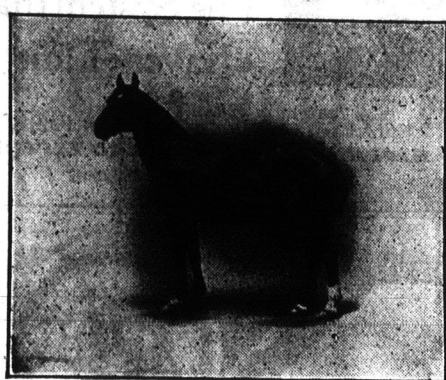
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A Toast.

To her, the girl we love, a toast, a toast!
There is none like her in the world so wide;
That she is fairest fair each makes his boast.
Be she the wife of years, sweetheart, or bride;
All other beauty soon must fade beside Her loveliness. Then fill them up, mine host!

To her, the girl we love, a toast, a toast!
There is none like her in the world so wide!
With her beside us there is not the ghost
Of any care; stern fate we may deride;
Laugh in the face of sorrow; yea, almost,
With her for pilot, stem both time and tide;
To her, the girl we love, a toast, a toast!
There is none like her in the world so wide!

—Celia Myrover Robinson.

In Fair Canadie.

(Written in Scotland.)

O bonnie, bonnie mune in the lift sae;
hie,
Wham saw ye in the Nor'land awa
ayont the sea?
Where stars like diamonds shine an' a
fervid sun glows fine
On the grapes that bend the vine in
fair Canadie.

Wham saw ye bonnie mune? an' what
said he?
What message sent my ain love to
me frae ower the sea?
Said he ne'er a word ava?—will he no
come when the snaw
Fa's deep an' covers a' in fair
Canadie?

O mune that winna tell, tak this kiss
frae me,
An' when his sleep ye smile on ower
there ayont the sea,
Loot to my love fu' fain, be kind an'
dinna hain,
Till he dreams o' me again in fair
Canadie.

—Jessie Kerr Lawson.

A Letter From Afar Off

Palmarito, Oriente, Aug. 7, 1909.
Editor.—When I see so many of the young folks express their opinions in the columns of your delightful, instructive and helpful paper it makes my fingers fairly itch with "sch-eif-lust," so I will try to wedge in a few lines, which I hope to see in print, if the Editor finds it worth while on the wastebasket happens to be under the table or somewhere else.

Although I am so awfully far away from the old Dominion now, it has been my home for the most part of my life, and the W. H. M. was my best chum and companion long before the interesting and popular, and in some cases, amusing, correspondence section was "borned."

When I get to be hunting for a "pard" in life's trials and tribulations it will be to have her make home happy and life sunny, and not to have her do the chores or be a kind of slave. I don't believe in such tactics, and those who do will not get much real happiness. I don't think milking cows is fit work for women, aside from it's being very hard work; I don't like it myself. I think that the "stronger vessel" is entitled to do all of the most disagreeable outdoor chores when he is able; when there are cows to milk, to do that; feed the pigs and calves, and certainly "dehob" all de vater, an' gearry all de vood," as the Dutchman said once.

I do not believe in being in a hurry to get married. Even if you bachelors find it very trying to be compelled to get your own meals, and do the housework and mend your clothes or sew on buttons, don't be in a hurry for all that, but wait till you meet the one that you love truly and everlastingly, win her and make her happy. One that will love you in return and make reasonable sacrifices if necessary; that is, if you don't stay away evenings and drink liquor; or when you do stay home, don't swear, squirt tobacco juice or do your best to suffocate her with smoke. The same rule applies to girls, with changes to suit the circumstances. That is, they have faults of their own. You cannot expect your man to love you very well if you are constantly fretting and fault finding, and less your balance for every trifle that bars the way. Life is certainly not too cheerful without a doleful face and a complaining tongue.

When a farmer marries, he must try to get an economical and frugal wife. Life will not be all honey and milk in company with an extravagant butterfly of a woman, who will only care for fine dress and costly materials, and who is afraid of housework. But on

the other hand the girls must beware of a man that is too stingy to keep her supplied with plenty of decent clothes and good grub after marriage. I never saw any happiness where stinginess prevailed, and we must remember that we don't live only to save money nod solely to spend it either but there is a vast difference between stinginess and sensible economy. Money is made for the good and value we can get in exchange for it, and not to hoard for the sake of its glitter.

I see that all the others give their descriptions, but I am afraid that this letter is too long already, so suffice it to say that I am aged 18, 6 feet tall and weigh 160 pounds. The rest I will leave till next time. I live in a beautiful country where winter never begins and summer never ends, so I ought not to be lonely, but there are few of my countrymen here and far apart, and I seldom get a chance to speak my native language but Spanish and Swedish and the rest of them. I would consider it a great favor if some lonely lass would get busy with her pen for a long-distance chat with me, and the boys, too, for that matter, and I will answer all letters promptly. Come, let's exchange ideas, and souvenirs, if you like. I will now close this time, wishing our dear W. H. M. all the success it richly deserves. "Palenque."

Tiger Lily Is Broadminded.

Wawanesa, Man., Aug. 7, 1909.
Editor.—I have only taken your paper for a short time, yet I find it exceedingly interesting, especially the correspondence columns. I find some of the letters are very sensible, while others are extremely silly.

In the April issue of the Western Home Monthly I saw a letter from a lady who said, few who write remember to say they are Christians. People who are Christians do not go onto the rooftops to shout it out; they leave it to be found out by others.

Another thing the women say is, a man cannot be any good if he smokes or drinks. All the best young men that I know do both of these things. By saying drink I do not mean taking too much. As for smoking, I think that it does not look like a home if a man does not do that.

There is also one other thing I think quite right; it is for a wife to help husband with his outside work. I can milk cows, feed his ves, pigs and hens, and I do not think myself one bit the worse for doing it. Now I believe I have run other people's letters down enough, but I hope my letter is printed that they may have a chance back at me.

I see it is a usual thing to tell what a person looks like, so I will try to describe myself. I have medium brown hair and dark hazel eyes, am five feet three inches tall and weigh 110 pounds. As for age, I am over 10 and under 20. If any of the bachelors who do the very wicked things I mentioned in the first part of my letter care to write to me I shall be only too happy to answer them. Wishing your paper every success, "Tiger Lily."

From a City Lass.

Winnipeg, August 7, 1909.
Editor.—I have been getting your valuable paper for some time and would like to be a regular subscriber. I take much pleasure in reading the correspondence column. I read "Sauerkraut Bill's" letter in January number and think he has a high opinion of what a woman should be. I would like to correspond with him. My address will be found with the editor. As it seems the custom to describe one's self, I will do the same. I am 22 years old, 5 feet 5 inches in height, weigh 140 pounds, dark brown hair and blue eyes, fair complexion. I am a very good cook (if I have plenty to cook with). I am a Winnipeg girl and live at home with my mother. I hope you can find space for this in your next month's issue. Please send enclosed letter to "Tin Plate." Wishing your paper every success, I remain, "Happy Maid."

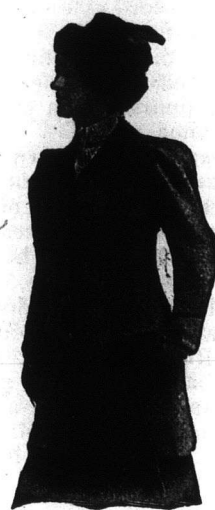
Teeny Boy Is Musical.

Baldur, Man., August 10, 1909.
Editor.—Have been an interested reader of your paper, especially the correspondence column, for some months. Should very much like the address of "Western Girl," "Sweet Sixteen," and of any others who would care to correspond with a very lonely bachelor. I am English, age 24, height 5 feet 9 inches, brown hair, complexion varies according to the weather. I am musical, educated, full of fun, can ride anything in the way of horses and fond of every kind of sport. Hoping the dear girls won't be shy in answering this appeal, yours in fun and frolic, "Teeny Boy."

June Bug Has Her Say.

Pictou, Aug. 12, 1909.
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