

Correspondence.

A Few Comments.

Raymore, Sask., June 20th, 1911.
Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to offer a few comments on "An Englishman's Visit to the Old Land" from the pen of Mr. Chew, which appeared in your June number. In the first place I don't think that Mr. Chew need have so conspicuously labelled himself as "not aggressively patriotic," for no man who can so deliberately slander the working men of his own country as Mr. Chew has done will ever have to face that charge. As an Englishman who came to this country 17 years ago, and who has since spent approximately half his time in England and half in Canada, with experience in both places as employer as well as employee I think I know a little of both sides. What Mr. Chew has to say about the English bricklayer and farm laborer is so glaringly untrue that I expect the majority of your readers have passed the statements over with the contempt they deserve, but if Mr. Chew, or anyone else, would like to get the facts as to the difference in speed of the English and American bricklayer I make no doubt either the master builders or the bricklayers' unions of Manchester will supply them, for since the ship canal was built there have used some of their own men, consequently there was lots of opportunity for comparison, but I did not hear of many of the English bricklayers losing their jobs through it. I will admit that the American bricklayer does lay a greater number of bricks in a day, but does Mr. Chew know that there is considerable difference in the size of the average American brick and the English one. Then again, if the average building that I see in this country is anything to go by, there is some difference in the work when it is done, and it is not in favor of the American either. (I am following Mr. Chew in the use of word American). Now as to the farm laborer and the row of stakes that Mr. Chew speaks of, I grant that Mr. Chew would not see many of those quick spurts of work that so delight the heart of the American, but there was also another thing he would not see and that is the sudden stop that is generally not very far from the start. I think if Mr. Chew, or the majority of those who he is setting up as models, will go and follow the English farm laborer at his own work from morning until night for one week they will find that Sunday does not come too soon. If these men are such poor tools at home why is it that they so soon get the best wages when they get here.

I suppose Mr. Chew's "Americanism" transforms them.

I am as proud of Canada and Canadians as Mr. Chew can be (or should I have said America and Americans), and am more than pleased with this land of my adoption, but I think I can still be all that without throwing slurs on the land of my birth.

Another who is not "aggressively patriotic,"
Raymore.

A Scotch Correspondent.

Ayrshire, Scotland, 18, 2, 11
Dear Sir,—Through the medium of a neighbor who has a son in Western Canada, I have made the acquaintance of your paper, and must say I have been agreeably surprised with the many and varied subjects dealt with therein. In glancing over your correspondence column I am particularly struck with the letter of "Only a Mere Girl," in your December issue (which number I have been so fortunate as to have the opportunity of perusing, and I should like to have the opportunity of at least seeing a little more of her common sense views in print. Although I am not a blackhand, I am not sufficiently conceited to suppose that I am entirely free from faults, in fact I must admit several habits. All of which, however, are not bad. And it is good to know that there is someone even if so far away, that is willing and able

to overlook them. Your articles on the rise and development of various now important points in your vast country, (which, I observe, are from the pens of well-known men) are most instructive, and give us stay-at-homes in the old country, an idea of the courage, perseverance, and dugged determination, of the pioneers who have made for the mother country such a valuable asset as Canada now undoubtedly is. As you will see from the heading of this letter my home is in the West of Scotland. It is a splendid place to live in, with beautiful surrounding country, but rather expensive. I am engaged in a shipping business but as promotion is very slow I intend in the course of another year to try my luck in your country. I am yours faithfully, "Golfiana."

From Over the Sea.

34 Goldstone Road, Hove Sussex, England, May 25th.

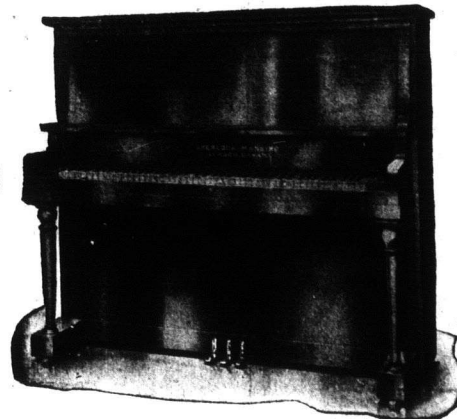
Dear Sir,—As my brother is a subscriber to your most valuable paper which he sends us every month I thought that as my letter was not in print I would try again. Some of the bachelors seem so very lonely I should very much like to be out there in amongst them just to cheer them up, for I'm sure they could do with it. As for a description of myself I'll leave out. I hope you will find just a small corner for my letter, shall be very pleased to answer all who care to write me. I enclose a letter to "Semper Fideles" in May number, will you kindly forward. Now, boys, cheer up and let me have a line from some of you soon. You will find my address with the Editor. Wishing your paper every success, I will sign myself, "A Gay English Lass."

Interesting Subjects for Discussion.

Sask., June 3rd, 1911.

Editor,—As an interested reader, I seek admission to your circle. The topics pertaining to correspondence, marriage and women doing outside chores, have been well discussed here and while venturing to suggest, that we discuss something else, "Reciprocity," "church union" vs. "Woman Suffrage" for instance, I also wish to give a few of my views on these subjects. Personally, I think that especially in this vast country, where many people have to live isolated lives, at certain times of the year, or again where one is apt to live in more thickly populated districts yet lacking congenial company, correspondence is a boon, and I warmly advocate it. If you girls, who write, would only realize, what a powerful influence even your letters have on your fellow-men, I think you would often think twice before you write. Some of you say, you do not object to liquor or tobacco, and sundry other things but you raise your voice in mighty protest against doing "outside chores." Woman has it in her power to raise the standard for mankind and it is to our shame, we often find it so low. A woman surely may be a great influence for good, so why not her letters. It seems to me that the ideal life for almost any normal woman is found in marriage, but before realizing the ideal, should she not well consider. Adelaide Proctor says, "Where the heart is tempted, most to trust it's fate, there with double caution linger, fear and wait." Be sure you are fitted mentally and physically and remember that "An honest man's the noblest work of God." Pray do not think I am presuming to offer you advice from the superior heights, gained by age and wisdom. These are but a few thoughts of a little country girl, yet in the very early twenties. They will not likely interest you, so neither will a description of the writer, but contrary to the majority of the fair readers, I cannot claim to be beautiful. I am very fond of both music and good books. I would be pleased to see more letters from Dasie. I am sure accounts of her travels abroad would be interesting to many of us. With best wishes to all the readers, I remain, "Star of the Night."

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