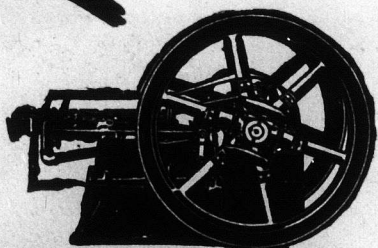


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Who Wants "Fairy"?

Dauphin, Man., March 11, 1910.

Sir.—I can no longer keep in the background for I wish to join your merry circle. My father has been a subscriber to your valuable paper for years and we could not be without it, as it's the favorite of the whole household. I think the correspondence columns are a splendid idea for people to get acquainted. I would like to correspond with some nice young fellow (I don't mean by "nice" that he's got small hands and feet, blue eyes and golden hair). I will answer all letters received. My address will be found with the Editor. Now, don't you think I am on the market as yet.

I am a farmer's daughter (and am glad of it, too,) and prefer the farm to everything else I have not tried.

"A Fairy."

From "Papa's Darling."

Moosomin, Sask., March 12, 1910.

Sir.—I have been an interested reader of your correspondence columns for some time but could never before make up my mind to write.

I am 17 years of age and have black hair and brown eyes. I am a little on the short side: 5 feet 3 inches, but will grow yet; weigh 126 pounds. I am very fond of music and dancing, but skating is my favorite amusement. I am a farmer's daughter, and can do all kinds of work inside and out.

Would like to correspond with any young gentleman, but don't prefer one that drinks or indulges in the soothing weed, or has a bad breath. My address is with the Editor.

"Papa's Darling."

Another Lonely One.

Eyebrook, Sask., March 16, 1910.

Sir.—Your very valuable paper has been coming regularly now for nearly three years. It is the most welcome paper I take. You certainly have improved it wonderfully since I first took it and hope you will continue to do so. "The Young Man and His Problem" is really interesting and the fiction is good. I am a lover of good reading and it is one of my pet hobbies in the winter months.

The young lady who signs herself "Modesty's Purest Gem" in the February issue is the kind of young lady the West can be proud of; no home is too good for her.

I am a young farmer in this beautiful district of Saskatchewan. I came from Ontario nearly three years ago to make a home of my own on account of my parents' death. I certainly have made a good start. I now have a good half section and a full line of machinery. The first year I started I bought four oxen and broke what I could. I thought it was quite a novelty to drive oxen at first, but the brightness soon wore off so I sold them and got five horses of the finest type. I have a good driver now and certainly enjoy it after driving oxen.

Well, some will perhaps want to know who I am and what I look like. I am 22 years old, have brown hair, blue eyes, am 5 feet 11 inches tall, weight 175 pounds. I would like a few lady correspondents to help keep batching from getting monotonous. I will gladly answer all letters.

"A Rival."

"Maple Leaf Jack" Has His Wish.

Nanton, Alta., March 13, 1910.

Sir.—I have never written to your valuable paper but have taken it for a number of years and have always been an intent reader of the correspondence columns.

It seems that the first thing one does is to describe himself, so here goes. I am 20 years of age, 6 feet 1 inch tall, have blue eyes, brown hair, weigh about 170 pounds; considered good looking; good natured and have no bad

habits. Am very fond of reading and music and can play on the violin and organ. I am very fond of sports—riding and skating are my favorites. I live on a large farm about three miles from the nearest town.

I would like to correspond with some nice looking girl with blue eyes, fair hair, 5 feet 6 inches tall, between 15 and 20 years old, as there are so few girls around here pleasing to my taste.

I leave my address with the Editor. Well, I will now ring off as I think I have used up about my share of the space in your paper. Hoping to see this in print before Halley's comet comes, I wish your paper every success.

"Maple Leaf Jack."

"Happy Tom" On the Warpath.

Manitoba, March 18, 1910.

Sir.—I am not a subscriber to your valuable paper but a friend of mine allows me the pleasure of reading it. I find special interest in your correspondence columns and wish to join your merry lot. I came from the East, and being in business for myself, have not made many acquaintances with the fair sex on account of having not much time. I am of a happy nature, kind and sympathetic and like lots of sports, and am a lover of music, playing several instruments myself. I smoke cigars and pipe quite frequently and am awfully sensitive. My age is 26 years, height 5 feet 7 inches, weigh 145 pounds and must tell you right here I like all nice ladies immensely; in fact, would do anything for them. I am considered quite good looking.

I would like to correspond with "Given" and "Just a Plain Ordinary Girl"; also "Happiness," or any of your jolly bunch. Any lady caring to write will always be sure of a reply and would exchange photos if desired.

"Happy Tom."

Advice from "Barkis."

Moose Jaw, Sask., March 18, 1910.

Sir.—Believing it is permissible for an outsider to write to your correspondence circle, I thought I would like to say a few words in commendation of some and condemnation of others of your family.

To one who believes in a Christian life and in striving for the uplifting of himself and those with whom he comes in contact, it comes as rather a shock to find so many of the gentler correspondents expressing their views so lightly on the subject of drinking, smoking, chewing and profanity. Was it not W. E. Gladstone who said that the mothers ruled the land? If the wives tolerate certain habits in their husbands, how can they expect to keep their children from these very things? Is not example the very best of instruction? If a man won't give up any of his bad habits before he is married, at the request of the one who is to become his life partner, it is certain that he won't do it afterwards. This is hardly the place, nor is there room, to discuss the morality of the habits just mentioned, but to those who are earnest and who "think," they should not be tolerated.

Girls, use your prerogative and power to the uplifting of society. Realize that "life is not an empty dream," but strive that you may leave behind you "footprints on the sands of time," that will not mislead any who may follow in them.

Unless you may all think that I am one who has no part nor parcel with you, I will give a description of myself. In the mirror I hold before me, I see a face with two brown eyes, and hair that wants cutting badly. Beyond this I will not venture, except that I am 24 years of age and a homesteader who does not feel lonely when he has plenty to do, but one who, at the same time, appreciates the company of the fair sex.

"Barkis."