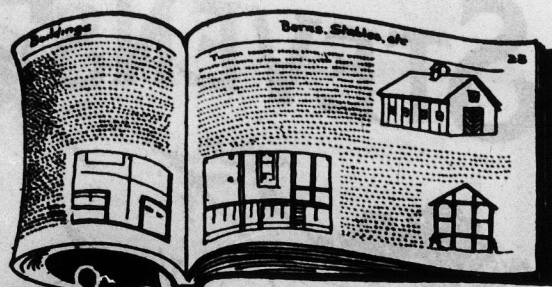


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I think it a splendid opportunity of becoming interested in other people's mode of living and learning something of the country which we may never have the opportunity to visit.

I am enclosing letters to "Interested" and to "White Pine" which I would like to have you forward for me, as I enjoyed reading their letters which were both interesting and intelligent. I would be glad to hear from any of the Western boys who are interested and would like to correspond.

"Toronto."

Alberta, Feb. 10, 1908.

Editor.—As I am an interested reader of the W. H. M., I decided to join the correspondence columns along with the many other old bachelors. Some of the letters are very amusing as well as interesting.

Seeing others give a description of themselves, I will fall in line. I have often met the train and not stopped it, so my looks are passable. Am dark, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weigh about 165 pounds, am 27 years old. I am Irish Canuck. I would like to correspond with any good sensible girl for pastime, to start with.

"Sage Brush Pete."

A Very Modest Man.

Glenemma, B. C., March 25, 1908. Editor.—I am a reader of your magazine and take great interest in reading your valuable paper.

I would like a little space in your correspondence columns. I have been batching for ten years and am a good cook. I am very tired of batching, for life isn't worth living without a wife, as I know from my experience.

I am 5 feet 8½ inches tall, weigh 160 pounds, have black glossy hair, 26 years of age. I am considered the most handsome man of Salmon River valley. I would like to correspond with girls between eighteen and 25 years of age who want a pretty man. Must be a Methodist church member.

"A Pretty Man."

Blue Nose Would Correspond.

Vernon, B. C., March 11, 1908. Editor.—I am a regular reader of your valuable magazine and consider it is second to none. The correspondence column is very interesting and entertaining. It gives us a splendid study in human nature, and I have no doubt is directly and indirectly the means by which many of us are drawn nearer in friendly relationship. I will hope to see this part of the paper continued so long as the spirit of honorable sentiment prevails.

I would be pleased to open a correspondence with some nice young ladies who are interested here. My name is with the editor.

"Blue Nose."

Short and to the Point.

Saskatoon, March 17, 1908. Editor.—I am a bachelor, with good one-half section, well educated, 36 years of age, temperate and steady. Would like to correspond with any nice girl who would not object to a pioneer life, one that has been accustomed to life on a farm.

"Gilbert."

Roses in Full Bloom.

Ontario, March 22, 1908. Editor.—Here are two Ontario girls who have been reading your worthy W. H. M. and thought we would like to write to the correspondence column, hoping this will find a place among the many.

We have found your paper very useful and interesting. As for the correspondence column, we enjoy it very much, and think some of the letters very witty, and in touch with our own ideas, especially "Yorkshire Bright's" letter of January.

How delightful this world would be if we all would try and make life happy, and what a good deed we Ontario girls would be doing if we could only help cheer some of the lives of the noble bachelors of the West.

We girls delight in a good time, but do not indulge in dancing as some of the fair readers do. Our home is on the farm, although we have lived in the city, so have obtained knowledge of both city and country life, and enjoy either.

"The Red Rose No. 5" is 5 feet 4 inches tall, black hair, brown eyes, weighs 125 pounds, and is 20 years old.

"The White Rose No. 3" has brown hair, blue eyes, 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighs 128 pounds, and is 20 years old. Both fair and are considered good looking. Do not like to express our own ideas for we might exaggerate.

Now, we would like to hear from some of the nice bachelors of the West, if they will write first, as we are "a wee bit bashful" to write first, but will be pleased to answer all letters received.

We will leave our address with the editor. Hoping this is not too long, we will sign ourselves, as we are,

"The Red Rose and White Rose."

"Norma" Joins the Circle.

Foxwarren, Man., March 21, 1908. Editor.—I have many times thought I would write to your interesting correspondence department. I now take the liberty of doing so.

I have been a close reader of these letters for nearly two years, following with great interest the squabbles between many of the writers.

Many of them of both sexes seem to

be in a great way for fear they will get left when pairing time comes.

Now, I am not that way myself, but would answer any letters addressed to me, as this correspondence among your readers might be the means of joining many who would otherwise live a life of single blessedness.

It seems to be the rule to give a short description of oneself so I may as well follow it. Age 18, height 5 feet 4 inches, weight 138 pounds, rather dark complexion, and black hair. Am a general favorite with the boys around here. I will try to answer all letters addressed to me from either sex. I will close with best wishes to yourself and all your readers. I am, yours very truly,

Norma."

Modest Sort of Girl.

Oberon, Man., March 24, 1908. Editor.—While spending the winter months with a friend I made the acquaintance of the W. H. M. I was not long in becoming interested in the correspondence column and with my friend "Oberon Girl No. 1," was anxious to try my luck. Hoping my letter will find favor, and I hope to receive some letters from the "lonely boys" we read so much about. If a prompt reply will make life any brighter they shall have it.

I like the letter signed "Interested." I have a brother who is a "Knight of the grip" and "a fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind."

I don't think I shall take up space with a description of myself. Time enough to give that when some of the "Boys" write and ask for it. Who will be the first, I wonder?

"Oberon Girl No. 2."

Souvenir Gatherers Not Wanted.

Vernon, B. C., March 11, 1908. Editor.—I have been a reader of the Western Home Monthly for two years and like it very much. It is amusing to read the different ideas in the correspondence column.

My idea of a wife is a "help-meet," not a "help-eat."

I agree with "Blueberry" in February number, about those men who are afraid that the girl will do a little work when they are married. I know a young farmer in Manitoba who would not allow a woman on the farm to milk cows before he left home to marry. But many a time has he asked his wife to milk the cows since.

I batched for two months and got my fill of it. I can tell one or two funny experiences.

My idea of a wife like suiting me is the daughter of a good mother, with a fair complexion, dark eyes, dark hair, tall, able to play some instrument, and, above all, a fine spirit.

I come from one of the border countries of Britain. I am 26 years of age, weigh 175 pounds net weight. Fair complexion, grey eyes, dark brown hair, strong constitution. Affectionate nature, Christian, total abstainer, abhor chewing tobacco, but smoke a little, just for company sometimes. I am not in a hurry to marry, but would like to correspond with a nice girl, with view to matrimony.

Any girl gathering souvenirs need not express any wish to hear from me personally.

"Farmer's Man."

Pitiful Pete has the Floor.

Austin, Man., March 17, 1908. Editor.—Although not a subscriber to your interesting magazine, I occasionally enjoy the opportunity of reading a copy, and, noting that your correspondence page is open to all, I thought I would write a short letter, hoping you will allow space for it.

I think this correspondence business is all right for amusement or pastime, but as for anything more serious I think one needs a personal knowledge before he forms any intimate friendship with those of the opposite sex. Not many men would buy a horse without seeing it, and isn't the choosing of a wife a far more serious matter than a horse deal?

I am not on the matrimonial market yet and am not at all good looking, but would like to exchange a few letters for pastime only with some of the fair sex.

I would like a girl correspondent about 16 or 17 years old, and don't care a continental what color her hair or her eyes may be as long as she is gentle and kind and true. Of course I do not measure up to this standard myself, but it is always human nature to like your opposite best.

Now, I will leave my address with the editor, hoping some nice girl will take pity on and write to

"Pitiful Pete."

A Widow With Experience.

Calgary, March 18, 1908. Editor.—As I have taken a great deal of interest in your correspondence column in the Western Home Monthly, I thought I would write and add a little myself.

I have not been in the West very long as I only came from Ontario about five months ago, but I will say I like it very much.

Some of the letters are so very amusing on both sides. It seems to me some of the writers want a wife or husband on the cut-to-order style. I think myself that there is a great deal to be said on both sides as I am a widow and have seen a lot of life both on this and the other side of the line.

Don't think by that, that I am as old as the ark or as the country is, for I