

Winnipeg, January, 1910.

good cook and housekeeper as well as a good musician. My advice to the girls is to learn to be good cooks for I think that one important point to be a good cook and housekeeper, but I do not see it is any benefit to them to learn to dance or to milk cows or feed pigs, etc. I see some of the young men like to get a kind of chore boy of a wife, but to my mind if a woman keeps the housework done she is doing her share, and perhaps more. I am pleased to see that so many of the girls are against tobacco and strong drink, but think they should be firmer against bad language. As I wish to get this letter in print I guess I had better ring off. I belong to the Methodist church and am trying to be a Christian. I am farming at present on a homestead. Now, if any one wishes to learn more of me they should write and I will gladly answer all letters as best I can although I am not an expert at writing. My address will be with the editor. Wishing the W. H. M. every success I will sign myself

"Blue Jacket."

Criticizes "Royal Arch Purple."

Viscount, Sask., Oct. 22, 1909.
Editor.—I have just become a subscriber of your most interesting paper although I have been a constant reader for some time back and take a double interest in your correspondence pages.

I would like to say a little about "Royal Arch Purple's" letter dated April 15th. As your heading states, he certainly fancies himself. Now Mr. "Royal Arch Purple," first you say you cannot understand why your first letter was not printed. Well, I guess if you were in a position like our editor and bored nearly to death with a lot of letters from lonely bachelors, love-sick maidens and a small amount of space, I think this would come under your comprehension. Secondly, you state that you will be willing to do your duty provided your wife does hers. Then you state you would have one "expound God's name with vigor and without fear." You think one ought to do one's duty towards God in spite of public opinion, and yet his duty towards his wife only under certain circumstances. Now, my dear sir, at your age (you say you are 30) you ought to know you cannot do your duty towards God without doing it towards your neighbor. Clashing the two things together, I'm afraid you are just a trifle inconsistent. Thirdly, you say you'll be boss. Did it ever occur to you that there may be some one in this country just a little bit more gifted with common sense than you are? Put yourself in your wife's place and see if you wouldn't like to have a little bit of say. You see, Mr. "Purple," if you start that game your wife's ideas (which you overpower with your, ah! superior knowledge of thin's) never come into action and she will soon lose all interest in your farm, your self and her surroundings and just like out a miserable sort of life that is no more or less than existence. Now, let me tell you if there is a boss needed between husband and wife, there's "bound to be a row." Surely the old saying "two heads are better than one" still holds true. And besides, my religious friend, your wife, you must remember, is one of God's creatures as much as you are and has a perfect right to have some say as to how her life is to be run; remember

"And just as short of reason he must fall,
Who thinks all made for one, not one for all."

Now, lastly, you remark that you will always tell anyone to their face what you think of them. Well, I'll admit that's straight forward anyhow, but are you sure you do not become a nuisance in doing so?

Remember this is a free country (very free) and there are very few with very much concern what your or any one else's individual opinion is. Of course, in a case like this where one writes a letter to a column that invites discussion, one must not feel too bad if the opinions do not meet unanimous approval, but in private life if you don't like the manners or ways of anyone, take the advice of one who would see you improve and leave them alone.

Now, Mr. Editor, I would like you to get me a few correspondents of the fairer sex. By the letters I have read I take it for granted that it is customary to give a description of one's self. Well, I am average height, weight and build, very fair, a bachelor and in fact very average in most things. As regards my looks, well "self-praise is no honor." My nationality can easily be distinguished by my signature. I heartily thank you in anticipation of

seeing this in print at an early date and with abundant success to the W. H. M. Hoping too much of your space and time have not been taken up by the ravings of "The Dougal Crater."

Correspondents for Pastime Only.

Edmonton, Alta., Oct. 20, 1909.
Editor.—I have been an interested reader of the W. H. M. for nearly a year, though I am not a subscriber (but soon will be) and am very much amused by the correspondence column. The letters are very interesting and so amusing, they catch me just right. I see it's the custom to describe one's self, so here is mine. I am 5 feet 9 inches in height, fair complexion, dark hair, blue eyes, age 18, weight 152 pounds, and do not use tobacco in any form or indulge in any drink stronger than tea or cocoa. Am fond of sports and girls. Am somewhat musical and can play the piano and two or three other instruments a little. My object in writing is to get up correspondence with some of the jolly girls between 18 and 23 just for pastime. I am strictly out of the matrimonial list, as I intend to wait a few years and take chances. I was interested in "Pin. Tassel" and "Lily of the Valley" letters in the April number and would like to correspond with them if they would write first. Thanking you in advance for the space in your valuable paper and wishing the W. H. M. the success it surely deserves. My address is with the editor. "Rattle Snake Pete."

A Study in English.

Elbow, Sask., Oct. 29, 1909.
Editor.—I have bin a constant reader of de W. M. M. for seferal years though not a subscripshun until dis last year in order to git your valuable monthly magazine moor regulator. I neffer been riting mit the correspondance column, though I haf aldeltimes eniojment reeding it, as some of de letters are interesting vile others are to. I aldeltime like to rite a letter so some of dem loaflie gales vud rite mit me, put I vus so pashful. Put at last I vil put on my dignitude and try and say sonding and if dem gales gif me sum curachment I vil say sonding more. I see sum of dem bois vot rite letters don't like red-headed gales. Vel, gales, I don't kare for dot, for I think that is vare dose bois mis it; if dem bois had to make so much trips in de time of de day vot luks like a drofe of black cats dey vould pe giat ven dey got somting red mit dem. I del you, bois, you mis it. Vel mape you like no vot I luck like. I vay five feet and ate elnches under ashur von hundred und sefentiate pounts, my ise luck like hazelnuts und my hare is kut vafy und luks like at nite ven de mune don't shine. I can play de fidel und sing und play de gitar to. I vil shust gif you a shveet refrane vot gose like dis ven I don't forget:

I vish I vus von elephant,
How happy I vud pe,
I vud lock mine shevheart in mine trunk,
Und aldeltimes cary de kee.

Is dot not shveet, gales? Now, you may al tink I vus krazy? Vel mape I am, I alvase shleep under von krazy quilt, ven I don't shleep sum under plases. I vil now gvit riting und saying nuding und lefe de flore for anoder limitcasilom. Vishing de Western Home Monthly every succesful.
"De Duch Warbler."

Thinks Lady Should Swear First.

Saskatchewan, Oct. 15, 1909.
Editor.—I have been an interested reader of the correspondence columns for a long time and some of the letters amuse me very much. Now, girls, I think some of you are a little hard on the boys. I don't see any harm in a boy smoking or chewing but no real gentleman would swear before a lady. Well, I guess some of you will want to know what I'm like. I am 5 feet tall and have dark brown curly hair, violet blue eyes, and am 17 years old; am a store clerk by trade. Now, any one wishing to correspond with me will find my address with the editor and be answered with pleasure. I may add I am not on the matrimonial list, as I think I am a little young yet. I never lived on a farm in my life. I don't think I would like to. Well, I guess I will close now, wishing your paper every success.
"Kismet."

Another Would-Be Benedict.

Three Hills, Alta., Oct. 12, 1909.
Editor.—I have been a subscriber of your paper for the past three years and prize it very highly. I would like to get some good woman to read it

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