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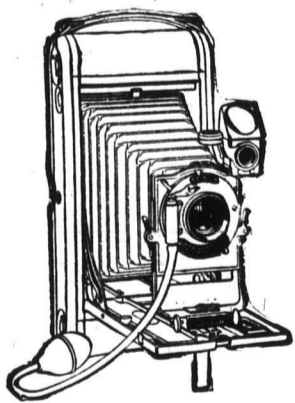
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Do not tell your husband any of your friends, secrets and not all of your own. Have thoughts apart from him, men always admire that which they cannot understand. Always maintain a slight reserve in your home life. The old proverb "Familiarity Breeds Contempt," applies particularly to married life.

I hope that this letter will be printed if it does not prove to be lengthy. It is a message I have long wished to give to the unmarried women.

I will say in closing that if anyone or all of you care to write me I shall be delighted to hear from you.

Yours with a desire to help,  
"Plato"

### Scotty Wants Correspondents.

Saskatchewan.

Dear Editor, — Your Western Home Monthly is certainly one of the best papers I have read. Although I have only taken it a short time, am very much pleased with it; it is both interesting and instructive, and should be a great help to all who read it. Of course, I am interested in the correspondence columns and enjoy the talks between the boys and girls very much indeed. I don't want to be left out in the cold; so please give me a little space in the circle. I don't drink anything stronger than water, and do not use tobacco in any way, but am very fond of all outdoor sport. I take pleasure in going out with the gun once in a while and don't often come back disappointed. Am a native of Edinburgh, Scotland and came to Nova Scotia very young. I was brought up on a farm. Although I have travelled over a good part of the Country, United States included, I came to this part of the country a short time ago, and have settled myself down to the toil I love so well — farming. Have been batching for some time, but cannot say it is a pleasing task. However, like the other boys, I keep plowing away, although it takes a little courage, especially when crops fail and things go wrong. I tell you what, boys, I have had my share of it. But I am still digging away, singing a song as I go along. I would like to correspond with either sex, especially the fair sex. I am terribly fond of the girls and will answer all letters promptly. Hoping to hear from some of the fair sex soon.

Scotty.

### Wake Up, Easterners!

Quebec, April 24, 1912.

Dear Editor, — Can you find a little space in this corner for another stray — what will we call it? Oh, well, never mind; it is nothing, only another little Easterner. Wake up, there, in the East. All the Western boys and girls are beating you. Why, you wouldn't think to look at this column there were any Easterners. I am a subscriber of your most valuable magazine and take a great delight in reading the stories and the correspondence column is very interesting. I enclose payment for another year's subscription as we could hardly do without it now. I live in the country and think it a much healthier life than the city, although I like the city for a few weeks — no longer. I do not agree with "Girlie" in the March number on dancing, but suggest her a little too rash on that subject. Now, what harm is there in dancing. Were you ever at a good dance, "Girlie?" I don't believe you ever were; if not, go to one soon and go home and have a good sleep, and you will be the first one to say the next afternoon, "I wish there was another dance to-night." Oh, yes, you would. Don't look like that. Of course, there are exceptions, but our little country dances around here are all right. But some girls prefer to walk the streets at night. Our town is a very small one with only one or two

streets, but at night you can see the girls promenading up and down. My favorite amusements are skating in winter and horse-back riding in summer, but like lots of fun of any kind. Well, I hope this will slip past the big mouth of that old w.p.b., as I am anxious to see it in print. I will ring off now. Wishing The Western Home Monthly every success. I will sign myself,

Dancer.

### Judge for Yourselves.

Didsbury, Alta., April 23, 1912.

Dear Editor, — A new subscriber and admiring reader of your good magazine begs for admission to your correspondence circle. "Tis with our judgments as with our watches, none go just alike, yet each believes his own." How forcible is this quotation applied to dancing as being right or wrong. We read and hear so many opinions that perhaps one more will not be amiss. Is it not Nature that asserts itself in singing birds and dancing children? Who would dare decry the innocent impulse of a child to dance with glee when pleased? Then, why condemn beyond compromise without even the benefit of a doubt the impulse of more mature youth to spin out their dreams to music and movement? Sermons — and they are legion — preached on dancing as a sin, enumerating the evils associated with it, with Hell as its ultimate end, we hear them ever and anon. Am I radical if I declare these men and women trip in the path of righteousness, when they inflict these thoughts in the young active brains of their hearers — thoughts that would never have entered their minds in their natural youthful exultation? As a brain will develop in the direction of its activity, should not the basis of its development be ever high, ennobling thought? Were it not better that more sermons were preached, more themes written on good, on truth and sweet charity than on evil? "Tis only noble to be good." Kind hearts are more than coronets. Perhaps this seems to be drifting from the chosen subject; not so. With hearts and minds grown strong in the love of goodness and the performance of kind deeds, for

"Some have burdens hard to bear,  
Some have sorrows we should share."

Throw open your hearts and your homes to the youths of the land and let them dance as only youth can dance with pure love of life and the joy of living. If there be evil lurking about meet it on the battle ground and fight it down. What form of amusement is without its byways of sin if allowed to be? It is merely because the wrong element, as a rule, has charge of the dancing hall that evil is paramount there. What we want is the right sort of people to come forward in a great, grand movement and elevate the dancing pavilion. Instead of wasting valuable time in trying to root out dancing, exorcise yourselves in an effort to remove the evils by putting dancing, by proper management, on a plane above them. And with your young people trained as they should be in the path of right ideals there will be no sins in connection with dancing. Search your own minds, ye who would see nothing but infelicity as an outgrowth of dancing. Perhaps you need to do some weeding lest you fall deeper than any dancer, for it is written, "Judge not." Sincerely,

Veronica.

### All Should Read It.

Edmonton, Alta., May 4, 1912.

Dear Mr. Editor, — I am a reader of your magazine and find it both interesting and educational. All Canadians or people intending to locate or invest in Canada should read it, as they would derive a great deal of useful knowledge therefrom. I would be pleased to have some young persons correspond with me. I am a man of 30 and a good correspondent. Bobby.

### The Hired Man Again.

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