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pise a game of cards either; that is, a good game of whist E.T.C. I think it sharpens one's intellect, especially on a winter evening when there is nothing else to pass the time away. I don't think a game of cards is any the worse, nor any more degrading than a game of chess or checkers. Curly Bill, come again, let's hear some more logic, some more good sense, and Phil, too; you are all right; give it to some of those Puritans who have not the courage to enjoy themselves at a dance just because they are afraid of hurting their moral character. Let me tell you sober ones that there is nothing immoral about dancing as long as the dancers are not of an immoral mind or temperamentthat is my only conviction. Well, as I hope to see this in the magazine, wishing the paper and all its readers every success, I will sign myself

A Waltzer.

#### A Girl from Manitoba.

Napinka, Man., Mar. 17, 1912. Dear Editor,—Here comes another one to join your jolly crowd. I have been reading your paper for a number of years, and enjoy it very much. I read Josephus letter in the January issue, and as for what he says about dancing I think he is very wrong, as I do not see any harm in it, and if it wasnt for a little dance once in a while through the winter I think that we would be all dead by spring. But I did not write for that reason, so I will not say any more. I am very fond of all kinds of fun, especialy dancing and card playing. I think the bachelors of the west must be very lonesome, when they do not have any one who will meet them with a smile, and have a warm meal ready for them when they come in from a hard day's work; I think they should get a hurry on and get some one to help them. It is all right for a woman to milk in the summer, when a man has a lot to do, or even feeding the pigs when he happens to be away, but anything else I think the men ought to do it. I do not mind a man smoking a cigar once in a while, or even taking a glass of beer, but as for chewing, swearing and smoking a pipe I do not approve of it. Now, if any one of the young men between 18 and 25 wish to correspond with me, my address is with the editor.

# An Opinion on Card Playing.

Honey Kid.

Ont., March 14, 1912. Dear Editor,-I was so kindly received on my former visit into your friendly circle, that I have decided to call again. vou most kindly answer anxious knock, and extend your hospitality to me a second time. Several correspondents have ventured opinions on the propriety of the card table, but as far as I have read, no one has dealt with the subject at any length, so I am taking up the cudgel myself. When I speak of card playing, it is to be understood that I refer to the friendly game played merely as a social pastime; for I hardly think anyone would be so un-scrupulous as to defend the professional card playing of gambling dens and some of the club houses. Some of you who play cards will doubtless make it your boast that you have never taken any harm out of this pastime. Consider its harms and see. In the first place, card playing has a fascination which cannot fail to be detrimental to those who indulge in it. How often do young and old alike gather round for a game and play away hour after hour, oblivious of the passing of time. In the small hours of the morning, when their unnatural excitement gives way to fatigue, they retire, and during the day, their sluggish spirits remind them of their excesses. Considered in this light, card playing is a dissipation, which, especially in the case of those naturally weak and nervous, affects the health, sometimes seriously. Another evil of card playing is the tendency it has to engender dishonesty. How many card players can deny having ever cheated in a game, having ever given or received signs to win a game by trickery? I doubt whether one in a hundred can truthfuly claim such honesty. You see, it is so easy to indicate to your partner by a certain gesture, which card you wish

him to play; and often when the player is excited and a little turn will win the game for him, the temptation is too much to resist. After the first few times, his conscience will not bother him much, and when he learns to cheat to win a game, he will not find it so hard to learn dishonesty on a larger scale in more important matters. The same spirit prompts both, and from one to the other is not a difficult step. Probably the greatest objection to card playing is the fact that it is with cards that most o fthe gambling is done. Of course, there will be no gambling in a friendly social game, but the social game leads up to gambling. No gambler ever layed a wager on his first game of cards. He started out in the (harmless?) friendly way and became proficient in that, first. You may argue that gambling has no attraction for you; but what about that boy whom you taught and encouraged in the game, and whom you told that a little social diversion could do no harm? Will he withstand the temptation? How do you know that he may not ruin his life at the gaming table, with you to blame for it? Monte Carlo counts its suicides by the thousands, and nearly all those victims learned the game under the name of friendship. And when the Judgment comes, and we are all arraigned before the Great White Throne. many will have to answer for having led others into the first game and starting them on the road to utter ruin. Are you your brother's keeper? Listen! "Whoso shall offend one of these little ones that believe in Me, it were better for him that a mill stone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea." Cheerful Critic.

#### Doing Good Work.

Rosetown, Mar. 27, 1912. Dear Sir,—I am enclosing a letter to Mona, would you be kind enough to forward it. I am not a subscriber, but my brother is, and we both live together on a homestead. I paid for the last subscription, and I gave my March number to a neighbor of mine, and I am trying to get him to subscribe for the W.H.M. I like the paper fine, there is some good reading in it for both old and young. Wishing you and your paper good luck and a prosperous year. I hope we can do better next time we pay for our subscription, and not keep you waiting so long; we have had hard times with our crops getting frozen.

A Reader.

# The Garden of the Gulf.

Prince Edward Island. I have been a reader of the W.H.M. for some months, and consider it interesting and instructive to both old and young. I always read the correspondence column first. This is my first letter, I thought I would write, as I had never seen one from the province by the sea so often called the "Garden of the Gulf." I am a farmer's daughter. I have spent some of my life in the city, but like the country as well, if not better. I like music, but skating is my favorite pas-time. As for work, I like sewing and cooking best. I am 22 years of age, height 5 feet 4 inches, weight 120 lbs. have dark brown hair and eyes. would like to hear from Kid Caldwell in the December issue, and any others who would write to me, will find my address with the editor. Trusting I have not made this too long, and wishing the paper success, I will sign myself,

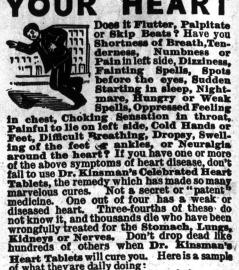
Where Shall We Draw the Line?

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British Columbia

March 16, 1912. Dear Editor,-I am very much pleased that discussion on the merits and demerits of dancing has been opened in the W.H.M., for the very reason that Curly Bill advances against Josephus, seeing in dancing what hundreds of Christian people never for a moment imagine, "is just cause why such a question should be seriously considered." I was just going to congratulate Curly Bill on having such a normal mind, that he could dance and yet was sure there was no "illegitimate sex element" entering into

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