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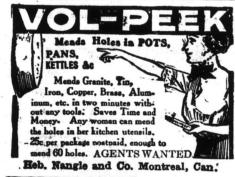
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Correspondence

The invite readers to make use of | at 7.50 and the mercury froze up at 40 these columns, and an effort will be made to publish all interesting letters received. The large amount of correspondence which is sent us has, hitherto, made it impossible for every letter to appear in print and, in future, letters received from subscribers will receive first consideration. A friend of the magazine, offering a kindly criticism, writes that the Correspondence column has at times an air of monotony, as one writer after another follows the same phraseology. We wish to warn our correspondents against this common error. A little independent thought will help mental development, and readers of The Monthly will find valuable aid in the study of the many instructive articles by eminent men that appear from month to month.

A Plea for the Horse

December 20, 1912. Dear Editor: I think The Western Home Monthly as a home paper is hard to beat, and I like reading the different topics discussed in the Correspondence pages. I live on my own farm, which is in my own mind a very pleasant life-one lives the open free life which God gave to all. I am fond of nature in every way. I take a great interest in all animals especially horses -man's noblest helper. I wonder what the West would do without the horse, and yet I have seen him abused in many ways, working in the hot sun with shoulders all raw, long hours and over work. Dear friends, just stop and think, horses are dumb and cannot tell you when anything is wrong. It is surprising to me how long some will endure so much hardship and still struggle on at a bidding—in most cases the horse will go till he drops, if so driven, which shows how willing he is, and all he asks in return is good water and food, clean bedding and proper at-tention; so friends be thoughtful and kind to your dumb friends-you will feel much happier when life's journey is over. I have also seen discussed in the columns, girls doing outdoor farm work. Of course, some girls may enjoy that kind of thing and are very useful to a farmer in case of necessity, but for my part I do not like to see girls doing outside work. I like to see girls have a little time for themselves, which is hard to get if they are going to do indoor work properly, and chores outside as well. I think if I had someone to do the inside work I would do my level best to do the outside part. I am English and would like to someone who lived in the southwest of England. Yours Sincerely. True Blue.

From a Farmer's Wife

Sask., December, 16, 1912. Dear Editor: The correspondents seem lost for something to write about, I have never been lost, but I have heard that lost folks travel in a circle, which accounts for them "not getting anywhere." Our circle seems to be a round of "hate dancing," "love dancing," "use tobacco for company's sake," "using tobacco is a filthy habit," etc. etc. Very few give reasons for, or against, any of the subjects brought up for discussion. Dancing is talked to death, I, for one more, dance and play cards, and have come to no harm through either amusement; but I do think that it is as dangerous in its own way as, toboggan sliding in Winnipeg, or playing hockey, or a bargain sale in a close stuffy store. Show me something without "danger" tagged to it. I say the fault is with the people.

Will someone kindly tell me if I am right in thinking that there is "A Home for Working Girls" being built in Winnipeg. Or did I dream it? I have often thought what a good thing it would be. I used to be a working girl in Winnipeg in a close stuffy store, and I know what it is like to arise in a room like a refrigerator, and dress and perhaps go without breakfast to get to the store below zero. Ugh! Now I am a farmer's wife, glory be, and ten to eight, or ten to ten, sees me in bed, if I feel like staying there. We are not wealthy, but just as comfortable as the pigs in the straw stack, and maybe I don't appreciate it, well! yes. Which would you rather live with—a jolly not over tidy let-'er-slide, don't worry woman, or one who scrubs and scours and scratches and scolds, but is neat and the corners clean always? Everybody has experienced both kinds. I am of the opinion that there isn't a happy medium. The same applies to husbands. To the Ontario girls I would like to say, don't tell the Western bachelors any little' fibs as to your skating, musical or singing abilities. He appreciates someone who can milk cows, feed the swine, water his horses and hitch them up to anything, make a suet pudding and a cake or two, mend his sox, cook for threshers, and see the good side of bad crops as well as fair crops; to say n thing of the old job of keeping house. If you can do only some of these things, you can learn the rest, and a half share of most any quarter or more of land is yours. What do you think, Mr. Ed-Winunla.

An Old Friend

Biggar, Sask., Dec. 19, 1912. Dear Editor: I have been an interested reader of this valuable magazine for many years, and there certainly isn't any paper ever yet printed can take its position as this paper has. We always look forward to its coming, and only wish it was published every week instead of being a monthly issue. I see some very interesting letters in the Correspondence column, and I enjoy some of their arguments very much. The sports which may be seen in the vicinity of our city of Biggar are principally football and baseball. I am very fond of horseback riding, skating and music. Now girls, get busy and write. I would be only too glad to answer letters. Wishing The Western Home Monthly every success during the coming year, I remain, Jolly Tim.

The Business Man—The Farmer

December 23, 1912. Dear Editor: And readers of The W. H. M. I cannot express it on paper how I enjoy your magazine. I notice in your December number a letter from Viscount, Sask., from a man who calls himself "Farmer." He says the business man in the city works only for a few hours a day, and makes more than a farmer can in a month. Yes, but if he does and when night comes and the few hours of toil are over, can he say with a pure heart, "I have deceived no man and given value for what I have received?" He may do this some days, but if the city business man does not stay with his business more than a few hours it would not be for long that he would have it to stay with. He says the city man has his club, theatre and auto. Does the writer know what it means to belong to a club? Why not call it a party saloon where he can gamble a little, and the theatre to brighten him up and make him forget the night before at the club. As to the auto, there are thousands of farmers who could afford them, but they are contented and not a bit jealous of their city friend and his auto. I think if some people would lay jealousy and envy aside they would get along much better. He says the farmer has hard work and dirt. This man who calls himself a farmer must be one of the remittance men from - who prefers to hang around the hotel and talk farm, and drop the old man a line to say poor crops, hard times, another sub please. The farm is a poor place for a lazy man. A little soap and water providing the patient can exert himself will remove the dirt. He says he can-

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