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for the discomforts of the farm? The business man in the city works for a few hours a day and makes as much as the farmers can in a month of hard work. The city man has his auto, his club and the theatre, while the farmer has hard work and dirt. For my part, I can see no reason why the city man would leave the city for the country. The farmer works the hardest and is the poorest paid of any man on earth. He has nothing to say about the price of what he buys or sells, and is the prey of the middleman on every hand. He has to pay unreasonable prices for hired help and receives the poorest prices for his produce. He has to work long hours, wear old clothes, and sell his grain for what he can get after the frost, hail, dry and wet weather get through with it. In most cases he makes a bare living and that's all. Take the present price of flax, for instance. Flax is \$1.07 at the elevator. It costs 23c to get it threshed besides the board of the crew and hired help. With a crop of 15 bus., which is a good average, how much has he left after taking a year's expenses out of the crop? Not much, I am sure. But did the price of linseed oil go down with the price of flax? No chance. Who gets the rake off? I leave it with you. After paying three dollars a day for hired help and the fancy prices we have to pay for machinery, there is nothing left. I am a farmer and have been farming in Saskatchewan for six years and think I know something about it. I am on a farm at the present time and, like a good many others I know, will have to stay until I can make enough to get away, so will probably be here for some time to come. Wishing the W.H.M. every success I sign myself,  
Farmer.

#### Many Thanks

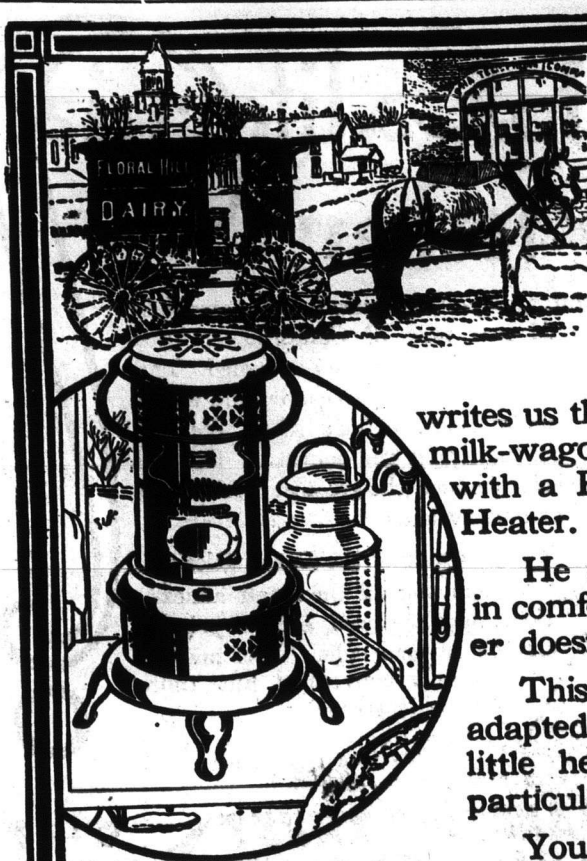
Manitoba, September, 1912.

Dear Editor: Kindly let me, through the aid of your valuable paper, thank the many correspondents who wrote to me in reply to my letter which appeared in your July number. I received such a number that I find it impossible to answer all, but I'll do the best I can. Harvest will soon be over in this part and threshing will be general. I shall now close. Wishing both Editor and homesteaders every success, especially those who wrote to me, I remain,  
"The Old Home's Joy."

#### The Best in Canada

Mission City, B.C., Oct 9, 1912.

Dear Editor,—Some time ago I wrote a letter to The Western Home Monthly Correspondence column, but it must have found its way into the w.p.b. so I will try again and hope that it will be printed and escape the fate of the last one. We take The Western Home Monthly and like it very much. It is the best paper in Canada that I know of in every way. I see that a number of your correspondents are discussing dancing. Now, I am a dancer and have been for some years, and, for the life of me, I cannot see what harm there is in it. I live near a town of about a thousand inhabitants, and during the winter there is a great deal of dancing done, and if it was not for these dances I do not know how we would pass away the evenings. Of course, we do not dance every evening, but once or twice a week. Some critics of the dance object to the way a fellow takes hold of a girl in a dance. I admit that some dances don't look nice, such as the Turkey Trot, Grizzly Bear, Bunny Hug, etc., but out in the small towns these dances are very seldom seen. I cannot see any harm in the way a fellow holds his partner in a waltz or two-step, and I think, as "Bonne Soir" in your last issue does, "Charity thinketh no evil." I think I will bring my letter to a close with a little description of myself. I am twenty years of age, five feet eight inches in height, complexion fair, brown hair, weight, 160 lbs. I have never bust a looking glass or camera yet to my knowledge. I smoke, but do not chew or drink. Would like to hear from any of The Western Home Monthly Correspondents (girls preferred).  
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