

## Correspondence

## The Western Home Monthly Writers Appreciated

Dear Editor and Readers:—I have often thought I should write and tell you how much I like The Western Home Monthly, and have always put it off until now, and here I am. The Correspondence Page has always proved full of amusement for me, and I am extremely fond of the stories. I like the stories written by Edith G. Bayne, H. M. Batten, F. J. Dickie and Bonnycastle Dale; the last-mentioned author is my favorite. I enjoyed his last story, "A Wreck on Sambro Ledge" on the dreaded "Blind Sisters" off Halifax very much. I devoured every word and realized as not all prairie dwellers do the story of the Bohemian, for I used to live on the coast and have seen the sea in all its moods. Well, readers, I think I am having a talk with the authors instead of the correspondents, but not much is said of the stories, and I think they are very worthy of mention.

There still seems to be many lonesome men and women on the prairies, and while I am not exactly on the prairie I am afraid I am sometimes a bit lonesome too. I would like to write to all the lonesome ones, but that would be almost impossible, there are so many. However, I will promise to write all who write me.

I hope you understand I belong to the fair sex, but will be pleased to have letters from anyone.

Jean.

## Poetry Haul from The Western Home Monthly

Dear Editor and Readers:—I have been an interested reader of The Western Home Monthly for some time now, especially the Correspondence Column, and I shall be very pleased if I may be allowed to join your circle.

I live in England, in a little seaside place on the banks of the river Mersey, a few miles from the city of Liverpool. I work in an office, but I prefer the open-air life. I spend most of the summer days on the shore, for I never tire of the sea.

I should like to thank "Tolerable" and "Ex-Sergeant" for all the nice things they said about the girls of the Old Country, and I am glad to know that we are held in such high esteem in Canada. However, we in England say the same about Canadian girls, as "Tolerable" and "Ex-Sergeant" say of British girls. We consider the Canadians less reserved, far livelier, and apparently much warmer-hearted than we are.

Forgive me if I suggest that girls of the Old Country should be called "British" and not "English." You see so few of us are really English. We are nearly all of Scotch, Irish or Welsh descent.

I myself am Scotch, although I live in England, and I should like, through the medium of your paper, to send my best wishes to all Scottish laddies and lassies in Canada.

I am very fond of poetry, and have collected pieces out of papers for years, but I think I have got my biggest haul from The Western Home Monthly. One piece which appeared some months ago especially appealed to me. It was entitled "Sometime." I wonder if it took the fancy of many readers?

I know this is not a very interesting letter, but I do hope to see it published.

I should love to receive letters from readers, and my address is with the editor if anyone would care to write to me.

With the very best wishes from the Old Country.

Barbara.

## Modern Young Man Not Ideal

Dear Editor and Readers:—May I have the pleasure of being with you a few minutes?

Yes, "Hokus-Pokus" you are right about overalls being nice and free. They are almost necessary where the girl does farm work, but it is not necessary for her to cultivate the manners of a boy as well. I have seen many who seemed to forget that they ought not to perform the various gymnastic tricks that they do in their overalls. It is quite all right if they retain their refined and quiet manners.

"Bell Flower" has seen the teacher-age a success. I would like to hear of others who have had experiences.

I think "Del" has voiced my thoughts exactly. "The attention given the returned soldier has gone to his head," and I think more than a little. True they have done much for us.

The modern young man, or the most popular modern young man, is far from my ideal, and I am sure from yours, dear readers, if you only go into your hearts for your real feelings. What is the cause of all this careless, boisterous, low and lazy life the average young man is living. In almost every case it is his parents' fault. Now, I know this will bring on much criticism, but I have thought long and often, studied families in all positions, and that is my conclusion. The trouble in most cases began when he was a very little boy. Just step and recall the homes you have entered. I can say that out of every hundred you visit in Canada today five per cent only have children who respect and obey their parents and elders and are well mannered. That is the root. Five per cent of all the young men in Canada in a very few years, as it is to-day, will be worthy the name of a gentleman. You may ask what part mother plays in this. To begin with. I will tell you of a home I visit. Every day mother says "You little



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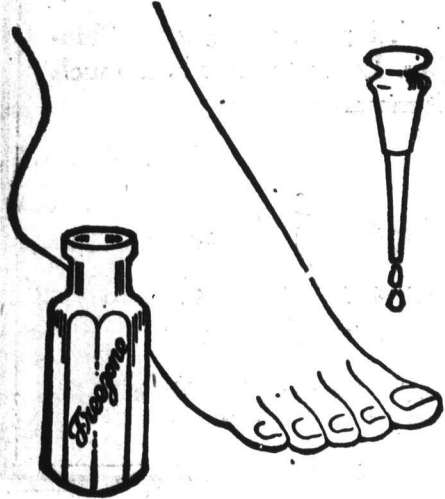
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