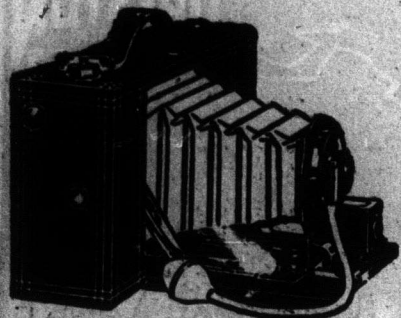




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on the ground at the base of the tree, when a bold and impudent English sparrow attacked her, but she was not going to be browbeaten by the bully; so she turned upon him fiercely, and drove him away at the end of her bayonet.

Once, when her mate was eating on the table, she went hitching silently up the tree-hole from the ground, and when her head suddenly appeared above the edge of the board, he started up with affright, and was on the point of dashing away when he saw it was his wife. "O! is it only you?" he said, and settled down to finish his meal without any further concern. It is queer how much indifference people, whether in feathers or in clothes can show toward

those with whom they are well acquainted.

Not only permanent residents, but also casual visitors, are often seen in my yard, thanks to the many trees that adorn the place. Among them a cordial welcome is always given to the Tennessee and black-poll warblers, the former dinning their varied and galloping trills, the latter reciting their high monotonous. For more than a week they may spend a part of every day among my trees; then they disappear as effectually as if there were no birds of their kind in all the big, round world. During the breeding-season they make some forest in the far North ring with their piercing trills.

Correspondence.

A Michigan Boy's Interesting Letter.

Moose Jaw, Sask., June 12, 1910.

Sir.—Have been an interested but, until now, silent reader of your correspondence column for some time. However, with your permission I will now make my debut as just one more bachelor in this great and as yet unappreciated West, with its vast and unlimited opportunities for both young and old who wish to make a success of this life. I am not joining this column with a view to matrimony, but with the hope of adding a friend or two, which I consider the greatest asset one may have in this world. A short description of myself will suffice. Am 25 years of age in July, five feet ten inches in height, weigh 160 pounds, and until five years ago a resident of Michigan. With regard to looks, I consider them immaterial. Beauty of face is seldom synonymous with beauty of character, though of course there are exceptions. The main object of most of the young people who enter these columns seems to be matrimony, but personally I consider it a far too sacred and serious subject to trust alone to correspondence and an exchange of photos. As a maiden lady of my acquaintance used to say, "You have to summer and winter them and then you are only beginning to get acquainted with them," meaning the men, though I think this rule is applicable to a majority of the gentler sex as well. The increase in divorces is alarming, and it is up to the young men and women of to-day to stop and consider well before they take the step which either makes or mars one's life. Another much discussed question to-day is the wife's share of income. Now, I think that when any man thinks enough of any woman to make her his wife he should at the same time make her his confidant in all matters pertaining either to the home or to his business, and he will be surprised at the help she will be able to give him—that is, if she is the right kind of a woman. Secrets between the husband and wife always were and always will be a source of continual annoyance and domestic unhappiness. Every man should have the same respect and admiration for his wife that the darky had who, after his wedding, asked the parson what he owed him for his services, and when that gentleman replied, "Just pay me whatever it is worth to you, Sam," the darky said, "If I was to do that, suh, I is surely done broke for life." I sincerely believe that the fairer sex have the "harder row to hoe" through this life, and it is up to us who call ourselves men and who are fortunate enough to possess that greatest of blessings, a home and loving wife, to do everything in our power to make her married life a happy one and disprove the poet's statement that "Love in a man is but a thing apart, while it is a woman's whole existence." I am sorry to make this, my first, letter so long, but when I have anything on my mind I like to get rid of it, and this letter is the result. I will conclude with this toast "Here's to our sweethearts, may

they be our wives; and here's to our wives, may they always be our sweethearts." I live in Southern Saskatchewan, and will consider it a pleasure to answer all queries concerning this part of the country, and its advantages. Correspondents of either sex on any subject will always be welcomed by
"A Former Michigan Boy."

Starlight Has Her Say.

Portage la Prairie, Man., April 18, 1910.

Sir.—I have been a most interested reader of the Western Home Monthly for the past three years, but never picked up courage to write to the correspondence column until to-night. When reading the letters, I noticed the one from Lethbridge signed Archibald in the April issue. I think Archibald is very hard on a wife if he ever gets one. Fancy any woman getting only one good dress a year if she could make it and two house dresses. I wonder how Archibald would like if he got his allowance like that and all the rest he talks about. She would need two hundred chickens and a dozen pairs of hands and feet. I am thinking no woman will stand for that, and I think his wife will have to be pitied if he ever gets one. I am proud to say I am a farmer's daughter and get all the dresses and every thing I want. I am twenty-one years old, five feet five inches tall, weigh one hundred and thirty pounds, am considered nice looking, dark hair, brown eyes and fair complexion. I am fond of outside work and can milk and do all kinds of work. Harness and drive horses. Fond of all kinds of sport; love music. Hoping to see this letter in print and that I haven't taken too much valuable space I will close. Wishing the paper every success. My address is with the editor.
"Starlight."

Lex Wants a Partner.

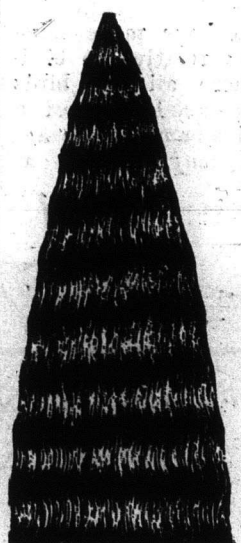
Sask., April 29, 1910.

Sir.—As a subscriber and regular reader of your excellent paper, will you allow me a little space in your correspondence column. I came from England nearly three years ago. I have 320 acres (homestead and pre-emption) of rolling land well suited for mixed farming. I have done my homestead duties and put in two years of my time towards getting my patent. I owe a little money but have good prospects and hope to pay all off and be clear after next harvest. I have five horses, implements &c., a comfortable two-roomed shack and barn for six head, but I am very lonely and would work with better heart and greater contentment, had I a refined companion to take an interest in me and my works, and assist me as only a good woman can. I am a bachelor, 28 years old, five feet six inches, strong and healthy, experienced and practical, but at present very short of cash. I have no cause to be ashamed of my character or my appearance (tho' a little bald). I am a stay-at-home and would be very considerate to the woman who would be good to me. A lady (English pre-

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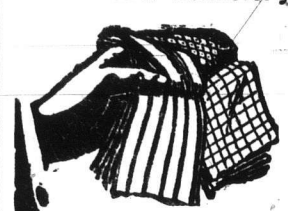
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