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I am very fond of having a good time, and hope the male readers will not consider me a cross-grained, cranky school marm, for I am nothing of the sort, but have decided views on most subjects and sometimes they are brought to the fore. If some of the young men care to write I think I can answer by something of an interesting letter, and just as welcome will a letter be from any young lady.

Hoping I am not trespassing with too much space and thanking, in advance, your kindness in publishing these few rambling remarks, I will close with the delightful epithet my little cousin often gives to me, "School Peggy."

#### "Cleo" Likes to Smell Cigars.

Saskatchewan, Oct. 17, 1908.  
Editor.—I have been a silent but very much interested reader of your correspondence column for some time and seeing letters from such a number of bachelors and maidens wishing correspondents, I would not be girllike if I did not shake my silence and have something to say for myself.

I am living at home on the farm at present, but have lived in cities and towns and for the life of me I cannot tell which I like the very best, so would like one or two correspondents from either or all of them, for pastime only, as I want to be able to see the man I take for better or worse. I am 21 years old, 5 feet 3 inches in height, weigh 124 pounds, fair complexion, usually, but am tanned a good healthy brown just now as I almost live out doors; have grey eyes and brown hair, and considered not too terribly homely. I do not object to smoking but like the smell of a good cigar, but do not think that any real gentleman who has any respect for himself will chew; as to drinking, just think it is a waste of time and money.

Now if any good looking man between 22 and 30 years old cares to write to me I will answer his letter with pleasure, and will answer all letters if I am favored with more than one.

Hoping that I have not taken up too much of your valuable space, I will close with best wishes for the success of the W. H. M. I will sign myself "Cleo."

#### "King Bruce" is Mashed on "Sly Puss."

Lochalsh, Oct. 14, 1908.  
Editor.—I have written to this excellent magazine before but thought I would write again in the hope of getting some of those happy-go-lucky, comical girls to correspond with me.

Say, girls, what do you think of "Flymo's" letter? He doesn't seem to care much for the "fair sex." I think he must live away back where there are no decent girls. At any rate, he thinks he can cook better than any of you. I hope "Hello, Girl" gets a few silk dresses. I know she will be disappointed if she doesn't. I would like to correspond with "Sly Puss" in July, number and in fact with all you girls. I think as it is leap year the girls should write first. Wishing the editor loads of success, I will close with a short description of myself. I am 6 feet tall, have dark hair and brown eyes and am 18 years old. So get busy girls, and write. "King Bruce."

#### Recommends Marriage By Mail.

Regina, Sept. 18, 1908.  
Editor.—As I have read your paper for the past three years I can say that as I take out the W. H. M. from the post office box I always receive it with a bit of humor, a bit of pleasure, as a welcome visitor or with a pleased anticipation of an hour or so of good reading, wit, humor and instruction. There is something for the boys and girls, for the farmer, the housewife, the philosopher, the young man, and from the monthly bright sayings I have often gleaned little paragraphs that were worth a whole year's subscription. I do not always, or seldom, read the correspondence column first, but I generally wind up there. I admit that the correspondence columns, taken as a whole, are very interesting, often amusing and instructive. As I have read them this long while, I do not think it more than fair that I should air my views along those lines. In as much as the W. H. M. gives us that privilege and maintains the correspondence columns for that purpose. Many of the writers claim that he or she does not believe in marriage by correspondence only or getting a life companion by the mail order plan. Now from the very nature of things, the parties involved must necessarily see each other before marriage contract can be very well executed and they would be very foolish indeed if they did not verify the truth of the statements made during correspondence and find out something of the antecedents of each other beforehand. I believe an intelligent young man or woman can read character and disposition more intelligently from written language than from spoken language. A well written letter seems to be the unerring reflection of intelligence, character and disposition. If any shamming or misrepresentation is committed, it must be done by telling an untruth or lying in written form, which most people are reluctant to do, while on the other

hand, in personal communication the one trying to make a favorable impression can perform all sorts of little pet shamming and false actions in order to hide her real disposition and character. I personally know a number of correspondence marriages in the Western States who live ordinarily happy together and some are exceedingly happy. I will now conclude this letter next month if the publisher will see fit to print it. "Teddie Bear."

#### A Long Letter, but Nothing Much in It.

Regina, Sask., Oct. 15, 1908.  
Editor.—As I have written to you last month and did not conclude my letter on account of its length, I will try to do so now, as this letter is in conclusion to the other.

Some other bones of contention among the average correspondents seem to be feeding pigs, doing chores, working out doors, sewing on buttons, chewing and smoking tobacco, and drinking. I admit that any girl who marries even a moderate drinker takes chances. He is on the road and at the slightest turn of events may get started down hill. While chewing tobacco is a dirty, filthy and unhealthy habit, and the breath of an excessive tobacco chewer should be enough to turn any girl against him, there is no excuse. As for swearing and using filthy language, a man that will deliberately do so in the presence of ladies, decent company or children can have little respect for himself and humanity; he is an unworthy brute, incapable of seeing the beauties of nature. If girls would utterly disregard the above-named class of men they would soon come to their senses and get upon their dignity. But it seems that some girls are willing to take long chances along those lines. As for moderate smoking, science broaches the theory that it is in many cases beneficial for a full grown, well matured man to smoke moderately and often I believe a pipe full of pure tobacco adds peace and comfort and joys to the home and often quiets an otherwise crabby and disconcerted man.

Yet many a big, loving heart beats to an occasional stimulated pulse, and often the man who is so very nice, affable and generous during courtship and in the street or in company may in reality be a rogue and be a contemptible nag at the shrine of the home.

As for feeding pigs, etc., it would seem that many of the girls who write as they do could hardly be entrusted to feed pigs, much less cook a nutritious, digestible meal or take the responsibility of wifehood and perhaps motherhood. I assume that we are discussing the matrimonial question under ordinary conditions as it presents itself to the working class or the North West farmers in particular. I concede that a farmer's wife should not be expected to be a chore boy, a continual drudge or a mere convenience about the farm; whether a wife should or should not do certain things as regards work, circumstances must decide. In all lives, especially married lives for all parties concerned, there should be forbearance, self-denial, respect, love, patience and endurance in abundance. The continual pleasure loving or eccentric flirt has no business to become the wife of an ordinary farmer, but the ordinary girl in ordinary circumstances, who loves nature and the beauties of nature, need not hesitate to marry an intelligent man whose profession is farming. Of course, all things considered. The woman who loves domesticated animals loves to feed them and see them eat, loves all the rest of the world. If young girls in general would take more outdoor exercise and breathe fresh air more freely they, in after years, would have to take fewer pink pills for pale people and less often be wretched with feminine maladies. They could be happier and make others happy. As for sewing on buttons, here is a bone of contention that has often caused eruptions in the family circle. There are few things that annoy a man more than a dislocated button, but the man who files in a rage because of an occasional broken button or who cannot appreciate his wife's care and earnest endeavor, is a fool and a blackguard. A little advice to a girl. If you want your future husband to think a whole lot of you, keep his buttons sewed on by all means. A woman who sees to the buttons will attend to other things. Many a man has become a fractious jawer, a dyspeptic crank or a disrespectful, uncomfortable absentee from home, hotel lounge, or a drunken tippler because of indigestible meals, the continuous nagging of the wife, the habitual untidiness of herself, and the neglect of her home and her children.

As for myself, I am a Yankee, old enough to be married but I can't afford the luxury as yet. If I ever decide to go prairie chicken shooting, and must have a mate, I guess I will go down East for girls are more plentiful than in the North West, and simply fall in love, which, I might say, will be an easy matter for a fellow of my nature, and as down East there are so many girls dying for love, I guess I could find one that would have me. I am not good looking but, like the big Swede, "I think I knows a lady when I see her."

"Bare Teddie."



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