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A frerman Voice from the Morth.

Miwasin, Alta., April 28th, 1906. Editor:-I feel so satisfy after readin' the April magazine, The Western Home Monthly, that I send you right off the money to pay for another year. I tink I vill keep the magazine so long I live. Editor:—The corresponding from the girls and bachelors are funny, and I tell you this, girls. Miwasin is the tell you this, girls. Miwasin is the gratest bachelor place in Canada and I live 50 mile west of Edmonton and some is good men too. But sir, we have no time to go for a wife the Darren Fools we are, they tink the girls should come us bachelors. Now I am a bachelor myself, but if I get an address of a good honest girl I will speere the time no matter how far away she is. I am a farmer and a leetle over 25, I am 5 feet 8 inches high, 160 weight. I wish you would give my address to the girl of Portage La Pfairle from February Number 1906. I like her correspond and tink she is the right wife for me and if she has no clothes nor shoe I will buy all for her and will love her and will make her happy our lifetime. This is my promise what I am willing to do for my wife. I am a English Protestant but I talk fine German too. I will not take a drink if my wife forbid moto take it. Ah! it is easy to say I go to take a wife? If a bachelor tinks to take a wife for look at or for slave, it would be better for him to buy a rope and hang hiself.

Never was I in love yet with a girl but this magazine make me happy to get in love. If I get a good girl now, Mr. Editor, mean straight bisness. if girls ask you for my address let them have it. If you will help me to a good wife I will tankful to you so long I live under the sun of God's green earth. I am willing to pay you for your trouble after I got the wife but not before

"A Bachelor of the Stony Plain District."

A Critic of both Sides.

Beaumont, Alta., April 18th, 1906. Editor:-Having been a reader of your magazine for some time past, I will say that I consider it is got up on pretty good lines. I have been much interested in the letters printed in the correspondence columns regarding the matrimonial problem in the West. Both sides appear to be able to see to what standard the opposite party should be and do in order to make the venture a

Now if both parties are in a position to prove their assertions, then I think I might be about an even divide. One party says, "don't want a piano player." Another one, etc., etc. Then the other side says hustle out and get a home with comforts,, then start in and win a wife, as they are a prize and should be won. Now if the programme is to be carried out on straight business lines, why not the men demand their best girl to bring along a dowry which would certainly swell the comforts of the home that he would have to procure. would assist him in procuring comforts and the good cooking of a smart woman cure him pepsia, etc., which he contracted by eating the half-cooked food prepared in the past by himself.

Now, lades, if you think this proposition unfair you had better dismount off that high horse you've been riding, stop building castles in the air, and if the man of your choice has no home, then get a hustle on and be an equal partner in getting one. Take this course, ladies, and you would not have to play knee or steal a march on hubby's pockets in the silent hours of night in order to get the necessary change to get a new hat or dress. With regards to the drink question, it is certainly an abominable habit, which should be combatted by everyone. Regarding the use of tobacco, it is a dirty, filthy habit, poisons the system, weakens the intellectual powers, a useless waste of money, and the breath of those who use the weed is most offensive. Now the ladies appear to be in the majority in referring to those evils spoken of. What surprises me most is that they should stop just about half way in regards to this reformation which some of the one's not spoken of would be say, tea and coffee drinking and corset wearing. Correspondents please do not handle me too roughly, you might disfigure me so that I might be obliged to stay on the matrimonial shelf uncalled for.

"Ever and Anon."

Arraigns Manitoba's Daughters.

Fishing Lake, Sask., April 18th, 1906. Editor: I admire the letter from "A Wakopa, Man, in a recent me of Tia West in Home Monthly as il's ii all 'n several of h's re-" det and was a close obgeneration, and from the drighters as a -- h of red spoiled

by their mothers. I am certain jority will never go through th ships their parents have, and of their parents don't want them to most natural. The parents ha the notion that by marrying bache Alberta and Saskatchewan that their daughters will have to go throu same as the old settlers of Manitoba in the early 70's. Such is not the case. The country is settling up too tast for this. Most of the girls are of the who sit in the parlor and sing will Care for Mother now?" while their own mother is bent over the tub doing the family washing, or perhaps walk 200 yards past the pump to ask their father (who gives his strength day by day, till he totters into the grave, to make their lives soft and easy) to carry in a pail of water. I have seen this in more than one Western home. On Sunday the daughters are off to church, as "we are in the choir, you know." while their own poor gray haired mother washes the breakfast things and gets dinner. They arrive home to dinner with probably a girl friend or two along who has come to spend a few hours till time for the evening service, when off they go again, with more dishes for the mother to wash. Monday comes around and perhaps there is a dance in the neighborhood in the evening. The girls do some light work and probably make the beds as the mother tells the youngest one it is no use helping with the washing as it will take them some time to do their toilet, and of course the eldest one never helps at the tub as her mother says "it makes Ada's hands so sore." Home from the dance at midnight; in bed till 9 or 10 a.m.; mother gets the breakfast, etc. The girls are not fit for work this day (headaches, neuralgia, etc.). Wednesday night there is a choir practice. Thursday night, Christian Endeavor. Probably on Friday night there is a skating party.
Then Saturday a journey to town for music lessons. This is the weekly curriculum of the Manitoba girl, whom the Western bachelors are looking forward to as prospective brides. Now you would have to travel a long way to find as fine a type of girls as our Western belle, if their mothers would not encourage them with such high notions and make them "so stuck up," as their fathers say. I know some girls who would not walk along Winnipeg streets because their parents were not attired a la mode. The girls are always never satisfied; the house is not good enough; the new preacher is a married man; their near neighbor has a new buggy and I think it's time we had a new one, pa.! Some of the ladies class the Western bachelors as a lot of whiskey drinkers. I have lived in different parts of the West and the only bad habit I see with the men (all over Canada is the same) is the chewing and expectorating, which is a filthy habit, I think. But if a girl wants a husband I think she could easiy find one without any of these habits as I have met many scores of bachelors who neither chew nor drink (but I am sorry I don't know o have a fine team 0 drivers and a nice buggy, with a frame house and a piano in the parlor) but I think, ladies, their ambitions are inclined this way in the none too distant future. If the ladies think the West is a drunken place, allow me to say they don't know what a curse the drink is. We ought to thank God for living in such a country that is so free from the curse of strong drink. I would like to take same of these ladies on a visit to other parts of our empire and show them some of the sights of our populous towns, such as Glasgow, in Scotland; Cardiff and Merthyr-Tydfil in Wales; Newcastle, Bristol, etc., in England. I could show them more drunkennes in one hour than they would see in a lifetime in our glorious West.

I am not long married myself and I don't think there is a happier 'woman than my wife in the North-West, although we live in a log shant; in a new settlement, with the mud falling on our faces as we sleep, and hav to do without the many privileges enjoyed by older districts in Manitoba. Sorry for taking so much space in your very we!come magazine. I remain, yours truly, "Homesteader."

## Think's it Great Fun.

Elkwater, Alta., April 19th, 1906, Editor:—Many thanks for sending me Mr. — address. Did you send my ad-dress to "Bachelor Farmer" of February issue? I enclose you a letter which I should be glad if you will forward to him and a stamp for one "Who Means Business." It's great fun; women certainly and him and a stamp for one "Who Means business." tainly are scarce in this great North-West. I think your magazine is better every month. I will send you lots of subscribers.

"Prair Rose."