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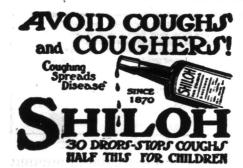
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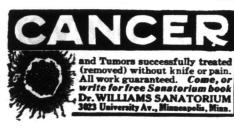


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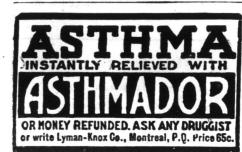
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- Correspondence

W. H. M. the Best of Them All

Dear Editor,-Here I come again. I was very glad to see my letter in print. I have the last issue and I have read it into a room where a game of checkers from cover to cover, and I will say that was going on, remark that the players it is the best paper I receive, and I take a lot of papers. Some of the girls and boys seem to oppose dancing. Well, for my part, I cannot see any harm in it. I see that "Puzzled" thinks that there is harm in dancing, because he does not have felt that he was "doffing his hat" to care to dance while the preacher is the devil. Doubtless Mr. "Puzzled" around. Well, I believe that true religion can be taken to where there is dancing as well as to church. In fact, Doubtless the Puritan would have been it should, because I don't believe a horrified at other things Mr. "Puzzled" decent young man would take his sister or sweetheart to a dance if he thought there was any evil to come from it. If the young people would conduct themselves like they should, I see no more harm in dancing than playing a game of checkers. Yes, I agree with "Sky-Scraper," that there is good and bad in all of us, and I believe that if the German people only knew what they had been fighting for, there would have been an end to this terrible war long ago. agree with "Light of the Morning," there is no life like country life, where a person can get out and "shake themself," as the saying goes. "Bookworm," if you only learned to dance, you would think that there was no better sport; but, of course, there are other pastimes that suit just as well; and if there was nothing else but dancing I am afraid there would not be so many of us in favor of it. Why, sure, "A Boob Mc-Nutt," we bachelors just think it great to be talked about, but I don't agree with Chatterbox when she says that the bachelors don't need any pity. I should say we do. Yes, "Farmer Girl," it is all right; and what we should all do is to go to church; but, of course, too much of one thing is not good. Well, dear Editor and readers, I guess I have gone the limit, and perhaps a little further: but I hope not, so I will close, hoping to hear from some of the readers, and wishing the Editor and members every

RANCHER.

Get New Topic

Dear Editor,-As my first letter managed to get published, I thought I would try again. I see that The Western Home Monthly has readers in England, Scotland and all over. I always sent my ing to prove that eating pork is sinful, copies overseas when I had read them, but have not since the war finished. I cess than in your present search. Had think someone should start a different you been trained in East India you might topic from "dancing," as the correspond- have avoided touching the fat of the dead ents have been arguing that so long. I cow for fear of losing caste, or had it do not care very much for dancing, but been your fortune to have been a North don't see very much harm in the little American Indian, you would have hesi country dances. I like socials. "Con- tated to bury your dead without placing tented Bach" certainly has a dreadful beside him the bow and arrow with opinion of girls. I think he should, by which he would roam the plains of the all means, stay a "bach." No, Capt. G., "happy hunting ground." we have been doing lots of things besides dancing since the men left for France. I one whose conscience condemns it: but liked "Cheerio's" letters, and hope she I do not find in the teaching of the good will write again; also "A Canadian." I Book that he is justified in judging got some very nice correspondents others who enjoy it as an innocent through my last letter. I live in a very pastime and see no evil in it. pretty little valley in B. C., with the mountains all around, and the river running in and out, but it is very quiet. I am very fond of painting, reading and music. This is getting rather long, so will close, as before.

MILLY MIGGS.

Dancing Once More

Dear Editor.—I have just now read Mr. "Puzzled's" article in your edition of May relative to dancing, and while without hesitation admitting that "Christ and his teaching should be our came to be associated with religious feelguide," I would like Mr. "Puzzled" to ing. The religious dance was known point to the chapter and verse in the among the Israelites: it found a place in scripture where Christ taught that the processions to the Egyptian temples, dancing is either wrong or dangerous, and was cultivated by the Greeks and If he can do that he has gained his Romans. point; if not, why does he introduce that statement: "Can we take Christ permanent place in Christian rites, it has into the dance?" Does he mean can we often been known in Christian cereengage in the dance and be in the spirit monies. Carol dances were practised by of prayer? If that is his meaning, I the early Christians. Till as late as would say "Yes, just as much as in any 1737, "la bergette" was danced at Besanother enjoyment." If, however, he believes con at Easter. At Seville cathedral dur-

he is doing wrong, then my answer would be "No;" for no one can be in the spirit of prayer and believing he is doing wrong. I once heard a man who came were "going to the devil," and he immediately left the room. I suppose he would have felt guilty if he had played. If the Puritan of three hundred years ago had eaten a piece of mince pie, he would would eat a piece of mince pie and wonder where the Puritan saw the evil. horrified at other things Mr. "Puzzled' allows and sees no harm in. After all, this question of dancing is one of training. There is absolutely nothing in the act of beating time with the feet that is not in keeping step or marching to music, while the feet and hands are not so constitutionally different as to make playing the piano a right thing and beating time to the music with the feet a wrong thing. I felt rather amusedpossibly I was wrong in allowing that feeling to creep over me-in his reference to the preacher. I would advise Mr. "Puzzled" to form the practice of leaving those parties when the preacher does, knowing as he does by the uneasiness of the people what is to follow. But now, "Puzzled," are you really sure that the preacher is not wanted? My opinion that he leaves because he does not want to be there, and that the people wait till he is gone out of deference to his known wishes; and I give him credit for leaving, just as I would give Mr. "Puzzled" credit for leaving rather than try to force his own personal opinion on others who have an equal right to think for themselves.

Has Mr. "Puzzled" noticed that Christ was at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, and actually helped on the festivities. The good book does not say whether or not the officiating clergyman left before the festivities began. One thing we do know, that Christ did not frown on enjoyments. Dancing was in that day an amusement at these festivities, and I fail to find any condemnation by that Greatest of all Teachers.

Now, my dear Mr. "Puzzled," you were trained from infancy to believe dancing to be wrong, and you are now searching for reasons to substantiate the correctness of your teaching. Had your parents been Jews, you would be possibly searchwith possibly a little more hope of suc-"happy hunting ground."

As I see it, dancing is wrong to the

SASKATCHEWAN.

A Last Word on Dancing

Dear Editor,-Perhaps the subject of "dancing" is somewhat monotonous by -this; nevertheless, after all the pros and cons have been heard, the fact remains that it is not dancing itself that is harmful but rather the injudicious manner of its use by some of the participants.

Dancing in its earliest form was an expression of strong emotion, and hence

Although dancing has never found any

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