

## Correspondence

**W**E invite readers to make use of these columns, and an effort will be made to publish all interesting letters received. The large amount of correspondence which is sent us has, hitherto, made it impossible for every letter to appear in print, and, in future, letters received from subscribers will receive first consideration. Kindly note we cannot send any correspondents the names and addresses of the writers of the letters published. Persons wishing to correspond with others should send letters in stamped, plain envelopes under cover to the Correspondence Department and they will immediately be forwarded to the right parties.

### Living on a Homestead

Alberta, August, 1914.

Dear Editor: I have been a reader of The Western Home Monthly for the past two years. I enjoy reading the different opinions expressed in your columns. My attention was first drawn to "Homesteads for Women," by "Engineer" of August issue. I live on a homestead with my parents in southern Alberta and enjoy it very much, but I do not approve of unmarried women homesteading; expenses are heavy if you intend making a home of it. It is also too rough a life for a girl if she is going to keep in the law and do the duties a man has to perform. When the men find it lonesome do you think the girls can stand it better, "Engineer"? Dear Editor, if you will allow a few more lines I would like to ask "Sunset Bill" of August issue who asks "What is Love?" to explain himself a little fuller. He speaks of love at school (chums), love of a sweet girl (fancy). Do you mean that is Love? My address is with the Editor.

Just a Girl.

### The Bachelor's Cat.

Nova Scotia, Sept. 2nd, 1914.

Dear Editor and Readers: As I am a reader of The Western Home Monthly and not seeing many letters from so far East, I decided to write a short letter for my first. I enjoy reading very much and the short stories and letters are very interesting sometimes. But by the time the work is all done on a farm there is not much time left for reading. Can do mostly anything when it is necessary, in the barn, field, or in the house, and think it doesn't hurt any girl to learn these things; she may never have to do some of them, but then she will know how if she has to. I have never been in the West, but long to go, if only to see some of the places I hear so much about. I have a number of relatives and friends in different parts of the West and by corresponding with them, hear a lot of news about each place. Everybody is talking war now, and it is getting very bad indeed. What a dreadful thing for men to have such work to do. If all could only live in peace and brotherly love how much better it would be. Like all the other girl writers, I pity the young men who try to work, farm and house. But a strong will and stout heart will win in the end and some day it will be a happy home with a woman's hands to keep things in place, where once was only a little hut just big enough for one man, and a cat, or do bachelors keep cats?—perhaps it is just old maids who entertain them.

Would like to correspond with some of the Western lads or lassies. My address is with the Editor.

Handy Sue.

### A Small Village

Saskatchewan, Sept. 3rd, 1914.

Dear Editor: This is my first attempt at writing to you, and I wonder if I will see my letter in print. I do love reading The Western Home Monthly. I am not a subscriber myself, but my sister takes it, and I am always anxious to see it.

I live in a little western village, and there are only seven houses in town, besides two general stores, a hardware

store, pool room, hotel and post office, so you see it gets pretty lonely sometimes. I wonder if anybody would write to me? I am only seventeen and a half, and I am very fond of reading, music, and riding.

I guess I will have to quit now, or I will be taking up too much room. My address is with the Editor; do write, somebody, please. I remain, yours sincerely,

Flapper.

### Many Fine Pictures

Manitoba, Sept. 8th, 1914.

Dear Editor: As I have just finished reading the September issue, I thought I would join the happy crowd. I have been a reader of The Western Home Monthly for several years, and enjoy reading the correspondence column. I think The Western Home Monthly is a splendid book, and is a good paper for the bachelors to take. It has good stories in it and many fine pictures. I agree with "Yankee Billy" on the sport question. I am very fond of skating, especially with girls. "Broncho Girlie" looks at the right side of the suffragettes. I am sure a number of the women would make better use of their votes than some men would. The women would not sell their vote for a drink of whisky or some cigars. It is hardly fair the way the police use the militants in England, but they should not destroy buildings the way they are doing. I pity the liquor question if the women ever get votes. The letter that "A City Boarder" writes on liquor is quite right; it is one of the worst curses there is. There is to be an election in our town on local option this fall. I am sorry that I can't vote, as I am not old enough. I will leave my address with the editor and will answer any letters if anyone wishes to write to me. Thanking the editor for the valuable space in his paper, I remain,

Buffalo Bill

### From "Eastern Girlie"

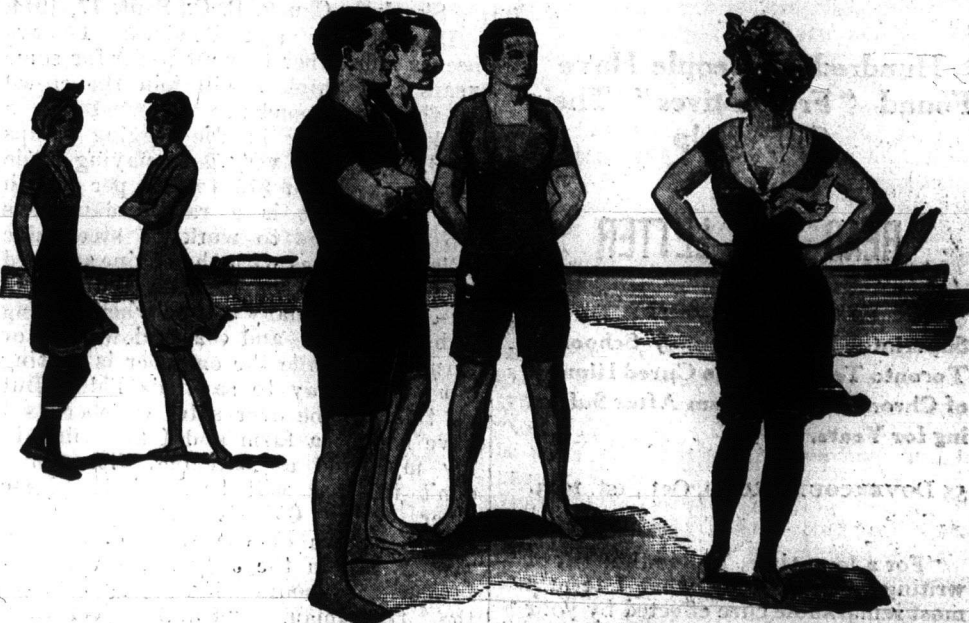
Mattawa, Ont., Sept. 6, 1914.

Dear Editor: For some time I have been a reader of your valuable magazine and find it very interesting and instructive as well. It appears to be a great Bachelor paper in which they may appear "lonely," (?) "oppressed," (?) but that is only from their point of view (perhaps?) I am just an every day Eastern Girlie and can boast of no charming or fascinating attractions, but would pass all right in a crowd. I would enjoy a few letters from some of those "shy" (?) or lonely Westerners if they will write first and I assure you I would do all in my power to write good instructive letters containing a few "tried" and "tested" recipes for good cakes, etc., which I am confident would cheer them greatly (?) I am a lover of out-of-door sports, both summer and winter amusements. I do not blame girls for rejecting a man who only takes "one glass," that leads to "just one more" and so on. Then what is there left for her? Nothing, save the knowledge that she has instead of a noble, loving man—a drunkard; one that cares more for the saloon than his wife and home and as the old proverb says "When poverty comes in by the door, love flies out through the window," and little wonder, for we cannot realize what loneliness she must endure perhaps ten miles from any neighbor. Dear Editor, I trust you will not think me ungracious for intruding and occupying so much of your valuable time, but earnestly hope that your temper will not give out till this letter has succeeded in occupying a space in The Western Home Monthly. Now Western boys do not think me a real old preacher, but some of you write me stating to what extent my knowledge of western life proves correct (?) I will answer all correspondence with pleasure. I notice in the August number of The Western Home Monthly "Sunset Bill" has seen a great many girls but not one has captured his heart. Do not despair. I am sure you will yet

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