

"Somewhere in France"

August 22nd, 1916.

My Dear Editor: Being an old subscriber to your paper, I am enclosing a franc for you to send me a copy of August and September. Tell me if the enclosed is sufficient, as I can send more if it is not enough.

This letter is being written not far from the firing line, and though we are in comparative safety, we can hear the booming of guns, which at night is simply deafening, and a western thunderstorm is nothing to the flash of the guns.

It seems a far cry from here to Main street and Portage avenue, but I hope to be spared and once again be in Winnipeg. What a difference, too, between the English and French villages and the hustling and thriving towns of the West.

Dear Editor, I would like to correspond with someone who is a reader of your paper, preferably of the feminine persuasion. It would just cheer me up to write to someone in Canada. The past few years I spent in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and what recollections I have of good times spent out there, dancing, skating and fall suppers filled in many of the lonely evenings. You can quite understand how we feel out here. No girls, shows, or an evening at the Orpheum! No! Nothing but war, war, war!

If this letter should find its way into that letter column of yours, I should like someone to send me any back numbers of The Western Home Monthly, Saturday Evening Post, Weekly Free Press, or any of the books we always took such a delight to read on the farm.

I might say, too, that being with the Imperial Forces, I haven't the pleasure of meeting many Canadians, so I would doubly appreciate any Canadian publications sent.

Now, Mr. Editor, if anyone writes to me and tells me of their life out west, ranching, farming, city life, crops, etc., I should delight in telling about life in France, as it would be very interesting to someone, I know.

I haven't said either, what work I am doing; suffice to say that I am on a motor lorry which pulls the heavy guns into position, others take up the ammunition. Thousands here, too, are busily engaged in taking up the thousands of various things necessary for the troops. With all good wishes,
A Lonely Westerner.

N.B.—The Editor will have pleasure in forwarding to Lonely Westerner in France any stamped letters or parcels sent to this magazine.

Girls and Boys Scarce

Manitoba, Aug. 13, 1916.

Dear Editor: I have read with interest the letters and stories of The Western Home Monthly for some time. I think some of the letters are just fine, but it seems to me that there does arise before the poor patient Editor a lot of hot discussions, chiefly about bachelors, votes for women, and overalls. For my part I say don't worry about the bachelors, they are all right. As for votes for women, well, I never take any interest in that. Last of all, overalls. Why, I think they are just the proper thing, but of course I live in a little town and I couldn't think of putting them on and walking around the streets. We used to live on a farm and I wasn't afraid to wear them there. I certainly don't think that anyone with a pair of overalls on is anything to be ashamed of. My brothers all wear them and sometimes my father.

I often read over some of the old Western Home Monthly's and I see that poor Sunset Bill seems to be run on. Cheer up, Bill, you have my sympathy.

It is a shame that nearly all the beautiful crops this year have been ruined by hail and rust. I think it is just too bad, for it will certainly go hard with some people.

I see where a number of the girls like horse-back riding. I think it is just excellent sport myself. I have not done much of it lately.

I would like very much to get a few correspondents and hear a little more from the outside world. We live in a very small town and things are certainly very slow, they are just fierce; it is so quiet that you could hear a pin drop

any time of the day. Girls and boys are very scarce around here. My sister and I always go together, one is never seen without the other. I think it is very hard to keep a girl or boy chum very long, but perhaps some of your readers will differ from me.

I notice that most readers give a description of themselves, but I refrain, although I can say that I am sixteen years old and have always passed without a kick, and so I guess I can for a while yet. What thinkest thou?

My address is with the Editor for anyone who wants to write to me. I will gladly answer any letters.

I guess I will close for this time, wishing your paper every success, I sign myself "Teddy."

Trials make us Appreciate our Blessings

Wiseton, Sask., Aug. 9, 1916.

Dear Editor: I have been a subscriber and reader of your Western Home Monthly magazine for these last two or three years and must say that I very much enjoy reading it, especially the correspondence page.

I am a farmer on a half section in Saskatchewan. I have been out in this country a little over ten years and came from England. We have some very nice looking crops out here this year and also had some very fair crops last year. We have had a considerable amount of rain, but we have had very warm weather along with it. The mosquitoes have been very troublesome, I suppose owing to there being so much rain, but this world would lose half of its sweetness if we had not some trials to bear, for we really appreciate our blessings more when we have trials along with them.

There is one thing that makes life better on these prairies, and that is being able to get magazines and papers so cheaply; a person need never be without lots of good reading as such magazines as The Western Home Monthly and the Family Herald and Weekly Star can be had so cheaply.

I would very much like to get some correspondents of the fair sex between the ages of twenty and thirty. Will some of the Old Country girl correspondents please write? This is my first letter to your department, but sincerely hope it will be good enough to find a place in your correspondence page. I will close for this time and will sign myself "Yorke."

Hailed Out

Nottingham, Sask., Aug. 15, 1916.

Dear Editor: I was proud to note that at least two correspondents noticed my first letter—it takes quite a bit of nerve to write a letter for the correspondence columns, as there are so many brilliant writers and so many critics—but as "Criss-Cross" asked a question, I feel that I am under an obligation to come again.

I have had no quarrel with the suffragettes, nor do I think that the women are treated right in this country, but as to agreeing with "Rebecca," there is a chance for an argument, but I do think that she is a broad-minded, sensible woman.

I think that if "Criss-Cross" had read "A City Girl's" letter, which appeared in the February number of The Western Home Monthly, that she would agree with me that it is a little too, too! If she would care to read it I will gladly send her the copy if she will send me her address.

I sure agree with some of the correspondents in regard to people advertising their looks—of course, if I had more good points I might not be so opposed to it—but the less people know about me, the more correspondents I am likely to have.

I had my 205 acres of crop almost completely hailed out on the 2nd inst., so now I have more time on my hands, especially while I am waiting for the "hail inspector," therefore, I would be glad to hear from any of the correspondents, especially "Lonesome Pine" and "Dolly Dimples."—"Chronic Kicker."

Would "Western Maiden" kindly send her address to the Editor.

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