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## Correspondence.

### An Anxious Enquirer.

Roland, Man.  
Sir,—Will you be so kind as to find space in the W.H.M. for this small note. If this should meet the eye of Scottie would he please communicate at once with Hiacinth. Wishing your paper every success.

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### An Amiable Alien.

Patchgrove, Sask., Dec. 30th, 1910.  
—Goot tay meester! Von happy Xmas and Merry New Years I wishes you haf got. Ay hof bin de gorrespondence golumm reading 2 year und a half next Xmas und vood like von letter to wrote. Ven I sees py der baper dot some gurlis iss lonesomeness in Alberta und Sask. den goes bump de bumps mine heart mit joy for den tinks me mit mineself, may be dot girl like me too und maype vill wrote me somedings. So den ay say here goes, und I sits me down und von letter I wrote. But dat for me bin von awful shob for mine pen all ofer der baper vants to go.

Vell girls I iss von dandy, burty as von picture of loveliness. I iss von Yankee maype, haf got such beautiful hairs, nice und long und yellow, plue eyes, leetle white mustache und wear No. 14 shoes. Mine head vas leetle too

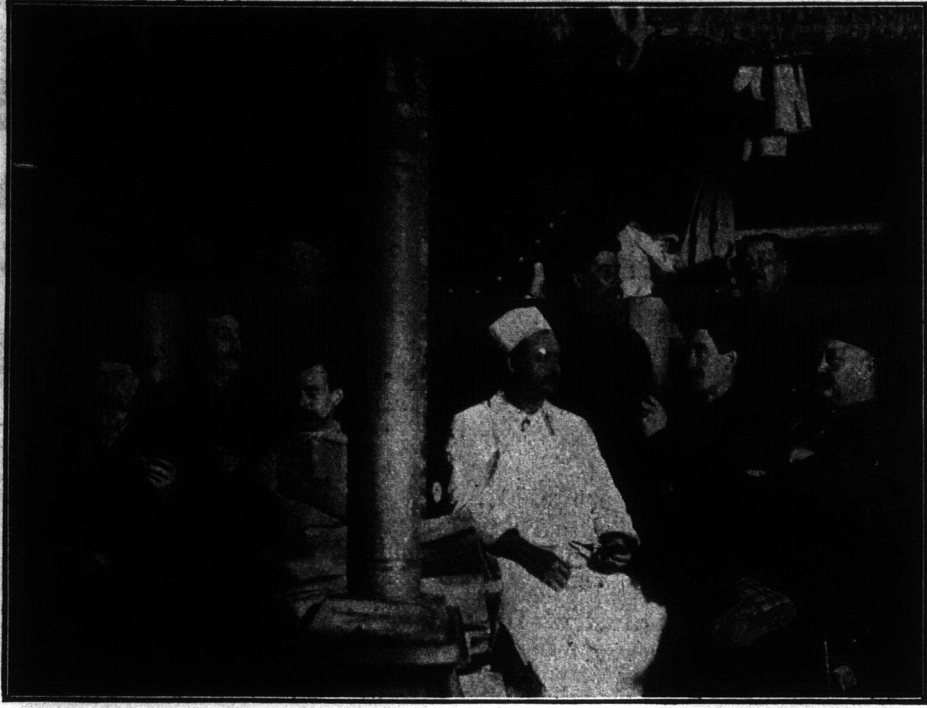
for Batty O'Toole, she is the girl for him, and says Archibald would have made a good slave driver. Now I will try to describe myself, the boys calls me Buff Walk; am 5 feet 8 inches in height; have blue eyes and golden hair and am not bad looking, at least the girls say so. Would some of the girls take pity on us and write just for pastime? we are not much at writing letters, but will answer all who will take pity on us, so will sign "Spider and Buffwalk."

### Kindly Criticism for "Only a Mere Girl."

Dundurn, Sask.

Sir,—May I ask your kind indulgence in making a reply to a letter written by "Only a Mere Girl" published in the Western Home Monthly?

There are several points in that letter which are well worth consideration and discussion. That epistle written by "Only a Mere Girl," sensible as it appears in my opinion is even more charitable, generous and womanly. But it is too much so! My dear girl, you are not too human, but you are too humane in your treatment of the brute! You are simply too good to us boys. You make us feel as though we can smoke and chew and drink, swear, curse, fuss and fight—do any old thing we please—



After dinner hour in Camp.

big und I vas so sweet as sauerkraut und abelsauce togedder mixed. I bin goot poy, but sometimes into fight I gits. But ven I fights I fixes him blienty. I shust shuts von eye und den I shtrikes his fist mit de oder von und den if he don't quits I shtucks mine nose between his teeth und I vill nefer let go.

Also von good musician I iss. "Der Wacht am Rhine" on de moutorgan I can blay, und de first verse uf "Home, Sweet Home" on de biano, I can play mit von finger. I can de fiddel blay too but den mine fingers und tumbs in each oders vay somdimes gets so he always don't sound right too yet.

Von-homestead I haf got too und it gets lonesomeness mit me somedimes. I vood von letters like to got from Jolly Girl und her dwo friends too somedimes.

For dis dime I vill glose und de Editor's vishes von jolly goot New Years und successfulness. Goodnight shirt, "Yawkob Shtraus."

### Hurry Up, Girls.

Lemberg, Sask.

Sir,—Would you allow two bachelors to join your circle? We are both Englishmen; Spider has been out here about five years, and is five feet six inches high and is considered by the girls to be a stunner. He has brown curly hair and has grey eyes; has a dainty little foot and such a nice hand and would like to correspond with some of the girls between 20 and 25 years of age. He says 3 cheers

and you'll still like us just as much! All honor to you. But ah, that's simply too much of a good thing! We could never stand that!"

But perhaps I am going a little further than the writer really meant to go. However, the letter gives the impression—and that, I think, is the intention—that, as a general rule, girls are too insistent in their objection to smoking, chewing, drinking, etc., in young men. She does not state what she means by "minor habits," but I take it that she means the moderate or occasional indulgence in those luxuries and such other habits as appear to have little evil consequences. But it is necessary to make a distinction here. When we talk about habits, we mean something that has already become an established rule of action, a man's second nature, a part of a man's personality. A habit is not an irregularity, not an occasional indulgence, but an established fact, something that has become a customary and necessary part of man's existence. Habit, then, is something more than a mere "outward garb"; it is more than an exterior "worldly covering for God's creation." It is an intimate part of his character; it is intertwined with the man physically and spiritually. It cannot be thrown off like an old coat; indeed not! On the contrary, habit is a tough fibre well woven into the fabric.

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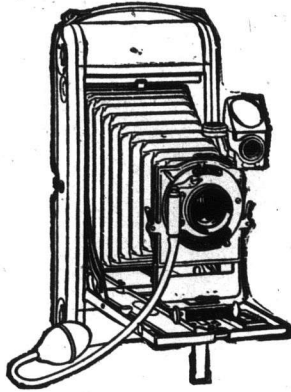
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