

Correspondence

WE have to tell the friends of our correspondence pages that a great number of letters were destroyed in the big fire which took place in our establishment on May 2nd. We will, therefore, for some time to come, welcome a larger supply than usual.

Will the following kindly send their addresses to the Editor, so that all correspondence addressed to them may reach its destination:

"Rebecca, A Farmer's Wife," "A Canadian," "A True Britisher," "Blue Eyes," "Morganrodnaden," "Cowboy All," "A Farmer's Daughter," "A Western Lass," "Homesteader," "Shorter" and "Progressive."

Country Musician

Unity, Sask., April 10th, 1916.

Dear Editor and Readers:—I have just finished reading the Correspondence Column, and thought I would have enough nerve to write a letter myself.

I am a young girl, and have always lived on a farm. I'm quite pleased with the life I'm having, and am proud of all kinds of sport, dancing, playing ball, horse riding. I wear overalls when I do outside work. I can play the organ, accordion, auto-harp, and I am learning to play the violin. We had a banjo, but my brother sold it and got a mandolin. I think it is hard to learn.

Regarding bachelors, there are some around here that keep their houses every bit as nice as a woman, and cook even better. Of course there are others that don't care what their homes are like, or just think it does not need cleaning but once in two or three years.

"Just a love sick boy" must be a dandy by the way he writes.

Well I guess I had better quit for this time, as it is my first letter.

Wishing the Editor and readers every success, I will sign myself "Country Maiden."

His First Appearance

Norval, Ont., May 2nd, 1916.

Dear Editor:—This is my first attempt, and I will be very discouraged if I don't see it in print. I have been a reader of your very good paper for about six years, and I find good reading in it, including the correspondence letters. I wonder if any of those Westerners would write to me. I am a farmer's son.

I noticed a little item in "A Beulahite's" letter, saying women have too much pride to sell their vote. They may, but don't you think if they had a good friend they would give it away? will close, hoping this will appear. "Curly."

Join the Game!

Manitoba, May 7th, 1916.

Dear Editor:—I don't see any of the writer's mention anything about this summer's sports. Why not form leagues and play patriotic games? We are going to play patriotic baseball this year. I enjoy all kinds of outdoor sports and play them the year round. I think that "Lonely Brown Eyes" has a good opinion of the girls, and I also agree with "Prairie Lad" on the liquor and tobacco question. I think the Liberal Government passed a good law when they passed the MacDonald Act.

As this is my first letter, I will not make it very long.

My address is with the Editor if any person should care to write. "Shorty."

Heroes 'All

Alberta.

Dear Editor:—I see that most of the correspondents have a good opinion of the bachelor homesteaders, but there are some inclined to think that they are a little lower than the ordinary. One girl asked me how the homesteaders found their way around—she thought there were no trails up here. Of course, she has lived in the city all her life, so we will forgive her. Now

they talk about the hero of war, but I think a young man that will leave a comfortable home and come out here to pave the way for others is just as big a hero as the others.

Myself, for example. I have worked and saved till I have got a start. I have 5 head of horses, farm machinery, chickens, and a 5-roomed house. I prove up on my homestead this summer, but what good is it to me; it is not worth while, life is too short. Some of you readers would ask why. Well, I will tell you. To put a good day's work in the field you have to be there from 7 in the morning till 6 at

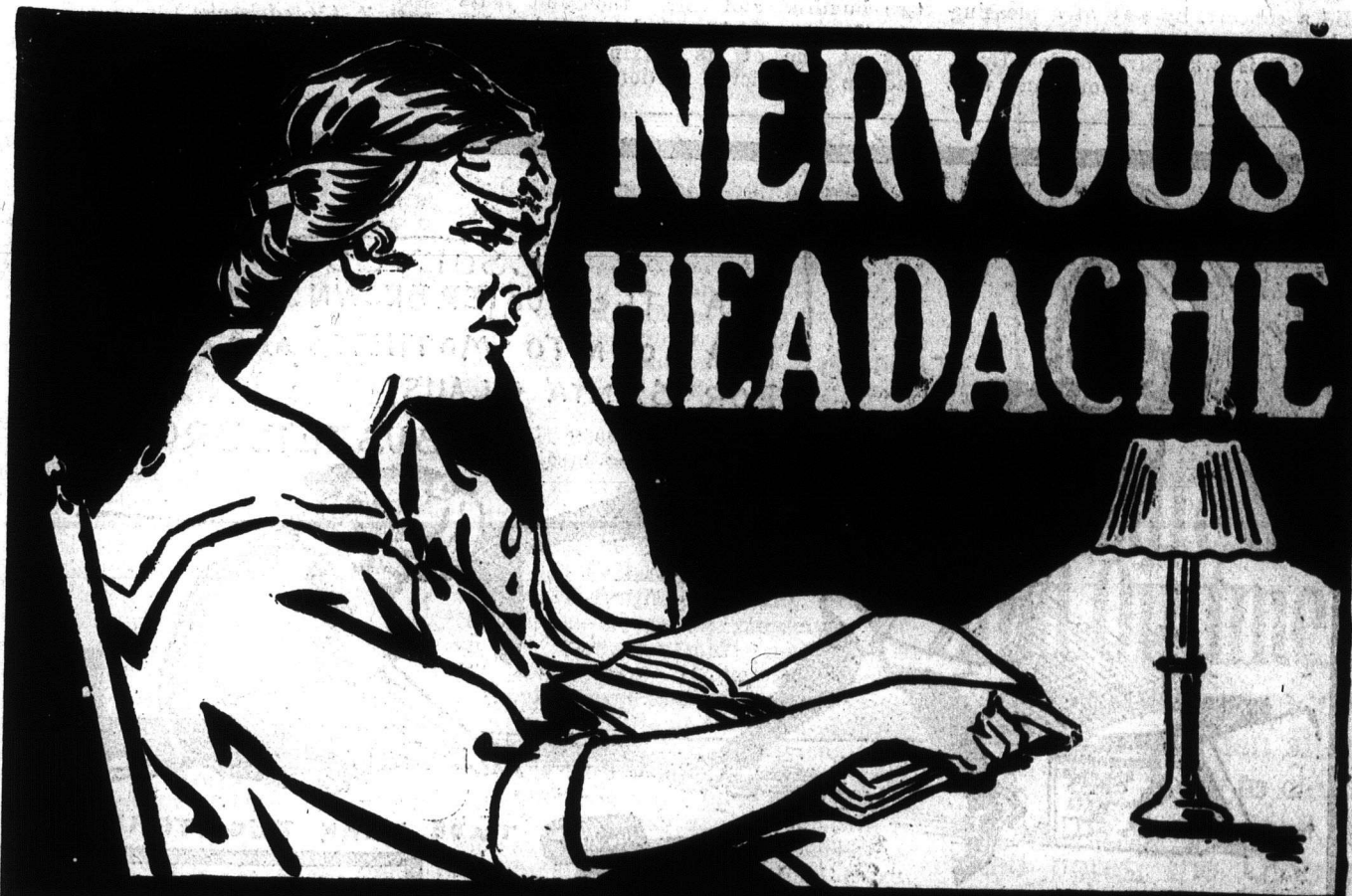
night, allowing 1½ hours at noon; then you have at least half an hour's work with your horses before going out in the morning and after coming in at night. So you can imagine how much rest one gets when they have to cook their own meals. I have come in at night all tired out, and have gone to sleep without any supper, but I don't intend living like that much longer. I believe I have wasted the best part of my life. I came here when I was 24 years old, and I have been here 4 years. It is all right for those young men who have girls they expect to share their home with. To them I say by all means start homesteading, as it is the best and safest

way to get a home of your own, but to those who have not got a wife in view I say hunt one up before starting homesteading. Now around here there are 15 bachelors. Out of the 15 there are only 2 who drink to my knowledge and 5 who smoke; 3 of them have enlisted, so I think if the bachelor homesteaders are the same all over as they are here they are a little higher, not lower than ordinary.

I will be glad to hear from any readers.

"Homesteader."

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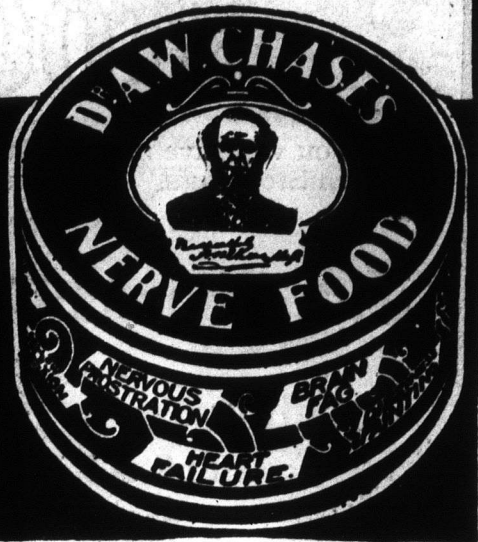


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