

overalls, I do not think it any disgrace. I don't agree with "City Girl" for I do not think any one should look down on the farmer. What would the cities do for flour and many other things that a person has to buy to live in town, if there were no farmers to grow crops and raise cattle. My opinion is they can't do without the farmer boys' help, no matter what they say. We used to live in town, and my parents wouldn't think of leaving the farm life for town again. I think some bachelors can keep house and bake as good as women. Of course there are a good many who do not care how their house looks, but all women are not clean housekeepers either, though I think every one should try and keep a nice place, whether it is a bachelor or not. We have lots of neighbors now. Our chief amusement around here is dancing and surprise parties. I love reading of all kinds, wild and western stories best. I think it would teach Mr. M. a lesson if Miss M. were to marry someone else as "Criss Cross" says. Well, I must stop, or the Editor will not let me come again if I wish to. I would like to correspond with some of the readers if they will write first. My address is with the Editor. Wishing the W.H.M. a long success and hoping to see my letter in print.—Western Maiden.

High Ideals

Okotoks, Alta.
Dear Editor:—I have just finished reading the letters in the correspondence column of the July issue of the W.H.M. There are always such good letters. Of course there are some which are a little bit too foolish. Such as those who give descriptions of themselves. As far as I am concerned, I do not care what their looks are, if they are ladies and gentlemen. A pretty face will not add much to a girl's popularity if there is not something behind it. It will for a time, but usually a man wants more than just a fascinating manner, and a weak, shallow mind, or a flirt. But you girls who are pretty do not think I mean you are all that kind. I also think that a beautiful woman can do a lot of good. Naturally, we all like beauty, and if she, along with her beauty has goodness, and an inclination to that which is high and noble, her influence will do much good to those with whom she may come in contact.

In the June issue I very much enjoyed "Homesteader's" letter, and, although I am not a man or, as yet, old enough to be an old maid, I can realize how hard it must be to do your own work outside, then come in and do your house work. But now that you have such a good start, do not give up. Luck will come your way. As you said, homesteaders do not get the credit that is coming to them. Most of us can praise the soldiers who go and fight for us, but no word for the men who work from morning till night to feed us.

I like to see the kind of spirit that is shown in "Progressive's" letter. That's why he is getting along so well.

I wonder if "Straight to the Mark" ever was really in love. It is all right to say what you would do until you came to do it. Then perhaps you would shake in your shoes too. He was perfectly right though, in saying what he did to "Morgan-rod-naden." When a man has been going with a girl as long as that surely he knows whether she would be likely to accept him or not.

How do you feel about prohibition? Are any of you feeling dry? I think it was just the finest thing that could have happened to Alberta. They have a substitute for beer here. They call it 2 per cent beer. I think they will have to be careful or that beer will get strong. The several W.C.T.U. Unions are not working as hard as they did before they got prohibition. Ours is going in more for Red Cross work. I am sure we will have to work just as hard to keep liquor out as we did to get it out.

I notice there has been a lot said regarding the tobacco habit in these columns. I am very much opposed to it myself, but it is perhaps not as bad as a good many other things. The men say it gives them such comfort, when they come in after work, to sit down and have a quiet smoke. It would not be so bad if it were not cigarettes. Why do they have to smoke those detestable things; when they know they do them so much harm. I know from experience that there is no use in saying anything to

them. They will always say they do not smoke enough to hurt them. The Editor will think I have written too much. I thank him for the space. Any correspondence welcome. Address with the Editor.—Farmer's Girl.

In Defence of Canadian Girls

Manitoba, Aug 2, '16
Dear Editor:—Can you spare room for another correspondent? My brother has taken your lovely paper for several years. I have been an interested reader of it, especially the "correspondence column" and have at last gained courage to contribute my "say" about matters of discussion now on hand. As I hardly believe in giving descriptions of oneself I will only say I am fond of reading, skating and dancing, also music, although I have

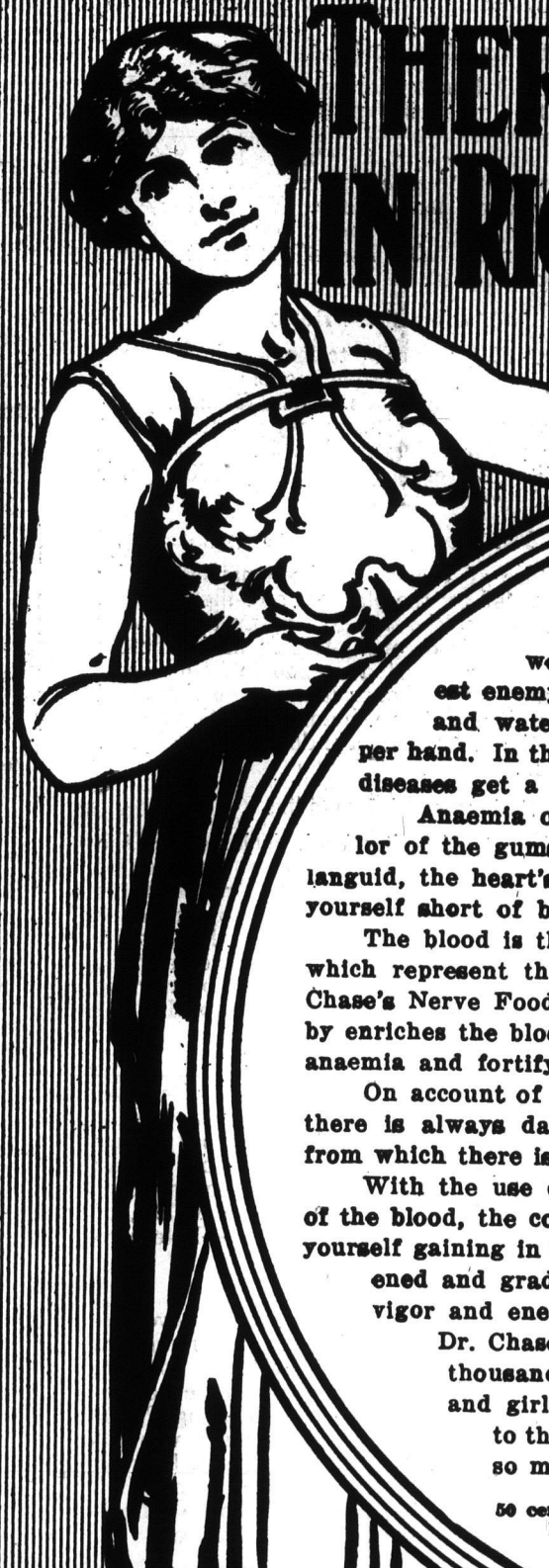
not had much chance to develop my talent.

I agree with "Mere Bachelor" in his letter of Aug. 1st, 1915, although I think he is a little inclined to judge all western girls by one or two of his acquaintance. Forgive me if I have revived stale discussions but I was looking over some back numbers of the W.H.M. and saw his letter. I know some girls who have refused to dance with gentlemen of their acquaintance who were short of stature or who could perhaps say "their fate was not their fortune." Some girls I know would not speak to a gentleman acquaintance on the street if he was in working clothes which were soiled. Others I know would deem themselves slighted if not spoken to by an acquaintance. I class myself with the latter. "Lonesome Ernie" said that the Yankee girls in Western Canada were the most "sen-

sible and sociable" that he had met. Well, perhaps that is so, but then maybe he has not studied Canadian girls long enough. For my part, although I am a girl, I think there are some very nice Canadian girls, but some I will admit, are conceited.

Hoping the Editor will be merciful and not consign this to the W.P.B., and inviting "Mere Bachelor," "Friday," "Lonesome Ernie," "Diamond Dick, Jr." and "Paddy" and others who would like to correspond with a country girl of seventeen.—"Little Simp."

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