

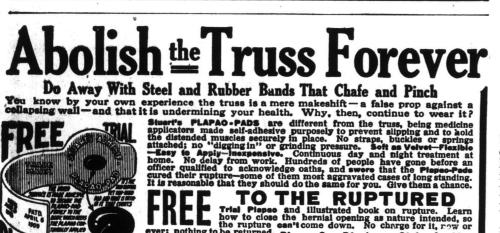


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Correspondence

Must Raise More Grain-And Still More

Dear Editor,—For several months I have been taking some interest in the correspondence column of The Western Home Monthly, but have always been too bashful to write. On reading "Spit-fire's" letter I felt I must speak up and applaud her.

'Spitfire'' seems to have a sensible view of the matter. We all know that now the British are ready, they will soon march into Berlin (figuratively speaking —of course we know they will not wish to go that far literally), but to do this quickly the farmers must stay on the land, and raise grain, and then some more grain. It is very hard for some of them. Many I know personally are longing to be at the front, but they know their duty lies on the land. I feel they are doing as much as the army.

Pocahontas seems to be an excitable little piece. I fancy she has been rather indulged, and fancies she has broad ideas. But, my little friend, you had better study the matter seriously and impartially, and let us know if you have not changed your opinion. However, I have no hard feelings against Pocahontas. She just lacks penetration, I believe.

By the way, I admire the sailor lads as much as the soldiers. They are doing as much and perhaps more than the khaki lads; but I hear little in praise of them from our corner. Perhaps because the khaki is more becoming.

Personally, I think some of the young ladies think more of the looks of a suit of khaki than of the thing it stands for. The uniform is what gets their eye.

I live on a farm myself, but intend ranching some time soon-after the war. Am fond of cattle and horses. Also am fond of music, but do not like dancing. I am a regular Canadian, of Highland Scotch descent. I am very proud of my Scotch ancestry.

Now, I suppose you will think I am not at all loyal, and too much of a slacker for this corner. However, I should be glad to correspond with any one, ladies or gentlemen.

Wishing you success, I remain, Bonehead.

'Off to 'Somewhere in France'"

Dear Editor and readers, adieu. Goodbye prairies I love so well. Good-bye cities, especially Winnipeg. Farewell to the land of sunshine and snow. I am going for the duration of the war to "Somewhere in France," though that may be Egypt or India, as we never know the weird and wondrous ways of the army. After working at the War Office for a year

a teacher in summer months in his neighborhood. That strikes me as odd. Why You don't mean only for the summer? to say the schools are closed in winter? Must they be college graduates? Not that I'm thinking of applying!

I was highly amused at the "Overall" discussion. It's a fine way for a man to

find who are really his friends. I wonder if any of your readers read "The Quiver" or "Chambers' Journal." We get them every month, and in reading them and The Western Home Monthly we pass the time very profitably. I met two ladies once from Stepney,

Ont. If this catches their eye perhaps they'll remember my existence-and let me know.

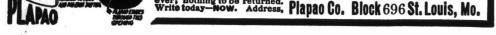
Now, dear sir, I hope I am not taking up too much of your valuable space. Yours very sincerely, Ailsa Craig.

Girls Able and Willing to Help Win the War

Dear Editor,-It is a long time since I wrote your correspondence page-something like two years—and now I am enjoying city life, and have not yet started to sing "I Want to Go Back" since I left Saskatchewan.

I receive a copy of The Western Home Monthly now and again from my brother on the ranch, and it comes as a long lost friend. I have been noting some of the letters in the June issue re conscription, slackers, etc. I have not read any of Pocahontas' comments, and see that in this issue she is the centre of attraction. However, it seems to me a shame that there should be such unnecessary discussions as there is at the present time. There was never a time we needed conscription more than now. Take this city, Vancouver-why it is alive with single men, to say nothing of the married. In the beach, park, pool rooms, etc., the men are to the right and left of you. I must admit that a great number have gone from here, but before the married men and the men who are on the land go there is the loafer and the "slacker" at the street corners. We have lost our best men, and those whom we love, and I think that the able young man, who, with noties doesn't go, is not only a coward, but an enemy like the Hun when he refuses to volunteer to help and fight with his fellow men.

I read A Mere Boy's letter, and he can't be called a slacker, but he may yet be needed before all is over. I would like to have a letter at some future time from Pocahontas' in regard to the present discussion.



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volunteered for service abroad, and here I am, inoculated twice, vaccinated, given khaki uniform and awaiting orders to Cheer Oh! do you wonder I am sail. excited.

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I would like lots of letters and especially from soldiers, as I have been working with them for some time now, and I know and am experiencing some of their difficulties.

A cinematograph was taken of some of the girls in Hyde Park. I was not there. I had an appointment with the photographer for the same time. Am hoping for the pictures before I leave. I do want to know how I look in uniform. We wear khaki coatfrock, with dark brown collar, soft felt hat and military overcoat, shoes and spats (at least we forget the last mentioned)

Best wishes to Editor and readers. Jean Canuck.

Would Like Our Winter

Dear Editor,-Thank you so much for publishing my letter. I would be pleased to hear from any of your readers. I envy them the fine times they have in the win-That is our dreary time, as we have ter. so little frost or snow (although we had more this winter than we have had for years), but plenty of rain and high winds. Are there any "Bees" held in Canada now? I used to enjoy reading about them in stories.

I note "Sky Scraper" has a vacancy for

Rainbow's views are worthy praise; I believe that the most of girls would want to see their brothers and boys doing their share. I have a brother gone since the beginning of the war. He has been wounded two or three times, and is now convalescing in England.

In conclusion would say that if the worst comes to the worst there are girls able and willing enough to "help win the war." My address is with the Editor, and I will be pleased to hear from any who care to write me.

"Irish Brown Eyes"

More Work-Less Talk

Dear Editor,-I have been a reader of The Western Home Monthly for the last two years, and I must say I enjoy it very much.

I have just been reading some of the correspondence, and I must say I'm sorry for the boy who is doing all he can on the farm, early and late, and is then called a slacker. Girls, I wish you would think more and try a little farm work yourselves. I've done it, and am doing it again. My husband and I are doing the work ourselves, and I'm not a strong woman, either.

I will say I wish we had had conscription from the first, then the real slackers would be where they should be. I have

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