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Correspondence

WE invite readers to make use of these columns, and an effort will be made to publish all interesting letters received. The large amount of correspondence which is sent us has, hitherto, made it impossible for every letter to appear in print and, in future, letters received from subscribers will receive first consideration. A friend of the magazine, offering a kindly criticism, writes that the correspondence column has at times an air of monotony, as one writer after another follows the same phraseology. We wish to warn our correspondents against this common error. A little independent thought will help mental development, and readers of The Monthly will find valuable aid in the study of the many instructive articles by eminent men that appear from month to month.

A New Topic

Ontario, October, 1912.

Dear Editor: As I have not seen any letters from this part of our country in print, I thought I would write and let you know, and the readers know, that we receive your valuable and ever-improving paper in Essex County, the most southerly county of our Dominion. I read with interest the letter from "Critic" in the October issue regarding Mr. Wheeler, the winner of the one-thousand-dollar prize for wheat—the best in the world. We, as Canadians, ought to be proud of this man and the province which has won such fame for us. Although we cannot boast of our grain growing, unless it be corn, yet we can grow a greater variety of crops in this county than in any other part of Canada. Now, I hope you will not think I cannot write about anything but farming. As nearly everybody has something to say about card playing and dancing, I will refrain from giving my opinion. But, let me say, that I think a good discussion of such topics is one of the best things for these columns. Thanks to Josephus starting this one regarding dancing. Those who have learned by experience, and those who have as yet only hopes and fears might give us their opinion on this subject: Shall marriage wait for prosperity, or shall love laugh at poverty, and the young couple make the struggle together? As I am not married and have never been in love, I cannot see that I should have anything to say. Cheer up, girls, I have only had one vote! There's time yet. I will answer all letters. Wishing The Western Home Monthly and readers success. I am a

S.X. Lad.

What is the Attraction of the West?

Ontario, September 7, 1912.

Dear Editor: As I have never written to The Western Home Monthly before, I must write a few lines now. The Western Home Monthly has just been brought in and I have been reading the correspondence. I think it a splendid magazine. There are so many useful and helpful topics discussed. I greatly admired the letter written by "Constance." I, too, think the girls should tell more of their good qualities and not so much about all the games and sports they can take part in. I see the majority of correspondents are discussing dancing and card playing. Well, I don't do either, but I think something more useful might be found just as enjoyable and not so tiring. There is quite a difference between skating and dancing. Skating is out in the open where you are inhaling the pure, fresh air that will strengthen you. Dancing is generally in a room where it is quite warm with so many people, and, of course, they are nearly all perspiring. This is all in regard to dancing. Now for card playing. I know people who sit up till morning trying to win a game of cards. It seems to be a game that takes a person's attention too much. Of course, there is a right and wrong side to everything. I am only expressing my own opinion. "Sport No. 9" must have been clever to resist all the temptations of liquor and

tobacco. It must mean a lot of courage to have to say "No" so often. Yes, I think it is only a coward who will attempt to ruin a young man's life with liquor or tobacco. Well, I live on the farm and don't think I would like to live anywhere else. I am always busy with something. I like Nature, watching the beautiful outside world. I like outside work better than inside. As I live in the East, I don't know what the West is like, but I do know nearly every young man around here is gone to the West. It leaves hired help pretty scarce. It must have something in it which Ontario has not to be drawing so many people there. Well, editor, if you have other letters more helpful just drop this in the w.p.b. as I like to see something worth while in your fine magazine. I only wish I could write something uplifting.

Canadian Kid.

From Old Ontario

Nassagaweya, April 9, 1912.

Dear Editor: I have been a constant reader of The Western Home Monthly for two years, and I certainly do appreciate it, especially the beautiful stories and the Correspondence page. I think it is the best magazine published. I live in old Ontario, and think it is not a bad place at all. My father keeps a general store, and the post office. I am sixteen years of age, and am five feet five inches in height. I have dark hair and dark brown eyes. I take music lessons on the piano, and like it very well. I can play cards, dance a little bit, and skate. I think skating is one of the best sports going. We have nice country around here, especially in the summer. I like fishing very much, but I guess it is an uncommon thing for girls to fish, so I don't do much at it. Well as this is the first letter I have written to the W.H.M. I think it is long enough. I hope my letter will not be put in the w.p.b., as I would like any of the members to correspond with me. I wish the paper much success, and will leave my address with the Editor. Yours Sincerely,

The Ontario Girl.

Two Jolly School Girls

Morris, Manitoba, September 13, 1912.

Dear Editor: Please allow a little space in your valuable magazine for two jolly school kids. Altho' both subscribers we live just five miles apart, but being always of the same mind and opinion we planned to write as one. We shall not give a description of ourselves as there is nothing extraordinary about either of us, only Number One is a little stouter than Number Two and has blue eyes, while Number Two has the loveliest brown eyes. Our ages are both between 15 and 20, and we might add we both passed our Entrance this summer and are going back to take up our Third Class this term. Although we go to school we both help with the work on the farm and enjoy it to a great extent. From all crops are going to be splendid this year. The wheat is "filled to the tip" and it is with pleasure we help to do the stooking and other work as well. The gardens, too, are like a blessing this summer. The water melons will soon be smiling towards us now and anyone wanting a piece just come along. Well, wishing your Club all the success it deserves we will close and anybody wishing to write to us will find our names with the Editor. We shall answer all letters and cards received. Number One and Number Two.

The First Snowfall

Ogema, Oct. 9, 1912.

Dear Editor: This being a dull day and the first snowstorm of the year that has kept us pretty much in the house, I thought I would make a beginning and write to The Western Home Monthly. I am a bachelor formerly of Michigan. I am 23 years old, height 5 feet 6 in., brown curly hair, and I like lots of fun. I do not use strong drink of any kind, or tobacco in any form. I like to dance, play cards, base-

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