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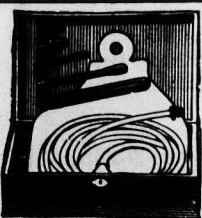
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Happy Posy Wants Happy Lover.

Sperling, March 18, 1908. Editor.—I have been very much interested in the letters of the correspondence column, and would like to correspond with "Happy Lover," Sperling.

I am tall, good looking, good natured and a splendid housekeeper. If "Happy Lover" would send his true signature to

Mosquito Gets Busy.

Kimberley, Ont., March 18, 1908. Editor.—The other day I chanced to have the opportunity of reading a copy of your interesting magazine, and as I read its entire contents from front to back I became so interested in it I desired to subscribe for it at once. I liked it fine. The correspondence column arrested my attention greatly, the unity which it showed in spirit and yet the vast difference of the ideas of some. There were some which I fully agreed with and some I thought were very hard to suit.

I liked "Yorkshire Lassie's" letter. I think she has a lot of sense and good judgment. She seems to be fully alive to the conditions that exist in our great Canadian North West, especially the remote parts. I speak from experience as I have travelled through Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. It certainly is lonesome for the bachelor and more so for the ones whose work is in the house, especially if they live quite a distance from town. I have been in places that were fairly well settled and yet it took two and three days to get to town, sometimes more. In such cases the women in these districts seldom went to town except in the middle of the summer when it was fine.

Now a word about the bachelors of the West: Take them as a rule they are pretty good fellows, hard working, industrious, honest fellows. Occasionally I would meet an old crank. But I think most of them would like to have a companion to brighten up their homes and do the cooking, and would do their best to make life for her as happy as possible.

I also liked the letters signed by "No Chore Boy" and "Interested."

As this is my first letter I would like to see it in print if it is worthy of the valuable space which it would occupy. I do not write it with a view to matrimony as I live in an Eastern country which is well settled and I think if a fellow is any good in a well settled district he doesn't need to seek a companion for life in a far off field. Although, I would like to correspond with any girl between eighteen and twenty-two for mere pastime. I am twenty-one years old myself, a farmer, and intend to be one as I think it an independent occupation.

Thinks Our Magazine Is It.

Estevan, Sask., March 20, 1908. Editor.—Will you please allow a lonely Northwestern reader to enter your interesting column? I think your magazine is just splendid for it has a wee corner in it for every member of the family.

"Countess Aveline," I think you are awfully hard on the Yankees. I am a Yankee and am proud of it, although I have nothing against Canadians.

I hope some nice Yankee gentleman may meet "Countess Aveline" and change her opinions.

Some of the bachelors write very nice letters, but some ask us to write first which I think is not ladylike. Do you? I would like to correspond with some lonely bachelors, providing they write first.

I have dark eyes and hair, weigh 130 pounds, and am 5 feet 7 inches tall. Hoping I will not drop into the wastebasket, but thanking you for space either there or in your valuable magazine. I must stop, wishing your paper every success.

Ontario Girl Gets Interested.

Ontario, March 29, 1908. Editor.—Having received a copy of your W. H. M. I may say that I was very much interested in it, as I read the paper from start to finish.

I think the correspondence column is very interesting, as some of the bachelors' letters are so romantic.

I feel so sorry for "Rev. Dooley." I am sure none of our Ontario girls would use a fellow that way. By the way, I would like to correspond with him.

I love dancing and all kinds of amusement. I am 19 years of age, blue eyes, fair complexion and dark hair. I intend to visit the "wild and woolly West" next fall. I can sympathize with the poor homesick boys, because I have a couple of brothers bachelors.

Well, as I am not a subscriber of your paper, you will have to excuse me for writing such a long letter. Hoping to see this in print, if it has the good fortune to escape the dreadful calamity of the wastebasket. With best wishes to your W. H. M. "Blue-eyed Edythe"

Saskatchewan, April 17th 1908.

Editor.—Being as I am a regular subscriber to your excellent paper it gives me great pleasure to let you know that through the medium of your correspondence column I have secured one of the best girls living for my wife. The event took place on April 8th. Her pen name was "Brown Eyed Lassie." I can assure you and all the bachelor friends that true companionship is one of the greatest pleasures of life.

You can depend upon it that the W.

H. M. must come to our home as long as it is in print and we are living to receive it. "Bill."

No Old Maid for Lonely Bill.

Delisle, Sask., April 24, 1908. Editor.—As I am reading your magazine with interest and find much pleasure reading the correspondence column, I thought I would write a few lines to let you know that Saskatchewan has some young homesteaders waking up and thinking of trying some other way of winning a girl for a sweetheart.

We have such few girls here that about every 10th man gets a pick, and a mighty poor pick, too. If there is any young lady who has not yet found him, I would like to hear from her. Of course, she must be a jolly sort of decent girl, as I am 22 years old and a bit jolly myself.

I have my homestead all broke and proved up and am ready to make the best of it. We have some old maids around here so the old maid knows she must stay back. I would like to hear from the girl who addresses herself "Balarres Rosebud." I will now conclude with best wishes to the W. H. M. and the girl looking for me. Two shoes make a pair, one shoe for

"Lonely Bill No. 6."

Boys Requested not to Rush.

Ontario, April 24, 1908. Editor.—I am not a subscriber to the Western Home Monthly but have it sent to me every month. I enjoy reading it very much, especially the correspondence column. I do not want to get married, at least not yet. Would like to correspond with some of the male or female correspondents. "Male preferred."

I am 5 feet 6 inches tall, have dark brown hair and brown eyes, am very fond of music and play some; am fond of any kind of innocent amusement, like dancing or a friendly game of cards.

I have never lived on a farm, but could milk a cow if I had to and have no objection to a farmer provided he is the right kind.

He must not drink anything stronger than water or black tea and must not chew tobacco, but I have no objection to smoking, I rather like to see a man enjoying a smoke.

I am a Presbyterian and don't believe I could be anything else. I can cook well enough to suit the ordinary man. I have given myself a good recommendation, don't you think so, boys? Now hurry, boys, and avoid the rush. There is sure to be one.

"Brown Betty."

She Says This Is Leap Year.

Ontario, April 23, 1908. Editor.—I am not a subscriber to your magazine but my sister-in-law takes it, so I read it every month and like it, especially the correspondence column, very much.

I do not wish to get married; in fact, I intend to be an old maid, but I would like to correspond with some of the lonely bachelors. I like the letters from "Girls' Ideal," or "Shellriver Cowboy," and think they would be jolly.

I am 21 years old, about 5 feet 3 inches tall and have brown hair, slightly inclined to be red, and brown eyes. I am a Protestant, do not object to dancing but would not like a man who drinks, chews tobacco or takes sugar in his tea.

I do not live on a farm but think I could learn to milk the cows. I am a stenographer and want to come out West and would like to be acquainted with some of the people, especially the boys, before I come.

Now, boys, hurry up and write to me; this is leap year, you know, and it will not come again for four years.

"Airy Fairy Lillian."

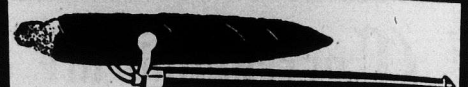
Brick Yard Blonde Murmurs.

Broadview, Sask., April 19, 1908. Editor.—I now take the opportunity of taking part in your correspondence columns. I am a constant reader of your valuable paper as we receive it every month. I am greatly interested in the correspondence column, for many of the letters therein are very amusing and interesting.

Now, since I have mentioned the correspondence I will say a little more. I notice letters from girls and boys to girls and boys, letters from Montreal as far west as Vancouver, and they are all readers of the W. H. M. I think myself that this is indeed a model way of showing the popularity of your valuable paper.

How is it that a girl in Montreal will write to a man in Vancouver with the object of matrimony? Are there no young men in Montreal? See the sport one may obtain from writing and answering letters to and from their opposite sex so many miles away and in the same time they will be getting in contact with the one that is meant for them, when by keeping with those around their own homes they know nothing of their ideals. See the sport all we readers would lose only for this wide world correspondence column in the W. H. M., by which you have the opportunity of writing and flirting with your opposite sex unknown to you even as far away as England.

But I don't think a truly love match can be made if either parties never see one another. Yet there is no need for that, we may see one another and get acquainted with one another's habits before we go so far as to enter into an



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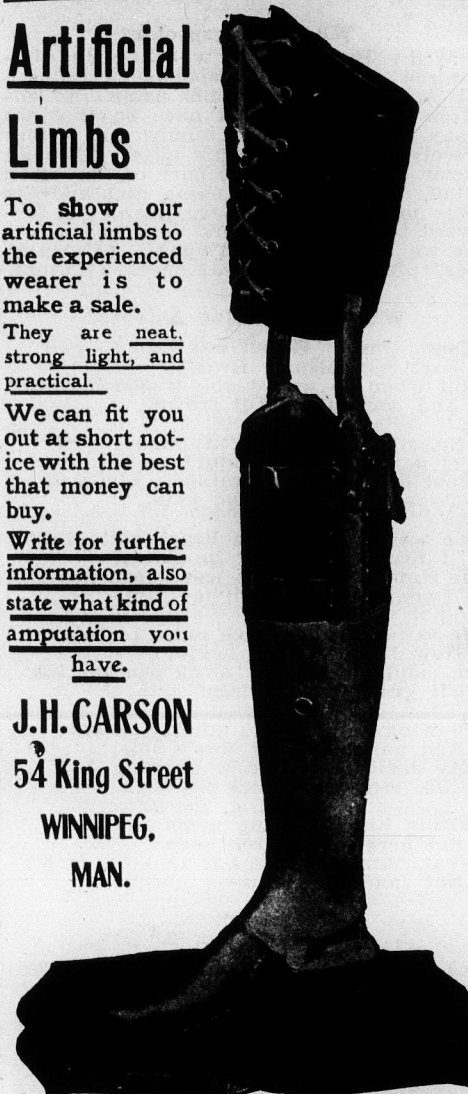
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