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## Correspondence

The editor of the Correspondence Page wishes to thank the writers to this page for the many interesting letters that have come to his desk during the past year. It is the aim to make this page as entertaining and instructive as possible. These columns are open to all correspondents who submit matter of general interest. That the page has been a source from which its readers have derived much enjoyment and information is evidenced by its popularity. The publishers of the magazine unite with the editor in wishing all the contributors to this section a Bright and Merry Christmas and goodly prosperity in the forthcoming year.

#### An Eloquent Toiler of the Land

Dear Editor and Readers,—Seeing many letters in your delightful, interesting and instructive journal, qualifying the good will and appreciation of so many readers, it has also tempted me to congratulate its many merits and rejoice with all lovers of good literature.

I note that the W. H. M. is a journal especially adapted to reach the minds and requirements of all classes of people no matter whether they live in city or country. I am a person without envy toward our city friends. I live in the country and pursue the duties allotted to the farmer. But I love our city neighbors and if their ideals, beauties and happiness are to be found there, we as free, high-minded farmers and farmerettes should rejoice with them, for were it not for the two classes neither could have the pleasure of admiring the other. As for myself, I have experienced a bit of life in both city and country. I admire our fine cities made up and composed of people with refinement and superb intellect. I thrill with rapture and gratitude when I comprehend the greatness and goodness of our many institutions of business and learning. Then we may say our cities are beautiful indeed.

But, "There is a pleasure in the pathless woods. There is society where none intrude, by the deep sea with music in its roar." Yes, I love the freedom of country life. I like my pets of the animal and bird creation. Nature is beautiful and seems to draw the mind from the handwork of man and fix and fasten it in close touch with the Almighty Maker of the universe.

Now, Lady Nowah, Reader and June Artist, is not this the real issue of your country delights where you go to send in your day-dreams? Lest I impose upon the generosity and good nature of our editor for space in his journal, I bid you now a friendly adieu.

40 Bachelor.

#### Not Luck but Pluck

Dear Editor,—Here I come, through the downpouring rain and icy blast, hoping to gain shelter in this illuminated corner. The W. H. M. is certainly a good story-teller. I just love to listen to its wonderful tales. "Peaches." What a very poor name you suggested for the man who does his own house-keeping! If you had put the letter "P" before the letter "L" it would have sounded better, but that wouldn't do, anyway. A girl who runs a farm is called a farmerette. You know when they want to name a substitute for something they put "ette" at the end, such as flannel, flannelette; Harry, Harriette. So I think an imitation housekeeper should be called a housekeeperette. Eh, what, "Bubbles"?

"Just Guess," you look to me like an unmarried school-mam in her early thirties. Am I right? I hope all the young men who read your letter will turn over a new leaf. If they do the "Toes of Toinette" will be theirs.

"Maid of the West," I thank you for your compliment and I should think you deserve one. Judging from the lovely description of your city, I should think you were living in Calgary, Victoria or Kamloops. I hail from a close

relative of the latter. Well, as you are all tired of my company, I will depart. With best wishes.

November.

#### Wants to Meet "Just Guess"

Dear Editor and Readers,—I have been a subscriber to the W. H. M. for only a short time and am very pleased with it. I have been reading the Correspondence Page and quite enjoy it. "Just Guess" has ridden rough-shod over the popular young man and I quite agree with her in most things she says, and I am very glad there is someone who has much the same idea on that subject as myself. May also add that I would be very pleased to meet her, be she married or single. There is just one thing; she blames the parents too much I think. Of course, we all know that the bringing-up a boy gets has much to do with the way he turns out. I think, "Just Guess," that you forgot to mention the more rough and ready he is the more careless and useless he becomes and the girls fall right in line with him. So just as long as there is that kind of a girl there will be that kind of a young man. There is heaps more I could say on the subject, but perhaps someone else would like to have their say. However, I am very thankful that I am not one of those popular fellows, yet am a long way from being ideal, but if I were the fellow that my mother thinks I am, I would be quite all right.

I think "Jean" must be just about as sympathetic as Dr. Burke in Dorothy Canfield's story in the October issue.

Hoping to see this epistle in print.

Fault-finder.

P.S.—If any readers care to write I promise to answer all letters.

#### More Fun in Summer

Dear Editor and Readers,—This is my first letter to your interesting Correspondence Page, and I hope to see it in print. I live on a farm and am very fond of animals, especially horses. My home is in southern Alberta on the open prairie. I possess a pony.

I liked "Lady Nowah's" letter. I wish she would write to me. I think there is a happier time to be had on the farm in the summer than in winter. In the summer we have riding, dancing, motoring and picnics. I have a Brownie No. 3 which takes very clear pictures. If "Lady Nowah" cares to write I might be able to give her some advice about her camera. I have had my camera for about three years. It takes splendid pictures. I print and develop the pictures myself. I love to crochet and tait, also embroider. We have a big phonograph which is a great pastime in the winter. The crops are good this year. I did some stooking.

Too bad about your flapjacks, "Lonely Bach." I enjoyed "Steve's" letter, it was very interesting. I think my letter is getting rather long, so I will close.

Would like to correspond with "Lady Nowah" if she cares to write. My address is with the editor.

Primrose No. 2.

#### Health Comes First

Dear Correspondents,—Since living on a farm, I have been reading The Western Home Monthly regularly, and I think it is the best magazine in Western Canada. I enjoy the Correspondence columns especially. I have always lived in the city until about a year ago, when I decided to try farm life, and now I wouldn't want to live anywhere else, though I know lots of farm boys that are going off to the city. I used to miss the noise and life of the city, but in a few months I learned to love the big, free, open prairie. While I like the farm I am on, I am not so sure that the farm likes me, as I do play some wild tricks on others sometimes. But they always forgive me, for which I am grateful, for mischief just pops out before I can



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