

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. Kindly note we cannot send any correspondents the names and addresses of the writers of the letters published. Persons wishing to correspond with others should send letters in stamped, plain envelopes under cover to the Correspondence Department and they will immediately be forwarded to the right parties.

Life Has Its Hardships

The Western Home Monthly,

Winnipeg, Man.

Sask., Nov. 2nd, 1914.

Dear Editor—I read with much interest the letters on the correspondence page of your paper and now that the evenings are getting long and the rush of work is wearing down so that it leaves a person with some time to himself, I thought it a good pastime to get interested in the "Merry Circle" and contribute a short letter to your page for an initial one and try and create some excitement for the winter months, for there certainly isn't much down here. I am not a subscriber but my brother is.

There seems to be a formal confession of ages in the different letters and no doubt it is quite in order, but, sure, how are you to believe the girls on that particular line? They never get over twenty four. But anyway, I'm twenty, too, but not thirty. Am a bachelor, by instinct, have been making dough gods and all the other fixings that go with the trade, for over a year, but will surely leave this country if it has to continue very long. But excuse me from any hairs in my porridge. "Oh you Connetta!"

Freda's letter in October issue is interesting. For one so young she has had a good experience or been in a position to form a very logical opinion of both sexes. I wonder if she ever met a "Sunset Bill." It is true that some men will marry a bank roll or even a few vacant lots, but there wouldn't be so many bachelors in the West if the girls weren't so eagerly looking for the same prospects. Too many girls of today want a nice city home, lit up with gas or electricity. The conveniences that would take the income of a President to keep up; where they can go out of their front door, hop on a street car and ride a few blocks to do their shopping, or telephone their orders to the grocer or butcher etc. City life is all right to those who have a good income, but where you have to pinch every nickel until it looks like a quarter, it's a pretty hard proposition to enjoy that kind of life. I have lived in some of the largest cities of Ontario, and the West, and know that it isn't all sunshine. Far from it. There are many difficulties to encounter that one might not see unless he were thoroughly acquainted with the financial side of urban life. But rural life has its hardships to encounter as well as urban though I believe a poor man has a freer life in the country, and if you read the newspaper reports and note the way all papers advocate agriculture as an industry and the advantages it offers, I am sure you will agree with my statement.

I may have more to say on rural life in my next letter, if I am favored with space in your column. I will introduce myself as

Duffy.

Peshishik Back Again

Manitoba, Nov. 17, 1914.

Dear Editor—The November issue of the W. H. M. was just as welcome as former ones, only more so. Some of the correspondents mentioned me in their letters. I thought my short note would

escape the notice of readers, but it only shows how closely they peruse the paper.

"Just a Girl" does not think women should homestead, but I think that they might just as well do that as have a vote. It is time "Handy Sue" knew that the bachelor's cat and dog help greatly with the housework on a homestead.

As far as the liquor question goes, I have nothing to say. It is up to the Government. They might copy Russia, for instance.

Say, "Sweet Alice," I did not exempt B. C. girls. There may be some very charming girls in B. C., but it is up to them to advertise the fact so we will all know it.

Surely "Aura Lee" knows how to get more about my (extensive?) travels in the west. Also I know some very nice Ontario lassies, but not so much so as some other western girls.

Now, before I close, I will say that some of these fine days, and we have few of them in a Manitoba winter, I will give that "Votes for Women" subject a rub. Well, girls, just drop a note to the man who is

Peshishik.

Still on Terra Firma

Manitoba, Nov. 4th, 1914.

Dear Editor—Here I am once more, but if I'm not welcome just put me into the waste basket. I read the October number of the W. H. M. and I felt I must write and say that I did enjoy the letter from "Freda". She voiced my ideas on those subjects better than I could have myself. I'd like to meet her and have a handshake.

Oh you "Sunset Bill!" I don't know what to think about you, but there's one thing I do know and that is I would not like to be the one you make your wife, for I would be afraid you would grow tired of me and be "holding some other sweet girl" in your close embrace, but I have had experience with those kind of chaps. The first chance they get, if they are not allowed to have their arm around the girl they happen to be with, they go off like a bomb. I've been over the road with all kinds of them, from the goody goody

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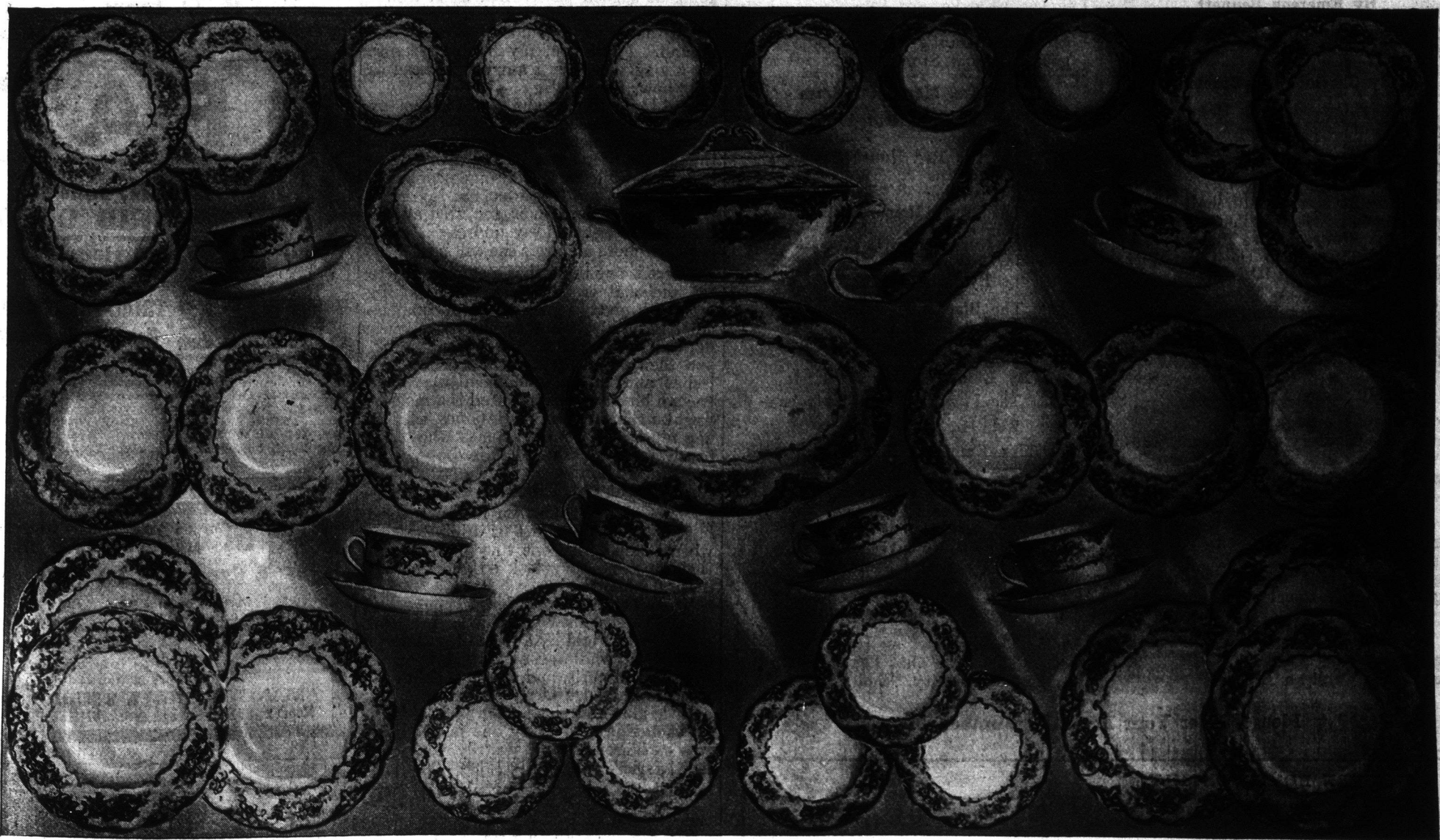
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