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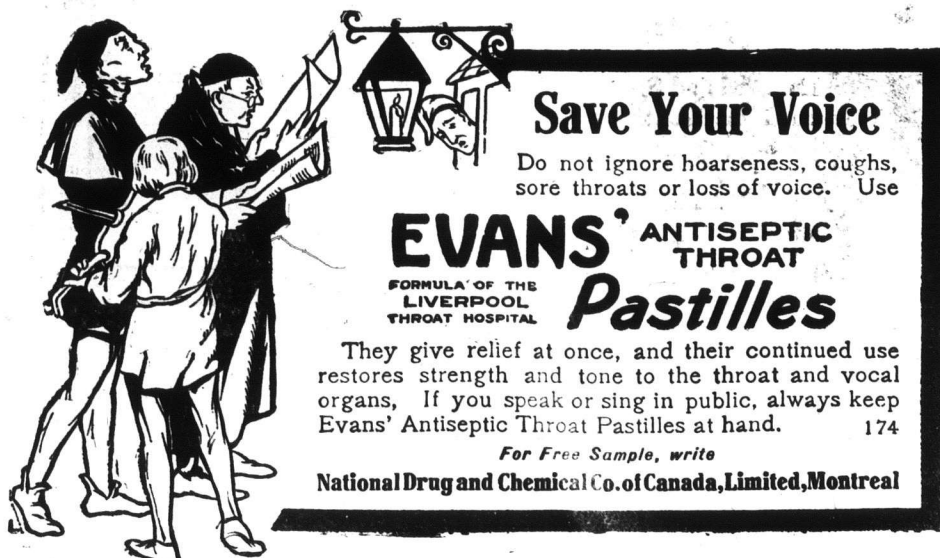
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## Correspondence

**W**E 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 mutual 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.

### Something for Everybody

Manitoba, Dec. 10, 1913.

Dear Editor—Although we have taken the W.H.M. the greater part of the time since it was started, this is my first letter to the correspondence column. I enjoy the paper very much, it seems to

This is a stock country, and nearly all the Indians ride, and white men do, too. They get about \$40 a month, all found. It is a hard life as you work early and late, and usually get only two meals a day and no rest on Sundays. I rode for a while, but am now stableman on the second biggest ranch around here. What really made me write this letter was to say a word regarding the letter headed "Too Strict," in the November issue. Now, I think the boarding schools in England are a lot to blame for the things put down as the fault of the parents. Out here in Canada and the United States the children are raised together, whereas in the Old Country the boys are herded together, and when you go home for your holidays, and meet a young lady, you act as if you had just come from the country. But apart from this there is certainly a false modesty in England, in fact, in Europe, which is altogether different from out here, where parents seem more frank. Well, Mr. Editor, I am wondering what will happen to this letter, as I see in your note at the head of the column that someone complains of the monotony in which we all write on the same sub-



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contain something for everybody. Though made up of many departments, each good in its way, I would like to mention two or three in particular. There are the pictures—a person may learn a great deal by simply looking over the W.H.M. pictures, which are always well chosen and clearly finished. The writings by Bonnycastle Dale are always interesting and instructive. Many of us would never have known about the Coast Indians if it were not for his pen and camera. Then there is the correspondence column, of course, everyone is interested in it. Some years ago, people when writing to this column would, in many cases, start off with a description of themselves. Then, perhaps mention their occupation, and close by wishing someone to write them. I have noticed a change in the last few years. Some very important subjects have been intelligently discussed—the letters show that some deep thinking has been done. I think it is fine for people to have a chance to compare their views of matters such as are taken up in the correspondence column. I also think that the W.H.M. is going a great way toward promoting good fellowship among its readers. Well, Mr. Editor, I must not take up any more space this time. I just want to get acquainted. Best wishes, and a prosperous New Year. Thistle.

### Who is to Blame?

Quilchena, B.C., Dec. 1913.

Dear Editor—Although I have only had two copies of your paper I have decided to write you a line. I have been out from England four years now, and have been along the Pacific Coast, from Alaska to San Diego, California. Quilchena is eight miles from Nicola and forty-seven from Kamloops, and consists of a palatial hotel and small store.

ject, but I thought I'd send a line as I myself have suffered from the false modesty of my loving parents and the boarding schools. I leave my address with the Editor, and if anybody would like to know about this part of the world they can write me.

Rainbow.

### Quite an Old Friend

Mellowdale, Alta., Dec. 13.

Dear Editor—As it is several years I think since I last wrote to the W.H.M. correspondence page, I have decided to renew old acquaintance again. The last time I wrote I received several letters from members, but they have all dwindled away now, for one reason or another, and as the evenings are very long now, should like a correspondent or two to help pass an evening now and again. Oh, yes, I'm one of those Western bachelors, though I can't say I'm lonely as my work keeps me too busy for that, but I think when one is held down to a place by his work that a good correspondent or two can prove very profitable. I have proved up a half section in "Sunny Alberta," 35 miles from the nearest railroad. I must congratulate you, Mr. Editor on the W.H.M. I have been a subscriber for quite a number of years now, and it certainly is surprising how the magazine has improved, and I certainly think it will be a hard proposition to improve on it any further. Wishing the magazine continued success.

"Sod Buster."

### Coming to Canada

Yorkshire, England, Nov., 1913.

Dear Editor—For a long time I have been a constant reader of your grand Western Home Monthly, and should like to correspond with "A Farmer," or