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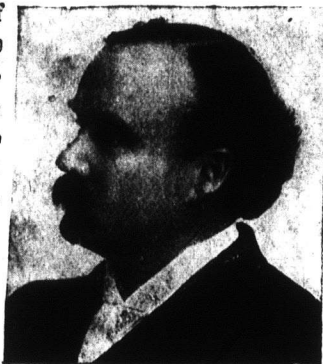
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tion, but if he keeps out of debt he will be all right. While I think of it, I want to tell every homesteader to have a tea kettle. These blustery winter evenings, I tell you it is fine to sit by the stove with the tea kettle steaming and singing merrily. It seems so very homelike, you know. It would just seem dreary and lonesome without it.

Say, how many of the girls read "Green Timber" in the Saturday Evening Post. It is a very interesting article on women in business, and it is written by a woman, too.

I see "Vesta," in the November number, complains of living in the most lonesome place on the globe. Well, if one wanted to be lonesome, this is about as good a place as any. But it is no use getting lonesome. When one gets lonesome he is simply not at peace with himself. I am never lonesome, not even if I don't see a living soul for a week. All the same, I would like to go over and play cards with "Vesta." I'm a sharp at cards, but I never learned to dance. I am too shy, I guess I see "Valley Flower" thinks batching long will make a man cranky. Well, I don't think so. At least, it won't make him cranky as quick as living with a half cranky wife will. I would like to write some more, but I think this will fill enough space for this time.

Wishing you all every success,
Sage Brush.

Luck to the Overalls.

Carseland, Alta.,

Dec. 15th, 1915.

Dear Editor,—I have just come across a letter in the correspondence columns of The Western Home Monthly that prompted me to try my hand at writing a few lines, and the main point that attracted my attention was where the young ladies found fault with a young bachelor's clothes. Now, I would like to give my opinion on how much a young bachelor's clothes count the way of making a home for himself. I am going through this test at the present time, and should know a little about it. I arrived in this country about four-and-a-half years ago, stepping off the train with fifteen dollars to the good and a stranger in a strange land. The clothes I carried was practically all on my back, and that meant one decent suit which was almost worn out by the time I struck work, so I decided right there and then that a good pair of overalls was the thing for me for to keep clean, would have to be the starting of my foundation to build a home of my own, and up to the present day I have only bought one suit of clothes in Canada.

Now mind, I'm not saying that its through not buying the good clothes that Kowe my start, but I will say this, that if I had bought my two suits each year, as used to be my habit, I would have to-day been without one team of horses which I couldn't get along without, as I can without the good clothes. Never, to my knowledge, have I been passed by a lady or anyone else of my acquaintances unrecognized just because I was dressed in overalls.

Now, to our readers of The Western Home Monthly I would like to say this: Why not change our subject of love in our columns for I think we are all born to love. So let us see who can send in the best letter on a subject of this sort. What have I done? Am I really of any use, or am I doing my best? and I think with one or all of such questions of which there are many to start our letters on, we will make them worth while writing, printing and reading, as well as learning and helping each other.

One of Them.

"In Sympathy with Mere Bachelor."

Smiley, Sask., Dec., 1915.

Dear Editor and Readers,—Have just been reading the correspondence page of the December Western Home Monthly, and notice how the girls are all finding so much fault with "Mere Bachelor's" letter, so thought I would write and give my opinion of it. Now, I thought his letter all true and a very sensible one. I do not mind a gentleman smoking at all. I can hardly see how one can begrudge them the little pleasure and comfort they seem to get from it, even if one does mind the smile. My brother

smokes, and I rather like the smell of a good cigar, but I hate to see a gentleman chew.

"Country Girl" seems to think that "Mere Bachelor" was insulting the country girls, I do not think that way. I thought "Country Girl" was too hard on him. My mother thought "Mere Bachelor's" letter a very, good one indeed; it was so sensible.

This is my second letter to your valuable paper. Was very glad to see my first one in print. Was also quite surprised but pleased to get a few correspondents afterwards. So hope you will find room for this one, too.

I like living in town better than in the country. The biggest part of my life has been spent in town. I have a few chickens here, and am very fond of them.

My mother is an invalid, and I stay at home to take care of her. My brother is manager of an elevator in our next town, so mother and I are alone most of the time.

We have church services in the school-house every Tuesday evening. The minister comes from one of our near towns, as he can't come on Sundays. I always go when I can.

This is a very quiet and lonesome place. There are no amusements here except occasionally a dance, but that isn't much when one doesn't dance. They had a Christmas tree and concert up in the hall on December 23rd, also a supper for the town.

I did not like "Kid's" letter; he was too conceited. Will be pleased to hear from any of the members, especially "Mere Bachelor."

Just a Lonely Girl.

Hurrah for Overalls!

MacGregor, Man., Dec. 14, 1915.

Dear Editor,—Just a word from a reader and subscriber to your valuable and interesting paper. I'm very fond of this column.

Well, "Mere Bachelor," I'm tempted to join the army against you, because of your rude remarks to us country girls, but I don't think you deserve criticizing. I'm afraid there is something the matter with you. Most country girls know how to appreciate good manners and how to receive them easily, maybe you came across some strange bunch. Try brain food, and come again. There is such a thing as loss of memory, you know. Perhaps that is what happened to you when you omitted to mention the number of girls who could easily acknowledge your manners.

And "Baby Doll," you are too small to be taking any part in this discussion. I infer your name of "Baby" suits. Country boys like girls with brains and womanly sympathy to talk over a scheme and build plans.

My father is a railroader, and if he ever goes to town in his grimy overalls, I'm proud to walk beside my dad, for I realize he is a gentleman under it all. And my brother is most gentlemanly—even when he is in his overalls. Hurrah for overalls! They signify honest work and strength. I'm proud of lots of my friends, who, I'm not ashamed to say, wear overalls. Do you wear overalls, "Mere Bach"? Try them on and see how the girls will like you—for a wonder!

A Happy Rube.

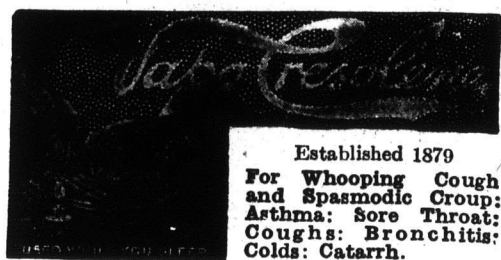
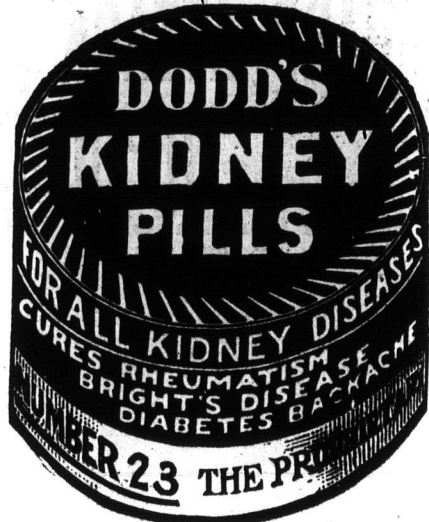
P.S.—My address is with the Editor.

The Farmer Misrepresented.

Manitoba, Dec. 16, 1915.

Dear Editor and Readers.—Almost a whole year has passed, since I last wrote to the Correspondence page; so, if you please, I will make a short call to renew acquaintances. I have not lost interest by any means, having read every letter that appeared during that time. Some of our readers prefer the correspondence page to any other department in the whole paper; but, for myself, I cannot very well decide. The stories are good, the natural history, by B. Dale, is good; everybody should read The Philosopher. The Young Man and his Problem; What the World is Saying. Oh! the whole paper is fine from start to finish.

It would seem, from reading several of the letters in the last issue, as though the farmer and his overalls was the sub-



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