

or drink. I am very fond of sports. Please send enclosed to "Barb," in the December issue. If any other young lady wishes to write, my address is with the editor. "Plain Mike."

Corresponding for Pastime.

Creelman, Sask., March 17, 1909.  
Editor.—For some time I have been a reader of your paper. I find it very amusing, and good as well. It certainly is a great bachelor paper. But as for getting a "pard" for life, I do not believe in it altogether, and I must say that is not at all my object in writing, as I only thought of doing so for pastime. But if one can believe it is right and get acquainted with the right one it is all for the best. A great many have queer ideas about matrimony. I must say I am not a farmer's daughter and am not sure if I could cook anything or not as I have not cooked at all for a few years. I work in an office. Most of the boys have not much use for girls that cannot do cooking, but I am not looking for a man, but would not mind writing for pastime. I am just an every day Western girl and can boast of no good looks. I have also lived in the East. I would like to hear from "Golden West," of the January number or "Bill, the Cowboy," of January number also, if they would write first. I am very fond of boating, skating and in fact most all sport. I do not blame the girls for not wanting a man that drinks or chews, or left them the pigs to feed. I should not like that, and think the girls would be better single. "Sliver."

A Souvenir Hunter.

Manitoba, March 11, 1909.  
Editor.—I have been a subscriber and interested reader of the W. H. M. for over a year and I saw so many letters from all over the provinces (but more from this little town), I thought I would write a few lines, hoping this escapes the waste paper basket. I see the others describe themselves so I'll "follow suit." I am 22 years old, rather tall, have dark brown hair and grey eyes. I am fond of amusement and horses but quite agree with B. C. Optimist in regard to girls playing cards and smoking cigarettes. I was interested in "Irish Rifer 's" letter and would like to exchange post cards with him. I have over 200 now but only one from "India." "Nobody's Darling."

Wants a Working Wife.

Saskatchewan, March 11, 1909.  
Editor.—I have been a subscriber to your most interesting paper for nearly one year and enjoy it very much, and I see so many letters from boys and girls that I think I would like to say a word if you can give me a little corner. As I don't want to get married today, I am not going to give any description of myself only I am no kid and yet would make a pretty young grandfather. I think it is a nice way to get acquainted but a poor way to get a wife. As for me, I don't want to buy a "pig in a bag." I see all the girls are good looking; I suppose they are, but to my way of thinking, there is more than good looks to size up. All the writers give a good description of themselves; if it is true or not, we take for granted it is true. There are some men who are not worthy of having a wife, and again some women not worthy of the name "wife." One does not need to go far from here to see it. When a man is too stingy to buy himself clothes, what will he do when he gets a wife. I think she would have to go to bed hungry. On the other hand, if a man gets a woman that all she thinks of is silk dresses, paint and powder and soft hands it's a bank she wants, not a farmer; and if she is too good to milk a cow or feed a pig should the man be gone, what good is she to a farmer? There are plenty of those kind of women in this country now. When a woman lets a cow go four days without milking because the man was not home to do it as he was away threshing. If I had a woman like that there would be something doing when I got home. I don't say all of you girls would do that sort of thing; you may call me a crank or what you like. I think this letter writing is a nice pastime taken from a certain standpoint but there is more needed in a house than good looks and good descriptions. Just a plain every day girl with lots of love and kind words and willing to work for her own good as well as mine is enough for me. If any young lady would like to correspond with me my address will be with the editor. I will answer all letters the best I can, though I am not much at writing. "Mr. Crank."

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