

am just now on a visit to my married sister who is a subscriber to your valuable paper. I thought I would like to write a few lines, hoping you will please find space for them in your excellent paper. They might brighten the heart of some lonely bachelors, for some of them are more to be pitied than laughed at. It seems too bad to hear of many living the best part of their life alone (for it must be lonely), but I think it must be their own fault with most of them that they have not got a helpmate. They think that girls ought to seek them up, but it is not so with most of us, for we can make a good, respectable, independent living for ourselves, unless we get a good upright, temperance man in comfortable circumstances, to share each other's joys and sorrows. There are lots of fine girls in Ontario that would make good wives if they only had the courage to come out here.

I noticed how many tell about land and prosperity they have, tell about their good looks, and so on, but not a word about their disposition, which is the most important part. By seeming gay we grow to what we seem by the spirit of hopefulness and contentment. A cheerful spirit is a continual feast which we each may have by going to its true source within personal magnetism on the art of pleasing each other, studying each other's ways and means. How much more happiness there would be in the homes. Life is just as we make it. Any respectable Protestant bachelor, over 30 years, who is fond of music and flowers, desiring to write to me is welcome to do so. They can get my right address from the editor. I will cheerfully answer them. Hoping this will be sufficiently interesting and please print it in your magazine as I don't expect to be here long, and thanking you for doing so. "Blue Bell from Ontario."

A Philosophical Writer.

Alberta, Feb. 19, 1907.
Editor.—I have read with interest and amusement the correspondence on matrimony carried on in your valuable paper. May I say a few words for the sake of the young women whose chances of marrying suitably seem to me slender in this country?

Since the old custom of parents arranging the marriages of their daughters has gone out, there seem to be an ever increasing number of unhappy marriages and divorces and of lonely unmarried women. Early marriages, the salvation of the race, and happiness are almost obsolete. The English girl of the upper and middle classes, if not dowered, receives an education which enables her to earn her own living and makes her just fastidious in her choice of a husband. Out here in most places she has to choose between the remittance man, who is often desirous to marry a clever wife, and may or may not support her and his children. Or she may often get the chance of marrying some man who wants a cook and chore boy, who may have money but whose personal habits are a nightmare to the girl who has been born and bred among people who observe the proper functions of knife and fork and regard cleanliness and refinement as necessities of life. Of two evils, it is certainly better to take the remittance man as he may improve upon acquaintance and turn out well, though there is an equal chance of his wife having to earn the money while he drinks and goes to the dogs. In nine cases out of ten the Canadian prefers a girl of his nationality, so it is useless to court him (though he generally has the making of a very good husband) as among the English girl's possible chances. As it is very easy for sensible and steady young people of both sexes to make money in this country and as plain living and high thinking are best for happiness, I personally should never make money the only consideration, though, of course, it should be considered before people should marry. But I am still wondering whether a still young woman who is only passably good looking, has nothing but what she earns, and is simply well born and well educated, stands any chance of marrying a man whom she can be proud to introduce to her people as "my husband." I think that in the great upper middle class in the British Isles you find the real cream of society, because there is always the stimulus of ambition to rise in the commercial or professional life, a stimulus which does not appeal to the aristocracy who can have all by right of birth. It is in that class that I hope to remain if fate, which is very unpropitious, ever deigns to let me marry the wrong man.

I shall be more than surprised and pleased if anyone answers this letter, because I hope that my ideas, and especially my description of myself, are not likely to commend me to many of your readers.

"Alice Montrose."

Would Exchange Love.

Radisson, Sask., Feb. 12, 1907.
Editor.—I am a bachelor farmer and I am tired of "bacheling" and would like to get my name on your list. I am looking for one who will love me little and love me long or love me when I am old and in the way. I will do the same towards my better half when I get one. I am a Canadian first and last, and would like to correspond with some of the fair ones in your list. Please address letter enclosed to "Sister Sue." "Starlight No. 1."

One for Bessie B.

DeWinton, Alta., Feb. 23, 1907.
Editor.—Although not a subscriber to your very interesting and valuable magazine, I have been a reader for nearly three years now and would not miss a month for the world. I have taken particular notice of your correspondence column and find it both amusing and interesting, would like to congratulate you on the good work you are doing for the Canadian West. I enclose you a letter to "Bessie B." of Portage la Prairie, to whom I wish you to forward it and oblige.

"Green Englishman."

Wants Ontario Girls West.

Calgary, Feb. 21, 1907.
Editor.—I am certainly an interested reader of your valuable magazine. It is undoubtedly fine pastime to come in after a hard day's work and look over the correspondence pages. My occupation is farming, a few miles from Calgary, an unmarried man of 24, but still not batching it. I batched for six months and at the end of that time I came to the conclusion that housework was no place for me. I think there is plenty of the gentler sex to fill that position if they can just be found. There seems to be lots of Eastern writers in your paper. I would certainly advise them to come West where we have good times, plenty of money to be made and a good place to spend it.

"Ambitious Hal."

Glass-eyed Bill a Teetotaler.

Wheatywn, Feb. 24, 1907.
Editor.—In looking over your magazine I noticed Maiden Fair wants a home. Please send me her address. I am an active member of the Presbyterian church and a teetotaler and in good health.

"Glass-eyed Bill."

A Broncho Buster Girl.

Jut Mill, Alta., Feb. 24, 1907.
Editor.—As a regular reader of your splendid magazine I take a great interest in your correspondence columns. I like the style of "Easy Pleased's" letter and should like to correspond with him. I am 25 years of age, a good housekeeper, can turn my hand to almost anything from clerking in a store to broncho busting. Would like to hear from "Easy Pleased" at his earliest convenience.

"Western Cow Girl."

Evelyn Gets Busy.

Regina, Feb. 4th, 1907.
Editor.—Please forward the enclosed four letters. Would you please forward them to the different addresses. One is to "Saskatchewan," in the November number, another to "Downing," in the December number, another to "Cartwheels," in December also. The signatures of the letters referred to were "Handsome Harry," "All Alone," "Easy Pleased," "Enterprise." Do please forward those letters and oblige.

"Evelyn."

Better Luck This Time.

Vermilion, Alta., Feb. 24, 1907.
Editor.—Please forward the enclosed two letters. I am not a flirt, but some time ago I sent a letter to you to be addressed and forwarded but so far I have not had a reply from the young lady. I know the fault is not yours and I am going to try my luck again, but in another direction this time. I am sorry to give you so much trouble but may be able some day to do you a kindness in return and I assure you I will do it if it lies in my power.

"Happy Thought."

Big Bill Wakes Up.

Alameda, Feb. 20, 1907.
Editor.—Please forward enclosed letter to "Fruit Grower," Summerland, B. C.

"Big Bill."

"Husky Harry," in the Running.

Canmore, Alta., Feb. 12, 1907.
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