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Cumberland, B.C.

Dear Editor: As an interested reader and admirer of The W. H. M., permit me to pass some comment upon the subject in the Young Woman's page of the October number headed "She Doesn't Like Men." I note you call for readers' opinions on same and as I am a young man I trust it will not bar

women and know the causes of their distress. (Good I say), but woman is no failure. The sins of humanity is a huge topic complex and manifold, so much so Mr. Editor that it doesn't become any of us to lay the blame on anyone. The world and humanity are old. There may be much about both for regret but there is ever so much more about them to rejoice over. As a business fellow, life to me seems a business concern with mother Nature as a senior partner.

I find her precepts are on the square. A sober observation of her method and system leads to sure success. An optimistic view of life gets good returns because everything that's worth while in life is ours for the taking.

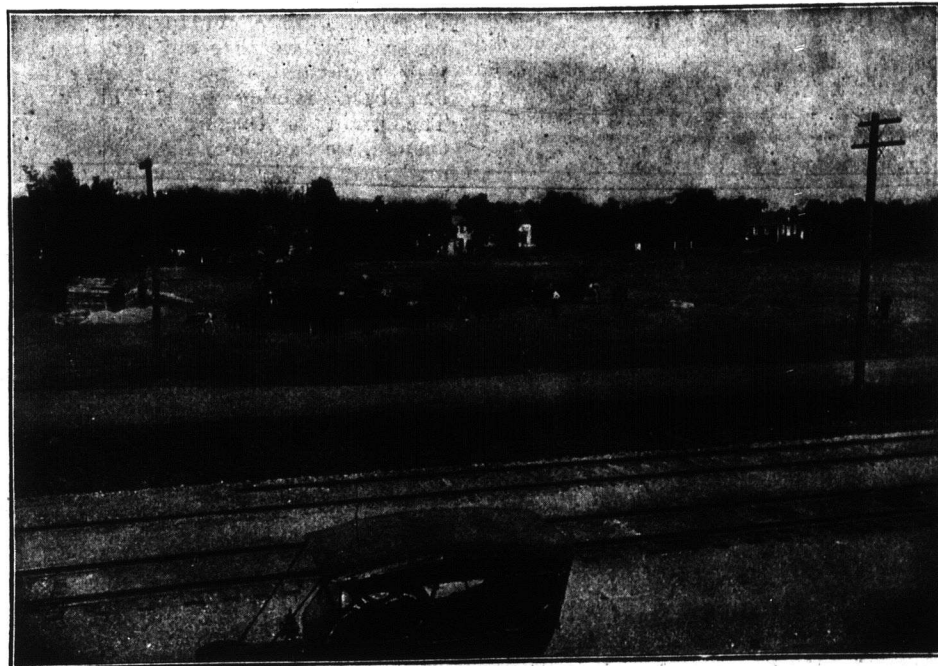
I would like to pass on a few more of my meditations. However, Mr. Editor, I trust you will accommodate these few and permit me to remain, wishing The W. H. M. success,

Yours for humanity.  
Optimist.

### A Match for "Mere Bachelor"

Manitoba, Oct. 8, 1915.

Dear Editor: I have just read, with a very great feeling of disgust, "Mere Bachelor's" letter in the October number, and think that when he would so



Rounding up Manitoba Cattle for Market

my reflections. It is a big question and I would like to detail more on same but as your space is of value I will under the circumstances, be as brief and as precise as I can. I think every fellow should read and take interest in the Young Woman's page and every girl likewise in the Young Man's page. "She" states she was a nurse four years and knows of the inner channels of women's lives. Had spent 13 months in a woman's hospital and bitterly criticizes the encouragement of girls to love home making and a high regard for men, who "She" blames for all the sins of humanity and that marriage is a failure. I have a notion that her vision of life is a little vague and that she is inclined to pessimism. It is true that some folks fail with marriage but marriage is no failure. To my mind marriage and home (compliments of each other) are the most noble, worthy and sacred of all human obligations and the source of all that is best in humanity. It is true some men are vile, base and mean but (Oh, you "She" have a heart), mankind is not all vile, base and mean. Mankind is the masterpiece of creative art. Some girls prefer an occupation through which they can shun the home and the domestic but this is not home's fault. There is no finer or better art under the sun for girls than Domestic Science or home making. My experience of girls is that the intelligent have inside their heart of hearts an irresistible love of home life.

"She" in the course of her profession may have dealt with many unfortunate

insult, in a letter, the country girls, his manner towards them must be the same. If so he deserves to be treated coolly and without a great deal of respect. But perhaps he has been in the habit of associating with only the lower class of girls, as I know there are the different classes, both the vulgar and refined, in the country as well as in the city. "Mere Bachelor" is evidently judging all of the girls by those of his own acquaintance. He must have expected to draw forth indignation from the country girls when he tells them to read carefully every week, the Young Ladies' Page.

He says that he learned his manners from his mother and at school. He surely cannot have gone to school long enough, or else must have left his mother too soon, or he would not have written such an unmannerly letter.

He speaks of a young man escorting a young lady, who had been caught in a thunderstorm, to her home and not receiving a thank you. I take it for granted that this young man was himself, or he would not have been able to describe so well the feelings of the man towards the lady. Probably the reason why he did not receive the thank you was because the young lady was more frightened of his manner toward her than she was of the thunder and lightning and did not think him deserving a thank you.

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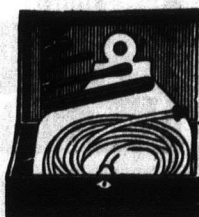
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