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lbs. 12 ozs. I will not take up the space to describe my good looks or tell about my riches, but if any lady cares to correspond with me I will promptly answer all letters and treat them with respect. Well, I think this letter is long enough if it should get into print, and if not it doesn't matter, as I shall not pester the editor further in either case.

"Sunny Alberta."

### An Advocate for Local Option.

Boissevain, Man.  
Sir,—I have for a long time been an interested reader. I came out to this country four years ago and did not like it at first, but I do now. I do not agree with "A Lonesome Maiden" about tobacco and drinking not hurting men; for my part, I think it does. Certainly tobacco is not so bad as drinking, and smoking not so bad as chewing, but drinking, in my opinion, is only indulged in by men who have no respect for themselves, and if it is taken in excess makes men more like beasts than men, and when a man loses self-respect he is not worth much. I think "Montrose" quite right in his ideas on the liquor traffic, and if some of the girls could see how it drags the country down, they would do all they could to get every man they know to vote for Local Option. Now, as regards farm life, I think it is by far the happiest. I can milk and do quite a lot of outside work but prefer to stay indoors unless the men are away, and then I gladly do all

may be just a great big bluff, like many of the fair maidens trying to draw wool over the eyes of the men. My dear young friend, "Ruth," you may be fond of the men. I will ask Miss Ruth to please forgive me, as I do not mean to hurt her. I am,

"Puck."

### Try Your Luck, Bachelors.

Man.  
Sir,—For some time we have been interested readers of your club, and at last have decided to become applicants to your charming circle.

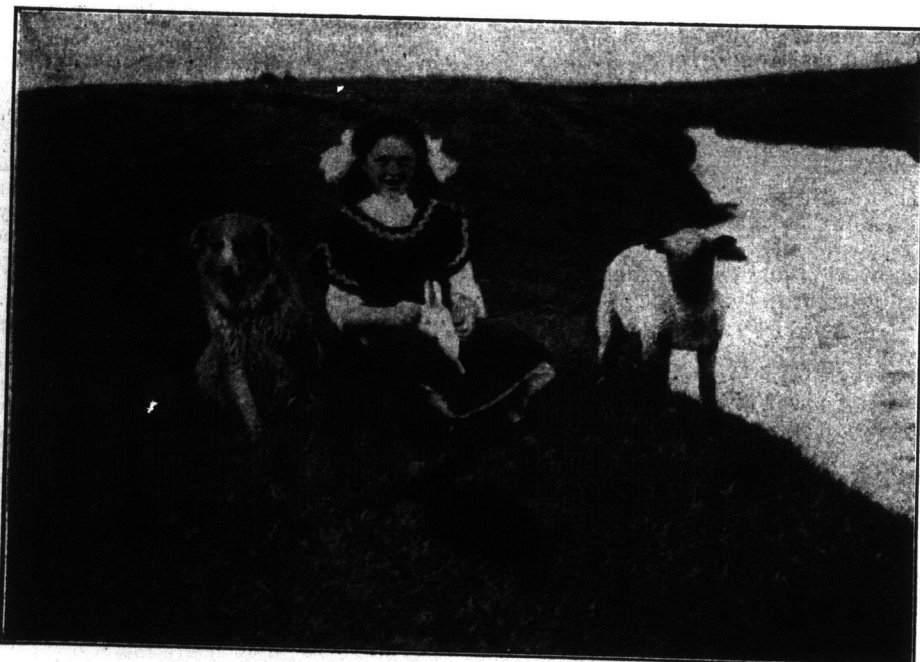
We are very bashful maidens—Janie, who is tall and skinny, wears spectacles, is fond of cats, and shows every symptom of becoming a typical old maid.

Nan is tall and fat, and also wears spectacles, is real 'good natured, but wears number eight boots.

We both like fun, but are not fond of work. In this respect we are different from others, you see. We have great sympathy for those homesteaders out in the wild and woolly West. Theirs must be a lonely life! But cheer up, boys, while there's life there's hope.

We are advocates for women's rights, and greatly desire to have our say in the world's doings, and trust the day will come when men won't always get their own way.

Fearing we have encroached too long on your valuable page, we will close, and hope this will escape the dreaded office goat and gain us a few correspondents. Letters from either sex will be most



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I can. I consider "Archibald" is very silly to expect a woman to do what he does, and think the girl who gets him is welcome to her lot. I wonder what he would do in the winter if his wife milked, fed the hogs, etc. I guess he would sit with his feet up on the stove. Wishing W.H.M. every success, I will sign myself "Somebody's Little Girl."

### With Apologies to Ruth.

Austin, Man.  
Sir,—This is my second attempt to join your merry circle, and hope this time my letter will miss the W.P.B. I am an English Canadian, so, of course, stand firm, both for England and Canada. I have never put foot on the old sod, yet I hope to some day. I do not think one could wish to live in a finer country than Manitoba. It may be a little cold in winter, as I have found Jack Frost take most disagreeable advantage of my most exposed parts at times; not that I have a large nose. Am farming at present. I skate, play hockey, dance and sing a little, but worst of all, mind you, I smoke; just think of it, I smoke. Have brown eyes and dark brown hair, parted on the right side, with a nice little lock falling down over my left eye. Oh, say, girls, it doesn't look nearly as bad as it feels. The girls around here call it my love lock. It that is so, love must feel a jolly sight different than I ever expected. I also have ten fingers and ten toes, and cannot say that I have any disfigurements of any kind. Can't think some of the girls mean all they say. For instance, take "Ruth." She said she "was not fond of boys." Well, that

welcome. With best wishes to one and all, we sign ourselves,

Janie and Nan.

### A Fruit Rancher.

Sir,—I have been an interested reader of your valuable magazine for some time, and I might say in beginning that I believe the Western Home Monthly is the best paper of its kind that is printed in Western Canada.

I am quite interested in the correspondence columns, and I believe it has been the means of brightening the lives of many of the Western bachelors.

As to myself, I am a bachelor, and have commenced fruit ranching beside one of our beautiful lakes in British Columbia. I would like to join the correspondence circle, and will give a brief description of myself. I am a Canadian, thirty years of age, weight 145 lbs., height 5 feet 8 inches, and am considered pretty decent looking. Now, if any of the gentler sex would care to write to me I would be glad to hear from them, and would answer right away. I will sign myself

Chechaco.

### A Reply to A Happy Wife.

Mayfield Station, Man.  
Sir,—We have taken the W.H.M. ever since we were married, and always find time to run over the pages. Happening to read a letter in the correspondence column from "A Happy Wife," I thought I would like to express my opinion thereon if that is permissible. She says that a girl may look till she is grey-headed before she finds a man who does not use the weed. Well, I

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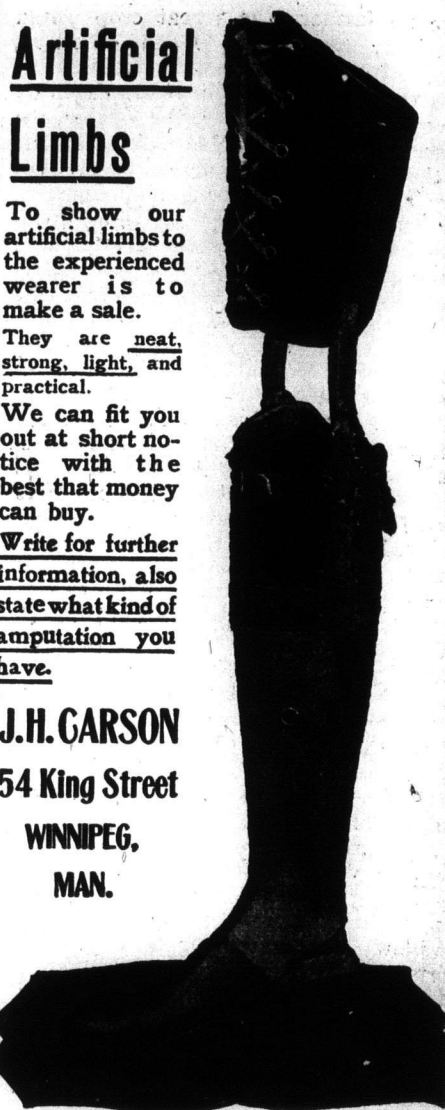
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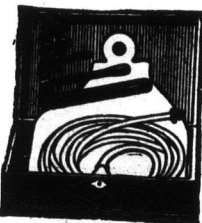
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