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a bachelor and homesteader combined. The homesteading would be all right if it was not for the batching, but what is the use of grumbling; it don't help any. Well, I will close. Wishing your paper every success. I sign myself, Jumbo.

Read All Over the World.

Ontario, May 16, 1912.
Dear Editor,—It is with great pleasure that I address a few lines to the correspondence columns of your valuable and instructive magazine, the Western Home Monthly, and I hope to see them in print if you can allow me the space. Although a subscriber but a short time, I have found The Western Home Monthly to be full of good helpful reading and worthy a place in every home. The correspondence column is a great idea. What a variety of opinions we find in it! Some have strong inclinations one way and some another, and yet seem wholly unable to convince each other that they are right. I consider it a great privilege to be able to express our views in print and to have them read all over this country as well as in other parts of the world, for The Western Home Monthly is not confined to western provinces, but is sent everywhere. We should strive to make our letters as interesting as possible and spare the reader the monotony of reading practically the same words in one letter after another. The editor makes room for us all to have our little say and we find that The Doctor gets no preference over the humble farmer boy or farmer's daughter, except that he comes in for a greater share of criticism and probably not without deserving it. One of the latest subjects under discussion is "Country Life v. City Life." Of course, the country suits me best, as it does any real lover of Nature. I think it is also best for the working man; living and rent are so high in the city, and it is a lot easier to go to the bin and get your potatoes than to go down town and buy a bag for \$2. The city man is more or less deprived of the pure fresh air which we have in abundance in the country. We are first hand with Nature, which has such a fascination for her admirers. Of course, we are minus the many pleasures of the city, but we are willing to do without them so long as we have all the rest. Well, so much for that touch on so vast a subject. I do not want to be selfish and occupy all the space, and no doubt you will think it time I were quitting. I expect to journey West next fall. I would like to take up a good half-section in Alberta or Saskatchewan, and if any of the readers could advise me of such I would be willing to pay them for all trouble. I am past 21; medium in everything. Would like to hear from any who care to write, especially young ladies.

A Most Interesting Epistle.

Trinidad, B. W. I., May 5, 1912.
Dear Editor,—Allow me to congratulate you on your splendid paper, The Western Home Monthly. It is so full of interesting articles as well as fun! When one reads, one likes to be amused as well as instructed. You give us both. Your correspondence page is a good idea. I must confess that that is the page we turn to first. We are quite new subscribers, but we look out eagerly for it and think a month a long time to wait for the next. "If he were your boy" appeals, I feel sure, to every reader. It goes to the heart. Conundrum, you have expressed my idea fully about changing the reformatory. This one thing I will add. It could be called "Boys' Training School," and masters who understand boys, firm but kind, could be got to teach trades, so that the unfortunates would have a square chance in the world. Hamlet, you are right. No man should fancy butterflies. A butterfly fancier is, I think, almost as bad as the butterfly. Home should be woman's special care. Everything should be neat, sweet and comfortable for fathers, husbands, brothers. Men like to have everything nice about them. They also like bright, pleasant faces to greet them at all times in their homes, and those who can help them. The Suffragettes have

lost sight of that fact, I fear. Are they not dragging down the name of woman in the mire? Trying to bring down nations? Enough! I may be treading on dangerous ground. May I say a word about the condemned—by some—dancing. I see you smile, dear editor, a pleasant smile, and so I know I may. Dancing is, I think, a very pleasant and harmless amusement, when it is done in Christian spirit. Did not David dance before the Ark? Some will say he did it in a religious way and had no "partner." Just so; he had none. But can we not dance, too, and with a partner? Surely we carry our King in our hearts always, and we are commanded "Whatsoever we do, do it to the glory of our King." We meet together to enjoy each other's company. The very fact, then, that we enjoy each other—God's creatures—is a glory to Him. Is it not? "Pleasant are Thy courts above." From that I fancy there are many pleasures in Heaven, and, who knows, dancing perhaps among them? I certainly feel that we will not have to stand in rows when we reach Heaven and sing hymns all the time. Of course, dancing is not the only amusement, and every one to his own order. Now, a word with you farmers. I think—no—I know you have got the best lot in life. You have not to go down to the sea in ships, to see the glories of creation. You have them around you from winter to spring. While I do not envy you—it is not in my nature to—I wish sincerely I could live in the country on a farm. Is it not nice to hear the crickets and the carolling of birds from early morn to eve? Then at night the glow-worms are so lovely dancing in the grass or among the trees. The pleasant sights and sounds would, I am sure, sweeten labor. One is never too old, I think, to enjoy these things. Then, every breath you breathe is full of life. Yet the country has its drawbacks. We are having terrible dry weather this way in the tropics. The country people are suffering very much for water. Their rivers have dried up and the wells are doing so fast, and water has to be sent quite a long way from the city. Everything is so dry and high winds prevail, driving every rain-cloud before them. Fires every now and then break out, doing damage to estates, destroying some. Still, with it all, you farmers have the best of it, for there you are indeed near Nature's heart. Have I chatted too much? I could say much more, but I fear you will say I am a "magpie," which I am not, and our good editor may not give me a corner in his paper. I hope he will. Should any one care to write, my address is with the Editor. Wishing The Western Home Monthly a world-wide success and our Editor a long happy life, I am,
A Lady Humming-Bird.

Who Wants a Silk Dress?

Orrwold, Man, May 19, 1912.
Dear Editor,—Being a constant reader and subscriber to your much esteemed paper, I think I may as well express some of my views on the various topics under discussion. As winter with its pastimes has passed away, I will not say much on that point, except that I disagree with Josephus on the dancing, although some of his arguments were good and sound. I think "The Young Man and His Problem" is a valuable part of The Western Home Monthly, also "The Young Woman and Her Problem," and I think all the young people should read and study those pages. There are several other good qualities to consider, too, in reading The Western Home Monthly. I think the page that takes the eye of most of the young people is the correspondence page. I think, though, that there is too much sameness about a great number of the letters. However, there has been a great improvement in the last two numbers. Town life versus country life, I think, would be a good topic for discussion. As for myself, I prefer the country, but I like to spend a few days in the city. True it is, it does get a bit lonesome in the more isolated places, but it is rather too fast in many of the towns. It is just as a person gets used to it. I think Tidy Tilly would make a good

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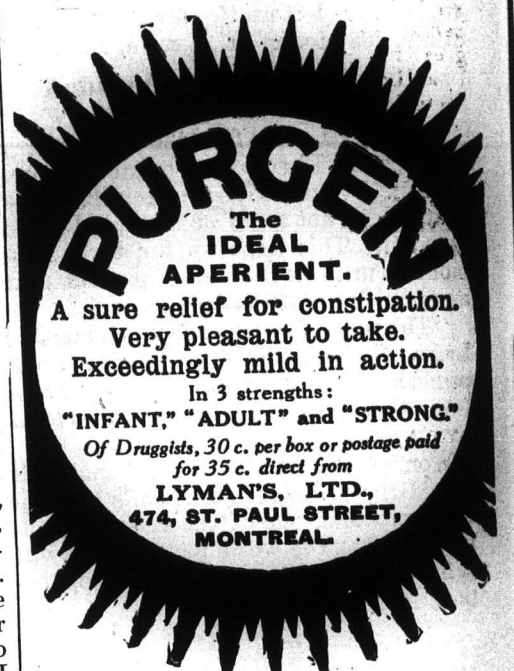
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