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"Sour Sal" Has Her Say.

Riverview Farm, Sept. 14, 1906.
Editor:—I have been a silent reader of your magazine and have become very much interested in the Correspondence columns. I have been trying to think which side I should sympathize with—the maiden or the bachelor. But at last I have decided from reading a letter by "Farmer Bachelor," who says the girls want a soft snap and one by "A Bachelor," who says that girls will not marry farmers, and look with disfavor on them. I wonder how they arrived at such a conclusion. Where I reside the farmers are treated with due respect, but most of the bachelors of to-day do not seek a wife for a companion but just to keep house, mend clothes, milk cows, etc. That is why some bachelors find it difficult to get a help-mate. I like "Vacuum's" statement: "I don't want simply a housekeeper, I want a wife." I think that is very manly. It would be better if more would follow his advice. As to the girls being an expensive luxury, I think they are wronged for that is not a true statement, as there are girls who would make good homes for good honest bachelors who are worthy of a good wife. With regard to drinking, I do not say they all like it but am sorry to say that many do. Boys, if you seek a good wife, be manly, and I am sure you will get one who will help you on well in life, and I think you would deserve it, but do not be quite so hard in your judgment on Western girls. I have lived on a farm all my life and have helped outdoors when necessary, and never been afraid of work of any kind. If the bachelors out West would be more sociable and considerate to the girls around home I am sure they would find the woman they are looking for.
"Sour Sal."

Jabez Invites Correspondence.

Rouleau, Sept. 6, 1906.
Editor:—I have been an interested reader of your Correspondence page for some time and was well pleased to see my views so well stated in a letter in the May issue signed "Disgusted," which is one of the best I have seen in this column. Courtship by correspondence is too much like a lottery game to suit me. Might as well get married and try to keep house on the correspondence plan too. I believe that before making a final choice for life, both parties should be able to meet one another in their everyday home or business life and so get an idea of each other's real character. If this were more often the case there would be less use for the old saying: "Marry in haste, repent at leisure." "Little Rosebud" advises the bachelors to look around home for a suitable help-mate. Very good! But in this district the bachelors outnumber the young ladies by a rather hopeless majority—5 or 6 to 1, so the chaps who (like myself) are neither rich, smart or handsome, have rather a slim chance of finding one of that "ten per cent." that she speaks of. I know of a few young men who (like myself) neither use tobacco, liquor or profane language, and who would be glad to offer good homes to the right kind of young women. An exchange of ideas by letter might open the way for personal acquaintanceship later on and at the same time give a fellow a bit of diversion in the rather monotonous farm life, and if any of your readers want a chance to waste postage stamps in this line, just hand them my address.
"Jabez."

"Nimrod" Right in Line.

Inga, Alta., Sept. 6, 1906.
Editor:—I am one of those Western farmers taking an interest in your correspondence columns and I enclose a letter which you might kindly forward to the lady signing herself "Jane Eyre." I believe your kindly assistance in putting those bachelors and maids (who by the circumstances of their lives are widely separated) in communication will result in the establishment of many homes and tend to keep the farms occupied instead of being sold to speculators.
"Nimrod."

Has a Home for a Good Young Woman.

Fielding, Sask., Sept. 7, 1906.
Editor:—I have been very much interested in reading the various letters from bachelors and maidens in your correspondence column. With your permission I will express my views on the matter. I think that most of the ladies are rather hard on the young bachelor. I think there are more young men than there are who want her for

a drudge. I notice in our own vicinity so many bachelors who are working day and night that they may make a comfortable, happy home for someone. But they forget that happiness dwells in the cottage and that life is quickly passing, and before they are ready the best of life has passed. Probably when the girl is brought to this new home, she does not fully appreciate what has been endured for her. I often think that both would be happier had they gone together earlier in life and had both helped to make the home. I am a young bachelor and do not feel that I have a home such as I would like a woman to enjoy; still, I think that if love existed, all other things would come right. I would very much like to have a lady correspondent and you may give my name to anyone asking for it.
"Prairie Wanderer."

Billy Wants a Companion.

Sask., Sept. 10, 1906.
Editor:—Will you please put me in touch with some good woman. I am a C. P. R. operator and want a wife. Am 38 years of age and can give the right kind of a woman a good home, and do not want a servant but a companion.
"Billy No. 4."

Who Will Love Him.

Spring Lake, Alta., Sept. 8, 1906.
Editor:—I was looking through the W. H. M. and noticed that you had a matrimonial column. I will describe myself a little. I weigh 165-170, am 5 ft. 10 ins. in height, and my looks would stop a freight train. I am tired of being a bachelor and want to correspond with some lady who means business. Better get anxious at once.
Bachelor O. K.

Alkalie Ike Not so Bad.

Eagle Butte, Alta., Sept. 9, 1906.
Editor:—As a reader of your magazine I wish to hear from some young lady who wishes to correspond with a cowboy of the Cypress Hills, who is a bachelor and understands stock. I am a lad of 24 summers, dark hair and blue eyes, weight 155 lbs., and was raised in the West. The girls in this country are very conceited; being so many single men they are all spoiled. I wish someone would try to convert the ideas of some of the ladies who write to your paper, as we don't all drink and smoke and are very filthy, as they say we are.
"Alkalie Ike."

Drunkard Hard to Reform after Marriage.

Prince Albert, Sept. 11, '06.
Editor:—In looking over the correspondence in a recent issue, I see a letter from a young lady who signs herself "Young Woman," Saskatoon. I think she is quite right about the men who drink not deserving a wife. If more ladies thought the same and made their thoughts known through the medium of your excellent magazine, there would not be so many unhappy homes. But the trouble is that a number of young women hold the view that they can reform the drunkard after marriage. I think in most cases it proves a failure and a life of misery is the result.
"Total Abstinence."

Wants Some Person to Correspond With.

Heather Brae, Alta., Sept. 10, '06.
Editor:—I am a reader of your magazine and enjoy the correspondence very much. The letters of the bachelors and maids are very amusing. The bachelors are all young, sober, industrious and good looking, and the girls are all right. I am a farmer's daughter, young, not very good-looking, and do not know what kind of a housekeeper I would make. I live in a lonely place, quite a distance from neighbors and for that reason would like correspondents of either sex under 25 years. Well, Mr. Editor, if you will put me in communication with some good-looking young bachelors I will say nothing about matrimony, only "Barkis is Willin'." I would like to correspond with a "Home Lover," Lauder, Man.
Only a Western Girl.

A Canny Sort of Gent.

Star City, Sask., Sept. 4, '06.
Editor:—I am a constant reader of your valuable paper and should like to air my thoughts a little. A number of both sexes seems to me to be over anxious in wishing to marry. It seems according to their letters that they are easily pleased in getting married. Getting married is one of the easiest things in the world, but getting a wife is quite another thing. I am a bachelor of 35 yet I do not despair. I think a man should be 75 before he is really able to select a pearl of the first water in the form of a bride. Marriageables of the