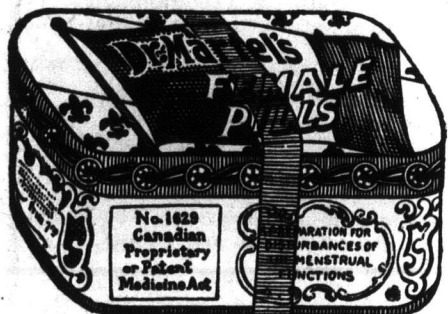


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The Young Woman and Her Problem

Dear Editor: I never miss reading your paper and have found much valuable material in it. I enjoy reading "The Young Woman and Her Problem" best of all, I think. Many an inspiration I have got from it. I enjoy reading the Correspondence also. I liked "Hay Seed's" letter in the last issue, but I wonder if he does not misjudge country girls or does he mean "country" girls. I know that too little reading is done by many, but yet I know the country girl does more reading than the large majority of girls in the city. I think the girls in the country do wonderfully well considering the enormous amount of work they have to do. As far as I have been able to see they work from morning till night at their household duties and in the summer time milking and gardening are added to their list. I hope the time will come when the farmers can afford to install such modern conveniences in the home that their wives and daughters will be able to find a little spare time to cultivate the mind. The country girl as a rule is a girl of a pure mind and considerable education although she may not show it. She may have had little chance to mingle with people, she may lack polish, but she has the greatest of all gifts "purity of mind and body." How can she help being otherwise when she has mother nature for her teacher. Do not let us lose the value of God's gifts because they are common. What would a blind man give to see the pleasant rivers and meadows and flowers and fields and this and many other blessings we enjoy daily. You may say she is alone, is solitary. Listen to Epictetus, "When a man has such things to think on and sees the sun, the moon and stars, and enjoys earth and sea he is not solitary or even helpless." I have met many country boys who were pure gold at heart, although at a quick glance one could never know. I hope the time will come when every country boy and girl will be able to spend a few months each winter at the Agricultural College. Their education must lead to, not away from, the farm. Surely there can be no nobler work.

Carry on! Carry on!
Fight the good fight and true
Believe in your mission, greet life with a cheer;
There's big work to do, and that's why you're here.

Carry on! Carry on!
Let the world be the better for you;
At last when you die, let this be your cry:
Carry on, my soul! Carry on!

I wonder if "Kentish Hop" or "Tom, Dick or Harry" have read Robert Burns' address to the Unco Guid or Rigidly Righteous. I will quote it.

O, ye wha are sae guid yoursel;
Sae pious, and sae holy,
Ye've naught to do but mark and tell
Your neeb's faults and folly.

Ye see your state with theirs compared,
And shudder at the differ,
But cast a moment's fair regard
What makes the mighty differ?

Wi' wind and tide fair i' your tail,
Right on ye scud your sea-way,
But in the teeth o' baith to sail,
It makes an unco lee way.

I hope I have not made this letter too long. Best wishes to the editor and readers.

Contented with His Lot

Dear Editor:—For several years past I have read with great pleasure the Correspondence Column in The Western Home Monthly. It is very amusing at times to read the various topics that are produced for discussion. I never have been conceited enough to believe that a letter I might write would be considered worthy of anything better than the W. P. B. but, nevertheless, I will try. No poor little "Cheerio" thinks the naughty men should keep the larger portion of their love for the after years of married life, and then she goes on to say that a large portion of the separations are caused from the lack of love that a man should lavish upon his wife. It seems very strange to me, however,

it still remains a fact that the fair sex expect and usually get all their good times in social life at the expense of the boys and never try to offer anything in return. They deem it a great favor for a boy to be blessed with their company, and when they tire of him they will calmly remark to their bosom friend, "I ditched so and so last week." Possibly Cheerio's friend who went through the mill was not careful enough in selecting her mate. Was she an old maid, Cheerio, or did she take the only one she could get? Take my advice and profit by her loss. I notice several of the readers very severely criticise, while others uphold, public dancing as a method of raising funds for the Red Cross, etc. I shall give my opinion upon the dancing subject. I do not think the young women of the present age are as consistent as they ought to be. Everyone knows or should know that in a public dance hall a person is obliged to associate with a very degrading class of people both of men and women, and yet the girls will tolerate such like to get their so called good time. Surely the rising generation can find some means of recreation other than dancing. No doubt, Mr. Editor, I have already taken up too much of your valuable space, but if this is printed I may come again and will now conclude. Contented Bach.

Misses Old Time Bachelors

Dear Editor and Readers:—Have you room in your jolly circle for another would-be member? I have often thought of writing but felt rather shy about it. To tell the truth I was afraid my efforts would land in the W.P.B. I do hope this misses such a fate. It would be hard to number the hearts which are relieved now that the boys are on their way home from France. The boys themselves all seem heartily sick of adventure and are anxious to join the home circle once more. We took The Western Home Monthly for years before I was old enough to take any interest in the Correspondence Page, but being a book-worm I think I must have read the stories. I was looking over the earlier editions and I had many a hearty laugh at the letters of some of the boys. Where have all the "old time" bachelors gone to I wonder? We seldom meet them on the page. I suppose the most of them are overseas and the rest too busy to write. They certainly were a lonely lot in former days of bliss. The most amusing item to me was the descriptions they gave of themselves. That habit, or custom, it might better be called, has somewhat disappeared. The page has more common sense gossip and fewer proposals of marriage. I believe it is improving. How many of the readers skate? I try but I usually land on my head a few times before I get started. Skating and dancing are the usual winter sports around here. I am much better at the latter than the former. As this is my first letter to the page I will not take up any more of your valuable space. Anyone who cares to correspond with me will find my address with the Editor. Normalite.

Greeted By His Favorite Magazine

Dear Editor: On my recent arrival back in Canada, after four years in France the first old friend and acquaintance to greet me was our beloved Western Home Monthly. It was handed to me by an aged gentleman, who by the way looked decidedly "western," when I boarded the westbound train at Montreal. I cannot express in words my pleasure at being thus greeted by my favorite magazine right after stepping back upon Canadian soil. And the look of assurance, that it would afford me pleasure to read it, with which this gentleman handed me your magazine serves as another proof as to how popular among the people of western Canada The Western Home Monthly has become. Batches of old and worn copies of The Western Home Monthly that we at times received in the trenches, sent by friends, I feel safe to say afforded us more hours of pure delight than any other paper that we received. Even our friends and allies, the French,

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