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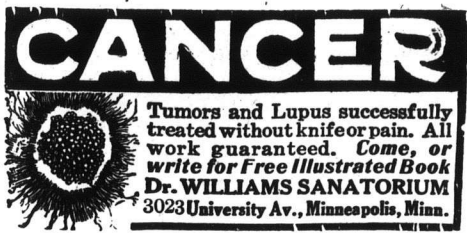
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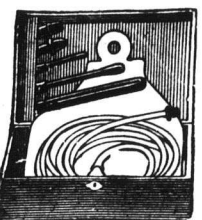
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they might get far more interesting topics for discussion than their looks. It is wonder to me the Editor gives so much space for foolishness.

Summer has come again and with so many men enlisted, it will be a busy summer for many. If Cowboy All would write he will find my address with the Editor. I was glad to hear of one bachelor not being lonesome. As I have quite a fondness for my own company, Ameysth.

"Helpful Hints"

Cereal, Alberta, May, 1916
Dear Editor:—As a subscriber and interested reader of your valuable paper, will you please give me space in your correspondence column to come to the aid of "Morganrodnaden"? For I know if something is not done for him soon, his case will be hopeless. I truly feel sorry for a man who is so easily embarrassed; as for myself, I could propose to a girl I thought enough of, without batting an eye. Now, Mr. Morganrodnaden there are eleven years gone and you have done nothing, except disappoint Miss M., and you at the age of twenty-nine can no longer be considered a chick, so get busy, you certainly picked a very poor place to tell Miss M. about your pretty little house back in Illinois. Had you been way out on the prairie instead of near a store, the whole thing I think would have finished up like this, "she threw her arms around his neck, their lips met, and they lived happily ever after," easy isn't it? Now, Mr. M., try this prairie stunt, it's a top-notch-proved. Failing this you might fall back on the phone, but do not lose your nerve and start in about the oyster shell again or Miss M. will think you are chicken-hearted. Again you might remind her occasionally that this is leap year.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for the pleasure I get from your magazine, especially the correspondence column, it does me good, I will sign myself.

"Straight to the Mark."

"Great Reader"

Forgan, Sask., May, 1916
Dear Editor:—Having been a reader of The Western Home Monthly, I will write a few lines to your correspondence page.

I live on the farm, we have two teams of horses and two mules. Do any of the members like to read? I do, and I do a great deal of it; in the evening. I don't generally get time through the day as girls on the farm are always kept busy.

Have any of the members read or heard the song "The Yankee Legion Boys" made up? I think it is very nice.

I will give a description of myself. I have real dark brown hair, so dark people call it black, a medium dark complexion, dark blue eyes, weigh one hundred and twenty pounds, and am five feet five in height.

"Dolly Dimples."

"Welcome to a Hero"

Dear Sir:—Having lived in Canada for nearly ten years, and having returned home two years ago today I take the liberty of writing and thanking you for sending the W.H.M. since I have been here, even though I have not been able to have it all the time on account of having been in the 7th Gloster Reg., doing my part for our King and Country. I was badly wounded in the thigh and knee, I have now been discharged as unfit for any military duties—I spent about three months out in Gallipoli on active service where our battalion was badly cut up. I was sent home almost immediately after I was wounded and have spent about seven months in hospital. I feel all right but I cannot walk very well yet. Wishing and hoping to see my letter in the correspondence page as my other letter must have struck a mine. Hoping to hear from some of the girls in Saskatchewan, I am, yours truly,

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Gave his horses and cattle their portion of hay,
Came back to his shack in the gray of the morn,
And stood on the threshold, cold and forlorn.

His breakfast, I fear, was a tasteless one,
The porridge had burned ere his chores were done,
The tea had boiled, the butter was strong—
The day stretched before him interminably long.

Quoth he, "There's a fortune for me in this land,
But a life like this I really can't stand;
For it's nothing but work from morn till night;
Was ever man in a sorrier plight?"

The bachelor thought about it all day,
And made this resolve as he raked his hay,
"No longer I'll live in such desolate state,
I'll go down east to seek a mate."

Then he thought of his friends at home "down East,"
But as comrades he knew they were no good in the least,
And his friends out West had their homesteads to prove,
So he made up his mind just to fall in love.

He thought of the maidens, north, south, east and west,
But their charms failed to lure him, it must be confessed.
So he wrote a letter to the W.H.M. Asking fair maidens to write to him.

Need I tell you the rest?—How the maiden was won?
She answered his letter—just did it "for fun";

And now they're as happy as ever can be,
In their snug little shack out on the prairie.
Anon.

"A Reservist"

Edmonton, May, 1916
In looking over the last two numbers of the W.H.M., I notice a lack of Alberta correspondence so have decided to put in my "oar" and have a try for a place in your columns. I note the remarks of "Chronic Kicker" re the correspondence column being more for country people than for those who live in the city. In that case I'll have to beg admittance into the "Charmed Circle" by explaining that although living in the city now we were farmers some years ago. We have not moved into the city either but it has grown out to us.

While farming we were subscribers to the W.H.M. for years and when a friend gave me a couple of copies to read the other day, it seemed like meeting an old friend again.

I have just passed my first examination on first aid which I am studying in connection with the Women's Volunteer Reserve here and we are now forming a class on home nursing. I would like to write more about this but dare not venture after reading so many letters criticizing "City Girl." Of course I know nothing of what her letter contained having only read the April and May numbers but already I fancy I can hear a cry from "Chronic Kicker's" corner, "I'll bet two pins this one's a suffragette." Well—that depends. For instance, I quite agree with "Rebecca". Don't you?

Several battalions are leaving here soon for Sarcee Camp and we will miss them very much as the city will certainly seem quiet without the "boys in khaki."

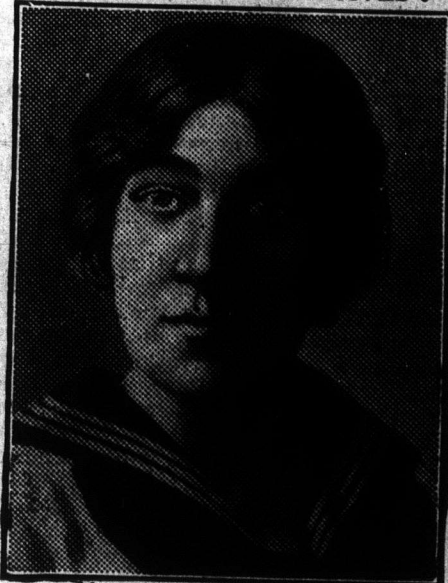
The different battalions gave some very good concerts, dances, etc., during the winter, in fact everyone seems to try to be as cheerful as possible although anxious for friends at the front and I'm sure this is as it should be.

I would like to say to "Morganrodnaden" that I've a notion that his letter is "Make Believe." If not I'm sorrier for M. than for him and I hope she marries someone else and teaches him some sense. I must call a "halt" now or you'll never let me come again. Correspondents welcome,

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