

## Correspondence

**W**E invite readers to make use of these columns, and an effort will be made to publish all interesting letters received. The large amount of correspondence which is sent us has, hitherto, made it impossible for every letter to appear in print, and, in future, letters received from subscribers will receive first consideration. A friend of the magazine, offering a kindly criticism, writes that the Correspondence column has at times an air of monotony, as one writer after another follows the same phraseology. We wish to warn our correspondents against this common error. A little independent thought will help mutual development, and readers of the Monthly will find valuable aid in the study of the many instructive articles by eminent men that appear from month to month.

### Independent Men.

Alta., June, 1913.

Dear Editor:—I have been a silent reader of your most valuable paper for several years, and think you are publishing the best magazine for the money in the country. Many an hour I have spent reading the W. H. M. I always read it from cover to cover, and will always be a subscriber as I don't know what I would do without it. Nearly all the writers to your correspondence column tell their description and accomplishments, but those who want to know mine will have to write to me. I

am a native of British Columbia. I live in the country, and wouldn't leave it for anything. I am between 16 and 20 years of age. I have black curly hair, a fair complexion, and dark blue eyes. I will answer all letters and I would like to correspond with "Johnnie on the Spot." My address is with the Editor. Curly Head.

### Education Obtained from Travelling.

Man., June, 1913.

Dear Editor:—I believe I have scanned your popular paper for as many years as most, and still I have never taken time to correspond with your friendly columns. While in a few idle moments I read over the letters a statement made by Western Bell caused me to pick up my pen and decide to write. Now there are so many things in these modern times to take up one's time and attention, that trivial amusements seem scarcely worth discussion. Unless we are putting the best into this life as well as taking the best out of it, we are falling short of the highest aim. Now in my opinion we can do neither without experience, and the greatest education of all is obtained from travelling—an education that can never be obtained from books. As to its safety in this age as in all others it depends entirely on our personal character. I have been half way round the world, and if health is spared me, I hope to accomplish the remainder of the circuit



39 team of Oxen removing a 100-year-old house in Nova Scotia

will say that I am a farmer and think they are the most independent men today. Although hard times come once in a while when crops are bad you never hear the farmer complain so much as the business men in the town. Some of the lady writers think it is awful for women to work outside. For my part I don't think it is a woman's place to do outside work, but when a man is busy and can't attend to the few little chores, I think he would be proud of his wife if she would do it. When a man and wife love each other, they should try and help one another when ever possible. I know some women that wouldn't do a thing outside no matter how busy the man was or what time of night he got home he always had the little chores to do. How nice it would be for him to come home and find them all done. I am sure he would be so pleased he would be only too glad to do a turn for her. Well I had better stop. Wishing the W. H. M. every success and the same to all its readers, I will sign myself, See Pea Are.

### A New Reader.

B. C., June, 1913.

Dear Editor:—I am a new reader of your magazine and am greatly pleased with it. I could never do without it now. I like many more turn to the space reserved for correspondence first of all. It gives me great pleasure to read the many friendly letters in your paper. It no sooner gets inside our house than there is a scramble for it. As this is the first letter I have written I would like to see it in print. I will now tell a little about myself. I

before long. I will not burden you publicly with my private experience, but if any of you readers care to hear of them I will be pleased to endeavor to give an interesting reply to any letter received, and exchange any snap-shots. I am well aware all cannot have the privilege of travelling, hence I deem it the duty of those who have to impart their experiences to others less fortunate. With best wishes,

A Lady Traveller.

### Life on the Ocean Wave.

Nova Scotia, June, 1913.

Dear Editor and Readers:—Please allow another lonely lad to enter the charming circle of the Correspondence Column of your most delightful paper. I am not a subscriber, but a very dear friend of mine has been sending me the W. H. M. for some months and I think it's just splendid, and am afraid that I'll never be able to repay my friend for her kindness. I read with interest every word of the W. H. M. and am often very much interested and amused with some of the letters in the Correspondence Column, especially those which denounce dancing, card playing and smoking. We will leave the whisky question out for not one of us want to have anything to do with people who drink. As to dancing, I for one like to dance and have never found any harm in it so far, and I've done lots of it in my time, and was considered a fairly good dancer, so the girls said, but perhaps they only said so out of sympathy, tender-hearted girls did not want to hurt my feelings you know, however I never had any trouble to get good part-

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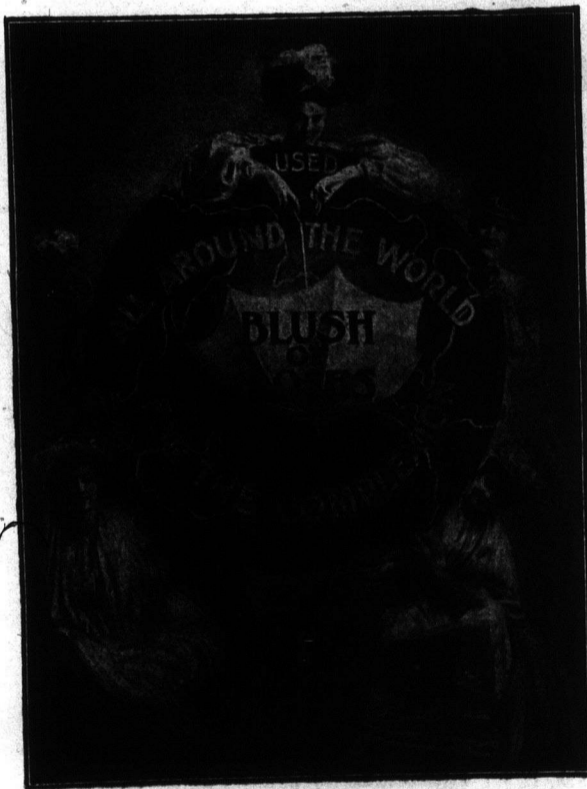
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