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Our editorial heart is truly torn with pity as each mail brings us in such piteous tales of loneliness from Western maids and bachelors. We are endeavoring to carry out the wishes of our correspondents as well as possible, and are sparing no pains to put them in touch with a suitable member of the opposite sex. We forward immediately to their proper addresses all letters sent in reply to those we publish, but pay no attention to requests for correspondents' proper names and addresses to be furnished; and to this rule we can make no exception.

We fear that the excessive loneliness of prairie life has preyed on the minds of some of our readers, and made them absent-minded. We merely mention this in a general way because of the large number of unstamped letters we receive with requests to forward We once more emphasize the fact that all letters must be fully prepaid, or else they will be consigned to the devouring element.

He Wants a Protestant Wife.

Kutawa, Sask. Editor,—Being a regular reader of your valuable paper, and having taken great interest in the correspondence which has been taking place in it for some months back between bachelors and young ladies, I must say that some of the lady writers are, to judge from their letters, of very respectable character, and would, I have no doubt, make good helpmates for the men of their choice. I am a young bachelor farmer and would be very pleased if you could put me in communication with a nice Protestant young woman who is not afraid to undertake the duties of a North-west farmer's wife. Yours truly. "On the Outlook."

This One's Happy.

Westview, Sask. Editor,—I have read your correspondence column with great interest and beg that you will allow me a little space in your valuable paper. I cannot altographe coincide with "Discrepted" is his gether coincide with "Disgusted" in his attack on the present farmers' daughters, and his statement that 90 per cent of and his statement that 90 per cent of the marriages are business transactions. but I greatly appreciate his remarks regarding the treatment of a wife. "Vacuum" is evidently a lover of true womanhood, and I believe a man in every sense of the word. "Manitoba every sense of the word. "Manitoba Daughter" made an admirbale defence of her Manitoba sisters. A girl cannot be blamed for admiring a young man who is neat, clean and attractive, but I don't think there is any scarcity of neat, good-looking, and well educated don't think young men among the young farmers of the West. In our district, at any rate, we have a number of young men that are a credit to Canada. and who long for a home—just such a home and such a musical evening as "Manitoba Daughter" depicts. "Wakopa Bachelor" is evidentl a pessimist and, like the professor who prophesied an enormous negro population in the United States, can only see the dark side of the question. My personal opinion is that too many of the Western bachelors are so selfish and wrapped up in their farming that they do not stop to look for an accomplished girl who would make a good wife, but would rather have a household drudge. I am not a bachelor, and have a good, comfortable home, but my father and mother are about to retire, which will leave me an unwilling bachelor, shortly. Will be pleased to correspond with any nice young ladies who would like an entertaining correspondent.
"A Happy Farmer."

One Who Wants a Wife.

Heather Brae, Alta. Editor.—Will you kindly publish my letter in your next issue, as I want to be placed in the Correspondence Column. I would like to hear from those ladies who are looking for a kind husband and a good home. I am a widower of middle age and would like to hear of middle age and would not to held from a kind widow or maiden. I am 5 ft. 8 hs. tall, weight 127 hs. I came from the U. 8, five years are I have a fine farm of 320 acres, and can who the right one a good home; Will you send enclosed letter to that hady at Moose Lew, was sieus has if "Willay No.2" and only re

She is Hard to Plance.

Part ----Editor, After

pondence department of your paper, I feel that it is just what I want and that it will be of great use to me. I fully agree with those ladies who have summed up the Western bachelors as a drunken, rowdy lot, who do not deserve good wives. Still I know there are good wives. many exceptions—good steady fellows, who would make a good home for any girl who was willing to share with them in reverses as well as prosperity. Now, Mr. Editor, if you could put me in correspondence with such a young man, I would be very much indebted to you and your paper. I am about 5 feet 4 inches tall, with dark hair and eyes. Have lived on a farm nearly all my life and am considered a very good house-keeper. Am about twenty-four years old and might have been married long ago, but for the fact that I am rather hard to please. However, I have not given up and hope that I shall soon find the "right one."

"Manitoba Teacher."

Wants a Nice Hubby.

Portage la Prairie, Man. Editor,—I am a reader of your valuable paper, and take special interest in the correspondence column. In the April issue there was a letter signed "Spinster, aged 19," and I cannot help but agree with the state of the signed that agree with the state of the s but agree with what she says. There are too many men who merely want a housekeeper and not a wife and companion. I know many women who have to go out in all kinds of weather and milk while their husbands are in the But of course he is not called inconsiderate for it is his wife's duty to milk. Now I do not altogether agree with him. If a man really cared for his wife, I do not think he would let her run the risk of being ill, by doing what he could do without hurting himself.
I do not mean to say all men are like that, but I am afraid there are a great many. If you could put me in correspondence with a good, steady young bachelor farmer, I should think it a great favor. I have lived on a farm all my life, so am not a stranger to any work a farmer's daughter has to do. Am twenty-two years of age(tall slight and fair. Thanking you for the space in your paper, I am.
"A Manitoba Girl."

No Milk Bills Here.

Saskatchewan. Editor,—I am a reader of your magazine and follow with much interest the correspondence columns. I am a bachelor in the Nor'-West. I am a young man of twenty, and sometimes I am very lonesome, and I think I will ask you to do a favor. I don't use liquor nor tobacco, and have a happy home for some young lady who wishes to be my wife. I live six miles from town, and have six horses and a cow on the farm. I read a letter in the Western Home Monthly from a young woman at S—, Manitoba, in the March number. She says she is 19 years old, and I think would suit me alright. She is just what I am looking for. Will you please send me her address at once. She signs herself "A Jolly Girl." I am as ever, yours.

"A Happy Jay."

Gladstone, Man. Mr. Editor,—Here is one in earnest and willing to make home happy for the right one. I don't want a slave but one right one. I don't want a slave but one who is willing to take hold and keep the house clean and tidy and a good cook I think if a woman does that she has her hands full, without going out to feed pigs or anything else. That is the reason of so many old women at an early age. I see some women in the field forking hay and some plowing. That is not a women cannot stand to do it. "Lonely Boy." That is not a woman's work and she

Won't Feed Pigs."

One That is Left All Alone.

Rocanville, Sask. Editor,- I am about to become a constant render of your magazine, as I have been studying the letters in your correspondence columns. I am glad to see that someone has a good word to say for the bachelors. As I was reading your paper the other night, I saw a letter written by a young lady in Winnipeg, April 17th, 1906, who wants in Winniper, April 11(ii), 12(ii), was said a suitable busband. I am a man of 28, and would marry and make a good busband if I got a suitable partner.

"Young Man."

Has Some Spare Time So Thinks He Will Wed.

Royl au, Sask. Moose Jaw, we show here it 'Willam' Effect W. Internal for of pair No. 2," and oblace.

"Wildows No. 2."

I possess as my wife, whoever she may be she will not have to do the farming, but will find her time well occupied in keeping her home and work up-to-date. Should any young lady, good looking, smart, industrious, strong, healthy and courteous, of medium height, fair complexion, not more than 150 lbs., be interested, may have my address by writing and I will at least give a reply. Yours very truly. "Jack.

His Pirst Letter.

Rocanville, Sask. Editor:—I am a constant reader of your excellent magazine, and have followed with much interest your correslowed with much interest your correspondence page. The letter signed "A Bachelor" is about right where he takes the bachelors to task. For when a man marries a woman, he is not marrying a chore boy, and when they do get a wife, treat her as a wife, and not as a servant. In regard to girls marrying drunkards and thinking they can reform drunkards and thinking they can reform them after marriage, I think in most cases it is a failure, and ends in a life of misery and poverty. Well, as this is the first time I have written I close now with best wishes for the success of your namer. "Wild Bean."

Chance For Someone.

Eastview, Sask. Dear Sir,—Being a reader of your prized magazine I take great pleasure in writing you. Wishing to become acquainted with some nice lady, between twenty and thirty years of age. She must be nice and refined. Yours with respect.

Has a Lot to Say.

"Westerner."

Saskatoon, Sask. Dear Editor,—Being an interested reader of your interesting magazine, es-

pecially the correspondence column, I take exception to some of the letters. I think, Mr. Editor, you are to be congratulated by the bachelors for the stand you have taken, and that the bachelors ought to show their appreciation by doing what they can to swell your subscription list. Now as to "Dis-gusted's" letter, I think if the person that wrote that letter would place himself in the same position that some of us bachelors are in, they might look at the other side. Many of us have very little chance to meet with young ladies, or any marriageable ladies. Now, if a correspondence can be started through your paper, Mr. Editor, I think it will be a big help for that will give both parties a chance to become acquainted they will soon know whether they will make suitable partners in life for each other, and it will not need "Disgusted's' comparison in the horse line to bring it around. I think letters like "Canadian Lassie," "Manitoba Girl." "Red River Girl," "Little Rosebud," and "Jolly Girl," are the best proofs that you could bring against "Disgusted's" letter, and think instead of discouraging it that it ought to be encouraged. Now, Mr. ought to be encouraged. Now, Mr. Editor, if this reaches the columns it is only the opinion of one bachelor, and I would like to hear from others on the same question. Wishing you and your paper every success, as well as the ladies who have the courage to put their opinions in the column. "White Head." opinions in the column.

He Likes to Say a Word.

Didsbury, Alta. Editor, Western Home Monthly,-Being a subscriber to your valuable magazine, and a bachelor, I have naturally been an interested reader of your correspondence column. As of late there appears quite a few fair and sensibly written letters from our lady friends, I would like to say a word. I admire the style and spirit in the article from "Red River Girl," also from a "Canadian Lassie," and "An Interested Reader," As for the letters of "Wakopa Bachelor" and "Young Wdow," I consider them most unjust as a whole, but I am sorry say there are such cases on both sides as individuals, not as a class.
"Alberta Bachelor."

He Wants a 140 lb. Wife.

, Edmonton, Alta. Editor, I have been reading the coraspord ace in the Western Home Montilly, and have taken quite an interest in it. I am a bachelor and am in need of a wife, but am not like some of the writers. I am particular. I have a next this shack and unless I thought I could better need I would not marry tiis

long as she has a good heart. I world prefer a good housekeeper, and one not weighing over 140 lbs. I would be to such a wife and would not ask for to work in the field, or get wood, or do any more chores than was necessary. I am young and strong, and although not ugly, would not be noticed in a crowd for my good looks. I am a light user of tobacco and take a drink occasionally, although never go too far. I would furnish a wife the best my means would allow. I am just a beginner, and have a nice farm. I am poor at present but do not intend to be so always. I will not promise to engage myself to any young lady by letter but if letters suit will then have to see the young lady in person.

she has a little of the Irish in her

"A Happy Bachelor."

Much Ado About Nothing. Swift Current, Sask.

Editor,—As I have been a constant reader of your valuable magazine for some time, I take the liberty of expressing my views on matrimony. Speaking of any one not being able to judge the character of a person whom they have never seen, and with whom they will, or are, corresponding with a view to matrimony, I believe a person expresses their character by their pen. I might say that in your April number there are some very interesting letters, but in Editor,-As I have been a constant some very interesting letters, but in each case the character is plainly shown. One bachelor writes that he wants a wife. I should judge by the way he writes that he wants a hired girl or two, or possibly a slave. Another plainly shows his narrow-mindedness by saying that cranks, cripples, lazy girls or Catholics need not apply. Is it a situation he has to give and wants an employee. That Western young woman seems to have a very liberal mind and doubtless would make a lovely wife, any-how I would like to get her address and the privilege to correspond with her and possibly to meet her, as I sometimes have business in Medicine Hat. I consider that Canadian Girl of Calgary, has Knee Hill Valley man sized up about right, and I admire her for not being afraid to express her opinion. One young lady wishes a husband, I should judge somewhat of this description:-A nice young fellow who would let

her tell him what to do and when to do it, would let her go and come as she had a mind to, and furnish all the money she could spend, while in return if he wanted to spend a dollar, go anywhere, or do anything, would first ask her and if she said no, then like the little boy that asked his mother if he could go to town with her, must so stay at home and let her be boss. Doubtless she would have a good time, but pity the man. Thank God all women are not like this one. My advice to bachelors looking toward matrimony is, to be very careful and considerate, for the holy bonds of matrimony are hard to break, and harder still in Canada where there is no divorce court. Matrimony is a step that remodels the lives of the interested parties for either better worse, and it is to be hoped for the Love is an absolute necessity to the happiness in a home. Where there is love, true, unflinching and everlasting, everything runs smooth at home. If you have reverses financially you can go ahead and start afresh for the sake of the one you love, and she can help and cheer you along in your sorrows, and rejoice with your joys and success, and any kind word or deed that will your wife pleasure, will be a pleasure for you to do or say. Mark Twain says "Man's first thought should be his wife, and vice versa." My version of a good wife runs something like this: She must be true, loving, kind and obedient, and fairly well educated and accomplished, though love covers the absence of these. Now friends, I do not mean by being obedient that she must be willing to be worked to death without complaining, but I do mean that she should be obedient to her husband's good wishes, and he to hers, and if there is not true happiness in the home there should be, for if love binds you together, she will be a ray of sunshine in the home, and when you come home in the evening all tired out, you will be so glad to see your wife as she comes smiling to the door to greet you, that you will both forget that you are tired, and be so glad to be in each other's company, that you will thank God for His goodness and kindness in giving you both life and love re is no had of a backelor through the tempestuous storms and trials of this life, and you will be happy even if it is only in a one-roomed shack on a homestcad in the North west.

Anyone who wishes to correspond with

me may be sure to get a reply to their letter, and I might add I world be pleased to hear from anyone mishing wat I pleased to hear from auvon wishing to exchange views on the correspondence as dence. I am a bachelor, 25 ves old, with 5 ft 2 to the backeton as the correspondence of the r if | 5 ft. S ins. high, weight above