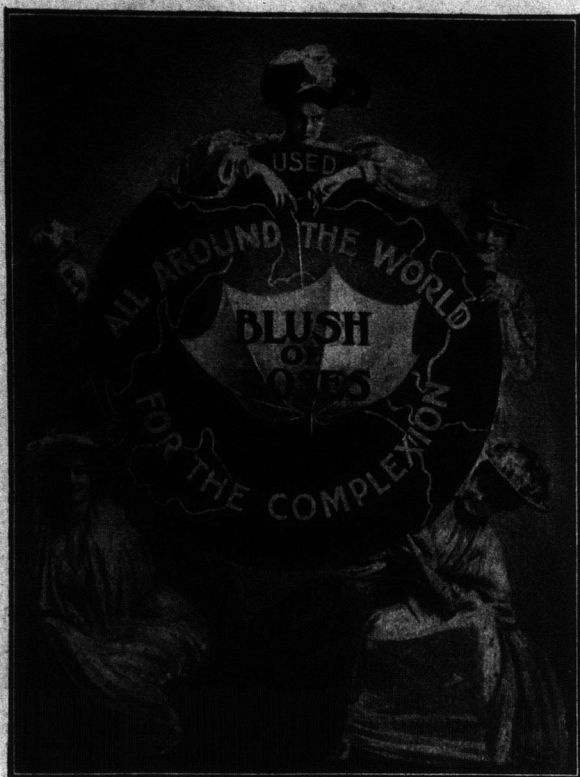


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### Good Advice From Templar

Man., March, 1913.

Dear Editor and Friends—I have been an interested reader of the Western Home Monthly for a number of years, and have enjoyed it very much. I look forward to its coming as I would a visit from a friend. I have been greatly amused at the remarks and opinion about dancing and card playing. Have those who see no harm in dancing ever stopped to consider if they were doing the best thing to give lasting happiness, or for the good of the community in which they live? Dear friends, have you ever taken time to go into the question, and see for yourselves the influence this amusement has over the ones who have tried to get pleasure out of it? Have you ever gone to the homes of young girls, and asked each one what was the meaning of leading them there? If you have not, do so before you pass your opinion on the rights and wrongs of dancing. I think the trouble with a great many of us who have more time than we know what to do with is that we take very little interest in those around us. If we are lost for something to do let us look up the poor in our community. That would count for something, and give far greater pleasure than an evening spent in the dance hall, and if we are puzzled about right and wrong let us read our Bibles. Some one says there is no harm in card playing. The harm is in gambling. My friends, gamblers were never made in the gambling den, but mostly in our parlors.

a woman much more if she helped to make the home than if she married him after all the hard work was done. Just imagine a man working and slaving away every day and cooking his own meals, just to give the girl as many comforts as she was accustomed to! I am aware that there are men who say they wouldn't marry until they are well off, and that there is just as good fish in the sea as ever was caught, but there is danger of the bait becoming stale. Don't you think so, girls? Anyway I say marry, and make the home together. I notice one girl saying that people could not get acquainted through corresponding. Now, I wish to dispute that, for I think it is even a better way than if you were talking to them every day, for while in your society they are apt to wear company manners, whereas in correspondence their true character is revealed. I have lived among people here, and thought I knew them real well, but I found out that I knew absolutely nothing about their everyday life.

The dance and card questions are played out, and I think it is everyone to their own judgment on that, but must say I don't approve of liquor and tobacco in any form. I imagine I hear the men saying that I am an old maid, talking like this, but I am not, I am a farmer's daughter, very fond of horses and dogs and like the country fine. I am twenty-four years old, and would be very pleased to correspond with any who care to write. Wishing everybody success I will close and sign myself

Scotch Bluebell.



Drag Line Shovel at Work, Edson, Alta., G.T.P. Railway.

First the quiet game of cards, then the gambling. I would like to take "The Laughing Chicken" to see some of the suffering and misery caused by the manufacture and sale of strong drinks. Talk of the unemployed if liquor were not manufactured for sale. Did you ever stop to think how many families would need food, boots and shoes and other clothing, to say nothing of the amount of furniture and other household articles to replace the now empty cupboard, rags and beds of straw? How much more work this would give we can scarcely comprehend, besides the better homes and more respectable citizens we would have. I sincerely sympathize with Josephus in the severe criticism he is receiving. Never mind, Josephus, cheer up! Dear readers, it has not been my desire to criticise. Those are subjects I am deeply interested in, and with me it is a question of principle. Have any of the members ever tried paper bag cooking? I will give you my experience in this art if I write again.  
Templar.

### Money not Everything

Ont., March, 1913.

Dear Editor—I have been quite interested in reading the letters on different topics, and more especially on "Marriage." Some are advising girls not to marry a poor man or a homesteader. Now I don't think that is right. I believe in a girl marrying a man while he is working for a home, not after he has made all the money he needs. A man in my estimation would love and respect

### No Hob-Nailed Boots

Alta, March, 1913.

Dear Editor—I would like very much to correct the wrong idea, which I think 23 Skidoo of a previous issue unintentionally gave our Eastern brothers and sisters of we young homesteaders and homestead life. I have been through a great deal of the southern country of Alberta, which is fast beginning to look like older rural districts, as a great deal of the land has been fenced, better houses are being built, and school houses dot the prairie every few miles. We homestead boys and young men are mostly from good Eastern homes, where the old farm would not stretch enough to go round, and while some of our houses may be eight by ten, into which one must back, so as to be turned around to come out, the majority are larger, and when we attend house warmings and dancing parties, we do not wear overalls or hob-nailed boots. Our clothing may not be the latest style and cut, but is well brushed and pressed, and as for laughing at the letters of some of our Eastern sisters, who write of their accomplishments in music or amusements, their letters often give color, and make pleasant an otherwise long evening. Of course, if they intend making a home on a homestead, they should be more than sixteen years old, and should understand household duties, but jolly girls, as well as good domestics, help to keep a young man cheerful and contented while building up a home in the great West. Again Ontario Girl tells us that a young lady who dances departs from the paths of