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A LOVE POEM.

Sweetheart of the Long Ago, Time plays many a trick, I trow. I am sitting in my room Writing verses-ah-to whom? Thinking, sweetheart, still of thee And the Land of Was-to-Be; Thinking verses to and of Thee, my first, my only love; Talking to my musing self; Padding poetry for pelf.
If the Then were but the Now! I am here and where art thou? Art thou far away from me Over mountain, over sea? Dost remember how we played In the pear tree's pleasant snade? Dost recall the perfect bliss Of our stolen pristine kiss. And remember how we said That we'd run away and wed? Need I put in public print That of which I only hint? Sweetheart, dost remember how Deep we loved?-Where art thou now Long ago-and still I care More and more for thee. Ah, where, Where-if art at all-art thou? Answer, sweetheart, answer now

Comes a voice: "Why, I'm out here In the kitchen, cooking, dear."

Time plays many a trick, I trow Sweetheart of the long ago.

The near approach of spring does not in the slightest degree appear to have any effect on the number of letters ad-

dressed to these pages. Of late, in fact, the correspondence been on the increase. We had a letter this month from a young lady at South Qu'Appelle. stating that she be married in a few days to a farmer whose acquaintance she through the medium of these col-We wish her life-long happiness. and address of any contributor, cannot give it to you without per-

mission. Always put a two-cent stamp on any letter which you may enclose us to be forwarded on to a third party. Sign your name to all communications addressed to us, not that we want to use your name in any way, but as an evidence of good faith.

Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 25, 1907. Editor.—Being anxious to make the acquaintance of "Dark-eyed Maiden," who wrote in your December number, I enclose you a letter which you will please forward to her.

"An Eastern Boy."

Smoking Not Objectionable.

Calgary, Alta., Jan. 1, 1907. Editor.—I have been reading the Western Home Monthly and think it a most interesting and instructive paper. I intend becoming a regular subscriper in the very near future. I should like to express my opinions regarding matrimony. On the whole, I think the Canadians a hard-working, sober lot of men-though, of course, there are some exceptions. If the young lady from Saskatoon

would take a trip to London, she would be horrified at the number of saloons there are, and would appreciate Canadians when she returned home.

I think nothing looks so companionable as to see men smoking whilst at work, while the man who takes a drink occasionally has more control over himself than the one who is teetotal. I should like a housekeeper's place on a farm or ranch, as I can cook and look after children. I am an English woman, twenty-six years of age. "London Jennie."

Widow Wants a Hubby.

Pense, Sask., Jan. 1, 1907. Editor.—Please forward the enclosed to "Billy." I am glad to see from the letters in your correspondence columns, that there are some who want companions and not servants. It is not often the case. If every man would bear this in mind and want a wife as a companion, there would not be so much

unhappiness afterwards. I am a widow, no children, and would like to correspond with some of the bachelors. I think "Billy No. 4" the right sort."

Wants to Get in Touch with Female.

Wellwood, Man., Jan. 14, 1907.
Editor.—As a reader of the Western
Home Monthly, I am deeply interested in the correspondence columns. Could you put me in touch with any young female? I am 24 years of age and not particular who I get.
"Anxious Bachelor."

Western Parmers Not Wicked. Stony Plain, Alta., Jan. 14, 1907. Editor.—Having read the matrimonial letters which have been appearing in your valuable paper for some time past, I have decided to join the circle of correspondents myself. I will honor you with a few of my opinions. I saw in the August number a letter from a young lady who seems to think that Western farmers are a very wicked lot. I don't agree with her at all. I don't mean to infer that all the boys are but I greatly admire a fellow who does not drink or swear. I will not take up any more space in your paper but sign myself.

"Blue Bell."

Thinks We are Doing a Good Work.

Prince Albert, Sask., Jan. 17, 1907. Elitor.—I have been greatly interest-ed in the correspondence which is going on between Western maids and bachelors, and think you are doing a very good work in bringing them more closely together. For my own part I do not believe that women are as scarce as is generally supposed.

There are some men who value a good woman who would make things comfortable for them, as it is very hard to have to tidy and clean up for them-selves in the evening after a hard day's work. It seems that bachelors are afraid to marry because they think it will be too expensive, but a woman can economize and save when a man would not think of it. I think the letter from "Farmer No. 6" in your August number very sensible and I should be glad to hear from him or any others of about my own age (35).

"Housekeeper Nan."

Not Handsome but Very Strong. Minto, Man., Jan. 14, 1907.

Editor.-I have been a reader of your excellent magazine for a long time and should like to correspond with "Jolly Bachelor." of Napinka, Man.

I am a lass of eighteen and do not

object to farming or any other kind of work. I want a good home and a good husband with dark hair and blue eyes. I would make a good wife though my face would scare a train off the track.

Mothing Ventured, Mothing Gained. Saskatoon, Sask., Feb. 1, 1907.

Editor.—I am a regular reader of the Western Home Monthly and am surprised at seeing so many maids and bachelors taking advantage of the matrimonial columns to become acquainted with one another. I think this is very risky but am prepared to take my chance with the rest (nothing ventured, nothing gained) and would like you to send me the address of "Young Fellow from Saskatoon."

Would Exchange Photos.

Drinkwater, Sask., Jan. 17, 1907. Editor.—I am an interested reader of your magazine and greatly enjoy reading the correspondence columns. I am a bachelor and came from Iowa a year ago. I own a section of good land and have no bad habits. I would like to correspond with some good respectable, loving young lady and would be willing to exchange photos with anyone. "Sunny Jim."

Pifty, But Hearty and Vigorous.

Oxbow, Sask., Feb. 1, 1907.

Editor.—I consider that your matrimonial department is deserving of the highest praise, bearing in mind the extreme condition under which we Westerners live. I want a good wife and am well able to take care of one, as I am nearly 50 years of age, healthy and vigorous. The woman who becomes my wife will bless the day she saw this.
"Moss Back."

Doctor Hands Out One.

Hicksburg, Alta.

Editor.—As an enthusiastic reader of your valuable magazine I take very great interest in the correspondence columns and greatly enjoyed some of the letters printed there, particularly those of "Susan Jane" and "Young Woman No. "Youthful Manitoban's" letter amused me. No doubt she is on the shelf and is now trying to censure all mankind and inferring that we would conscientiously tell an untruth in order to obtain a woman's confidence. She seems to look forward to the near fu-