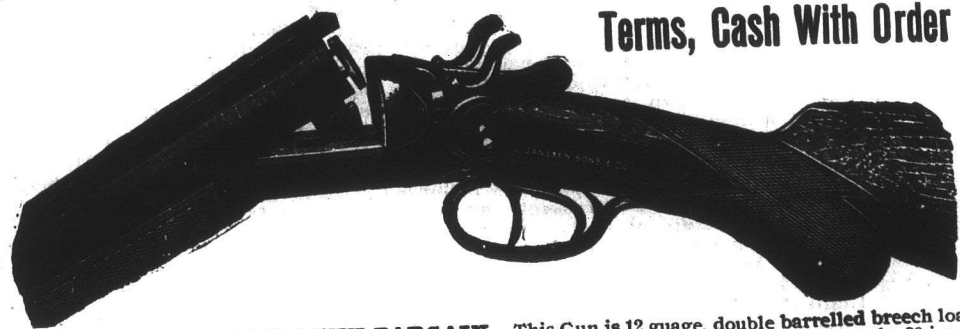


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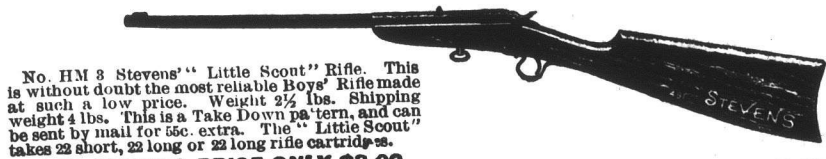
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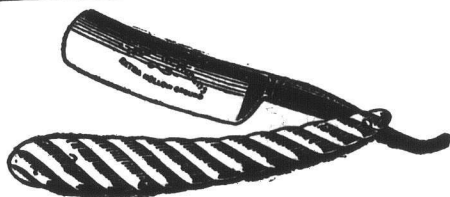
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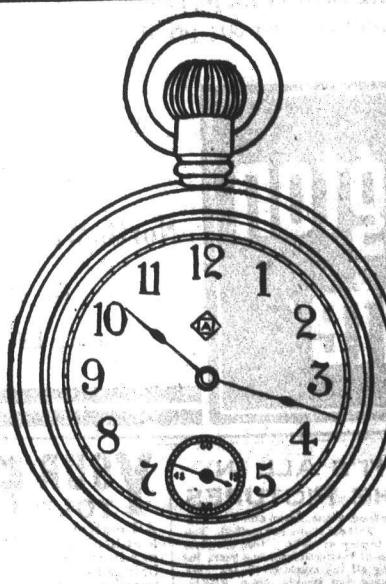
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Correspondence

We present another grist of correspondence from our readers on the matrimonial question.

Notwithstanding the hustle and bustle in the harvest field, readers of the Western Home Monthly find time enough to air their views. It is pleasing to us to know that our readers appreciate what we are doing for those of them who desire to express their views through the medium of our Correspondence columns. Send along your letters to us. If your letters are for publication we will publish them. Should you desire to open correspondence with any writer in these columns, just enclose us your letter with a two cent stamp attached to cover postage and we will forward it to the party designated by you.

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Defends Manitoba Daughter.

Milestone, Sask., Sept. 7th, 1906.
Editor.—As a reader of your paper for some considerable time I have noted the discussion of the matrimonial problem, and, as a bachelor, I have at times felt inclined to take the part of my brother in adversity (a fellow feeling you know) and then at other times my sympathies were all with the other side. Anyway, I think that some of the letters on both sides were a little overdrawn. Now as a Manitoba boy I take exception to Homesteader's statements as to the Manitoban girls. Of course I will admit he might have seen cases as he describes in some families, but am satisfied they are not the rule. I have known Manitoban girls who were accomplished and could take their place in the best society, who, at a time when help was scarce, would strap their skirts about them and drive four horses on a binder from morn till night. Now while I don't hold that a woman should go out to the field, it is the spirit that it was done in that we admire. I also like what Mother's Girl says in your

recent issue—We should expect a companion in a wife, not simply a convenience. I have known men who had not soul enough to care for a beast, marry a simple, trusting woman and make a slave of her. Then, some of the girls write and rate us bachelors for drinking and gambling, but you know nothing of the loneliness of this big country at times, so that we are almost forced to anything to make us forget. I often think that if you could hold out a sisterly hand to a faltering brother it would go a long way towards steadying us, and I know at times most of us want steadying. Now in conclusion I would say I am a lonely bachelor and if some of you ladies would take the trouble to write me a line or so sometimes I am sure I would be grateful.

"Milestone."

Hands Out a Few Hot Shots.

Manitoba, Sept. 9th, 1906.
Editor.—I have read most of the letters in your Correspondence columns, and, while I do not approve of that method of securing a husband or wife, I fail to see why those who do should not be allowed the privilege. I have been reading the letter signed "Disgusted," which is so one-sided that it stirred me up to try to present a little of the other side of the question. He says "If these bachelors wanted a horse, they would first want to see and know something about the animal." True, but if these same bachelors got the offer of a horse for nothing, would they refuse to take it? He must remember that in choosing a horse they consider what they have to pay for it. By their letters I should judge that the only necessary qualifications for a wife are strength and a willingness to work. They want wives who can wash, iron and mend, bake and churn, cook the meals, wash the dishes and scrub, milk the cows and feed the calves and the pigs, attend to the garden, hoe the potatoes, keep the house in order and do such other little chores as their lord and master may feel inclined to leave for them. All this for the sake of "being supported." They cannot even buy themselves an apron without asking for the money, explaining why they want it, and only getting it after much grumbling. Surely it is the girls who are easily suited. To be sure all men are not like this.

but a good many of them are, and when girls who have been on friendly terms with them for years cannot tell the ones to choose, how can those who have never seen them, decide? There are plenty of young women to-day who are quite as willing to marry the men they love and start with small means as were the women of our grandparents' and parents' days, but young men that were worth loving were not as scarce then as they are to-day. As to the business marriages I think quite as many men marry for convenience, as women, and if one does make a business transaction of it why not make the very best bargain you can, as we do in other affairs. Now girls, do not think that because a young man has a couple of dollars in his pocket and drives a fast horse that he is a desirable husband. Show the young men of good common sense that they are the ones you respect, and there will not be so many empty-headed coxcombs round who are ready to seek wives before they have any prospect of having homes for them and who think wives are to be had for the asking.

"Another Disgusted One."

Fancies "Maiden in Waiting."

Silton, Sask., Sept. 5, 1906.
Editor.—I am one of those fellows who is always bound to express his feelings when he reads anything sentimental. I have been a constant reader of your interesting monthly magazine and of late taken very deep interest in the Correspondence column, in which both sex have been most strictly dealt with. Some of the girls, sorry to say, are extremely hard on us bachelors. The main fault I think is they class us all the same. They should not think that we are all victims to bad habits. One thing I wish to remind them: If they bite without any cause they should never be mad when the same is returned. One lady in particular who signed as "Young Woman," Saskatoon, must have pondered over an immense dictionary in order to find us suitable names (?). Others write letters that we cannot very well understand. "Widow No. 2" says that "she is a widow by death." We would be very thankful if she would write and explain to us the way of being a true widow by any other means. There is one young lady whom I wish to bear reference to, signed "A Maiden

in Waiting." She seems to rest on very good principles, having reached the summit and climax of all wishes, viz: "a cheery word and a sweet smile." One is always greatly taken by such expressions; at the same time bachelors should ever and anon be on the alert over the changes of the gentler sex. In their evening dress they look so cheerful and happy, but woe! the sight we often witness when they poach the eggs at 7 a.m. If the young lady "A Maiden in Waiting" were to vow me to keep her promise in sunshine and showers, I would be very glad to correspond with her.

"Lonely Bachelor from Lone Point."

Backed Six Years.

Napinka, Man., Sept. 3, 1906.
Editor.—I have been a reader of your valuable magazine for some time and have watched closely the letters on the matrimonial question. I think, like "Jolly Girl," that bachelors are not all as bad as some people make us out to be. I, for one, am 24 years of age and can honestly say that I have never tasted liquor or used tobacco, and I think there are lots more like me. I have backed it here in Manitoba for six years and am still alive, but I don't think I could survive six more, so if there is any young woman that would like my address, I would correspond with her for fun and results.

"A Jolly Bachelor."

Wants Fine Protestant Young Lady.

Moose Jaw, Sept. 10, 1906.
Editor.—I feel so satisfied after reading your magazine that I am sending you right away a year's subscription to the Western Home Monthly. You will see that I am a new subscriber, but still I have been following up the Correspondence columns of your paper as we have taken it at home for years. I would like you to get me the acquaintanceship of a fine young lady to correspond with as I am a young farmer with 160 acres of fine land and good water, only six miles from town and three from the railroad—a splendid part to live in. I am 24 years old and 5ft. 6 ins. in height. Am a Protestant, good living and don't smoke, chew or drink. I am of Irish descent and my people, who came from Ontario, are farming close by. Kindly send my address to