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Correspondence

A Broncho Girl

Alberta, July 17, 1914.

Dear Editor—As I have just finished reading the July issue of The Western Home Monthly, I decided to write a few lines.

Hoorah! for who? Why Thistle of course. There are few indeed who would take such a stand for our suffragettes. Ah! course the militants in England certainly do not further the cause by their acting, but we must hope that those who act rightly may succeed. I say, W. A. B. you are "some" farmer. Who would think it, after being an engine-ist. Where did you get the idea of "Banking Account" "Northonia"? The "Bills receivable" must be worth having, that is if we deserve them. Um-um Popsy, will we sign a subscription list to get postage for your letters? Ah, well, answer as many as you can, and forget the rest. Anyone wishing to correspond will find my address with the Editor. Success! you old Western Home Monthly, and good night Broncho.

—Broncho Girlie.

One of the First

Edmonton, Alberta, July 24th, 1914.

Dear Mr. Editor—I am one of your first subscribers, having subscribed at Regina some ten or eleven years ago, and have been taking your paper ever since, and, as a matter of fact, would not be without it. It is a practical home magazine which should be in every home where good literature is appreciated. Although a subscriber for all those years I have never yet written a letter to your correspondence department so I am taking this opportunity and trust you may get a corner for it some time. I am particularly taken up with the letters in the last issue and must commend most heartily the letters of "Thistle," "Nurse," "Topsy" and "Northonia." These letters contain good, sound, common sense, and any of our readers who happen to have overlooked them should make a point to look up this issue again. The former has expressed my own views on woman's suffrage. We of course get all kinds of people even amongst the ladies—God bless them—I certainly feel that the bomb-throwing, window-smashing kind should be dealt with on their merits, but the wives and mothers who keep on minding their own business in a quiet and unassuming manner, why should they be debarred from the polls? "Nurse's" contention is good and we should hear from her again, also "Topsy." "Northonia" places everyday life before us in a clear and vivid business like way. Let us so regulate our lives that we may follow out the scripture injunction contained in 2 Tim. 2:15—"Do noble things, not dream them all day long, and so make life, death, and that vast forever one glad sweet song."

Hope I have not worried you Mr. Editor, and thanking you in anticipation. If any of the subscribers wish to write me I shall be delighted to hear from them and will try and reply. In reference to "Moonraker's" letter I would say that if she writes the Department of Education, Regina, Sask., they will be pleased to give her all the necessary information.—Sincerely, Scotty.

Not at all Lonely

Sedalia, Alta., May 24th, 1914

Dear Editor—As it has been nearly two years since I last wrote I thought I would avail myself of the opportunity having a few spare moments to myself. Although having kept silent I have been a very interested reader of the Western Home Monthly and congratulate you on the progress of your magazine, which I think improves yearly. As this is the fourth year that we have been getting it I think I am in a fair position to judge. I also note the great improvement in the correspondents to the column. They seem to be getting on a more substantial basis, and I find their letters educative and enlightening. Yes, I am also a bachelor but not by choice, but I cannot say that I am bothered with loneliness. There is

usually too much to attend to on the ranch to get lonely. But I hope in the near future to see the prairies as well settled as our Eastern Provinces, and as "H. S. Lassie" says, "there is always something to learn," which is quite true if one is looking for the learning part. How true the old saying is "they have eyes, but they see not." How many people go through life with their eyes closed, as it were. Who can describe the gorgeousness of a Western sunset, or the sun breaking his first rays of light on the Eastern horizon? It defies description. But some never see the beauties of our great West. I really feel sorry for one who is lonely out here. There is something missing. Yes, we want men and women in this great west. Men who are not afraid to put their shoulder to the wheel and push; women who will stand by them and after the day's toil is ended can cheer them with their smiles. How many do you know that come West and made failures of themselves, who went back and carried disheartening tales of the country, and why? Because they lacked vim. They could sit around and grumble, find fault, but get out and rustle was too much against the grain. Lonesome, did you say? Get busy, the more you let your mind dwell on those things the more morbid you become. Yes, we have noble men and noble women to-day just as many as in our father's time. Women who are toiling along with their husbands, sharing the hardships and trials of a pioneer country, and I am sorry to say some never get even rewarded with a smile. But I must not give you too much of a discourse or some will become wild, but remember boys and men that the most precious gift of God to man is a true-hearted woman. Now I must conclude. I am not really an old bachelor, being early in my twenty's yet, and would like to hear from any that are interested in Western life. Wishing the Editor every success. My address is with the editor. —I am, as ever, Ontario Lad.

Dear Little Yankee

Alberta, July 17, 1914.

How do, Mr. Editor—Here is a new member. I have taken The Western Home Monthly before, and think it a fine paper. The stories are fine and lots of good advice.

Say! "Miss School Girl" I sure would like to see where you live. I never have been in B. C. I'll bet you can eat all the fruit you want to. That's what I like to do. Good for "Thistle," everybody cheer for "Thistle." I do not see anything good in the breaking and destroying everything in order to get the rights for women. See, the U. S. A. women, they never fought their way to it, but took it easy, and succeeded first. Say! aren't the policemen going right to those militants in England, tho'. Poor things, I kind of pity them when the policemen get their hands on them. Skating is my favorite sport, as well as horse-back riding and playing basket ball. My letter is not very long for the first time, but I will write longer ones when I find a good subject to write about. Good night all you dear little Yankees. My address is with Mr. Editor.

—"Yankee Billy."

Years are Speeding by

Manitoba, July 1st, 1914.

Dear Editor—Well another year has passed in the age of our fair dominion, and one more year begun. A great many things have happened since last Dominion Day; a great many souls gone to the great beyond who were here then, and as I write I just wonder who will be called to go in the next twelve months. It makes one feel sad to think how the years are speeding by toward the end, and yet glad that a veil has been drawn over the future. I often think when I hear folks say of any one who has met with death through accident that "If they had only done or not done so and so," that they would still be alive, that it couldn't have been otherwise than it was, and no one ever died before their time.

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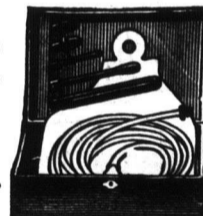
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