

Correspondence

Since the days began to shorten and the evenings to lengthen the increase in the letters received, addressed to our correspondence department, shows that many of our bachelor readers are already throwing out their line to catch the attention of some good natured "Miss" who would correspond with them through the coming winter. Exchanging letters one with the other during the long winter months is an entertaining and agreeable pastime and may be the means of bringing together two hearts and uniting them as one. We know of three marriages that have taken place this past summer, where the contracting parties got acquainted through the correspondence columns of the Western Home Monthly. When sending us a letter to remail to any address, please affix a postage stamp on the blank envelope enclosed. All writers are requested to give us their full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

A Bachelor's Lament.

A bachelor sat in his cabin door,
As the shades of evening fell,
The sunbeams fell on the dirty floor
Of the room he knew so well.
Weary and sad and lonely,
Heavy in heart and brain,
He hung his hat on his threadbare knee,
And chanted a sad refrain.

"Oh, little I thought it would be like this
When I came to Salmon Arm;
I thought the forest would disappear,
And soon I would have a farm;
I thought that some sweet maiden
Gladly would be my wife,
To soothe my sorrows and share my joys,
And comfort me all my life."

"But look at me now, and the life I lead,
It would try an angel's soul,
To toil all day and return at night
To a dark and dirty hole;
They say I keep things tidy,
They say my cooking's good,
But somehow it isn't like mother's was,
Nor done as a good wife could."

"I wonder if ever my lonely lot
Will change for a better state,
And if some sweet, compassionate maid
Will pity my cheerless fate;
Oh, for a woman's presence!
Oh, for a woman's bread!
Oh, could I sell my potato crop
And purchase a wife instead!"

"Sometimes when asleep in my bed I dream
That I'm coming home at night,
To find my wife with the table set
And the house all warmth and light;
There are my rosy children,
Climbing upon my knee,
Kissing and calling me, 'Papa, dear',
Oh, sad that it cannot be."

"Now, I wonder if I should go back East,
Could I find a partner there?
They used to call me a handsome chap;
I'm sure I'd be good to her."
"Life is beyond endurance,"
He said with a savage face;
"I'll have a woman before next fall,
Or I'll quit the bloomin' place."
"Rocky Mountain Goat."

A High Ball From Ontario.

Brantford, Ont., Oct. 25, 1907.
Editor.—I would like to write a few lines and take my chance of getting acquainted with some nice looking girls. I didn't say handsome—of course, if she is handsome all the better, but I meant pleasant looking.

I am 5 feet 10 inches, weigh 180 lbs., dark brown eyes, Protestant. I would like to get acquainted with a nice looking girl, well built, weight from 130 to 170, must be tall, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches—one that can cook pretty fair, is neat and can hold her own temper and is not chewing fat all the time. That drives a fellow loony and keeps him in misery all the time.

Well, girls, I might as well tell the truth, though, understand, I'm not bragging about it, I smoke, chew, swear sometimes and take a glass of beer when I feel like drinking it. I do everything that is wrong except gamble.

Well, I'm not expecting any letters, but if any girl cares to write me I will answer all letters and exchange photos. "High Ball."

P. S.—I am living in Ontario now, but am going to buy a farm 15 miles from High River, Alta., on Tongue Creek next spring. Thanking you, editor, for your space, I ring off.

H. B.

Likes Blue Eyed Biddy.

Millwood, Man., Oct. 20, 1907.
Editor.—Although not a subscriber to

your paper myself, my father is, and I always look forward to the correspondence column and should very much like to know a few of the circle that surround it.

I quite agree with "Blue Eyed Biddy" in all she says in the July number. It is not right to expect a woman to milk cows, carry wood and water, etc. A man doesn't want to come in at night and do half the housework, so why should he expect his wife to do half of his chores after working in the house all day?

As for bachelors having a hard time there is no doubt about that, because he has to do the housework as well as the outside work. As for coming home and finding a bare table, as Blue Eyed Biddy says, that is not quite right, as he more often comes home and finds the table piled up with dirty dishes which he has to slog into and wash before he can get his meals.

I quite agree with Blue Eyed Biddy's tastes and should like to make her acquaintance, though like her, I should not like to get married by correspondence.

"Bold and Brilliant British Bachelor."

Would Like to Attract Some Maiden.

Creston, B. C., Oct. 27, 1907.
Editor.—I have long been a reader of your magazine, though not a subscriber, because it is sold here in the camp by two little children and I think it is my place to buy my paper from them.

I find your correspondence page quite interesting as well as amusing, and would like very much to get acquainted with some of those young ladies through your valuable paper.

I neither chew, drink nor smoke, am 24 years old, with dark brown hair and light brown eyes, rather tall and slightly inclined to be musical.

Hoping this will catch some lonely maiden's eye, I remain.

"A Pine Cat."

Likes Our Magazine.

Creston, B. C., Oct. 15, 1907.
Editor.—I am a constant reader of your excellent paper and find it of great benefit to me and would not be without it for any money.

The children of one of the millmen get them every month and I buy one from them as I like to encourage the small people to earn money for themselves.

I work in the mill here at a good salary. Please forward enclosed letter to the girl who signs herself "Blonde" from Brandon, and oblige.

"A Timber Wolf."

Young and Fond of Animals.

Beresford, Man., Oct. 16, 1907.
Editor.—I am a reader of the W. H. M. and take much interest in your correspondence column.

I would like to correspond with "Fancy Frank," "Happy Hooligan," or "Interested Westerner," if they would kindly write first.

I am 5 feet 6 inches tall, have dark hair and eyes and am between 18 and 19 years of age. I like all kinds of outdoor sports and am very fond of animals.

"Dollie Verne."

Thinks Women a Nuisance.

Crescent Lake, Sask., Sept. 20, 1907.
Editor.—I am following the letters in your paper with great interest. There are only two writers which I would like to shake hands with, "The Devil" and "Old Sleuth."

I think that corresponding with ladies is nonsense. And say, boys, I think some of you are good cooks, and what are women for; they are a nuisance, that's all. I think myself too good to go into matrimony with my eyes closed. Some young men marry and think they have struck it lucky, but I do not agree with them.

"Old Phenomenal."

Just an Ordinary Bachelor.

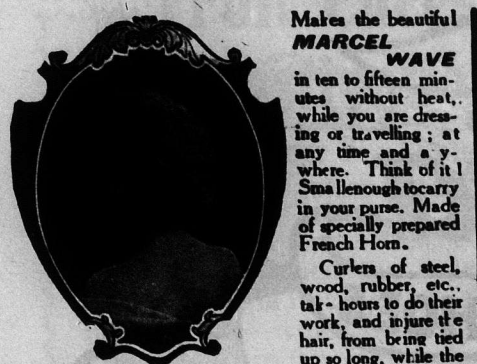
Herbert, Sask., Sept. 9, 1907.
Editor.—Though not a subscriber, I have read the W. H. M. for more than three years, and have always been amused by your correspondence page.

My work for the last four years has taken me through all the farming and ranching country south of the C. P. R. between Gull Lake and Calgary, but I never knew there were so many really "wonderfully eligible" bachelors in Western Canada until I took note of the letters they write you in the W. H. M.

Up till now I have not had the courage to write you, being only "an ordinary bachelor." I don't chew, but I smoke, and I take a drink when I feel like it. Before writing more I must tell you that, like "Black Eyes," I am not at present on the market.

I don't think I could tell you the color of my eyes; my sister calls them green, though I have heard other people say they were blue. I should like to see some letters from "ordinary bachelors" in your correspondence page, and see what some of the ladies

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