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Correspondence

This month we print another gist of letters on the matrimonial question.

During the past month the number of letters addressed to our correspondence department exceeded that of any previous month. It is a matter of gratification to know that our readers appreciate our efforts in placing so much of our space at the disposal of readers who desire to express their views on the matrimonial question as it presents itself to those of us in Western Canada.

If you desire to form the acquaintance of any lady writer writing in the correspondence columns of this magazine, enclosing in a sealed envelope with stamp attached, letter intended for such writer as you may designate and we will forward it through the mail to the party you so intend it for. When writing us, please give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

Good Cookery Substitute for Beauty.

Manitoba, March 22, 1909.
Editor.—Having been a constant reader of your most interesting paper, and having had considerable amusement out of the correspondence column, I have decided to join your merry circle; that is, if this letter escapes the waste basket. I am of medium height, brown hair and eyes, weigh 104 pounds, and have never been called ugly, nor yet an old maid. I am, as a great many of your writers, a farmer's daughter, and although I have spent some months in town, I prefer the country, in summer-time anyway.

Now, I think it is hardly fair to call the city girls down so, for the boys must be as bad, though so far I have found neither sex so very bad.

I think "Tipperary's" letter in the November issue quite amusing. Sav, girls, he is in an awful hurry; take pity on him some one. Yes, "Greenhorn," feed a man when your beauty has failed and he will forget your falling; when he thinks of your good cookery; and they also save good things are done in small parcels; but so is poison. However, a line from you or any of the others would be most welcome to me. My address is with the editor.

"Hazel."

Weary Willie Euminates.

Arcola, Sask., March 21, 1909.
Editor.—I have been reading the W. H. M. for some time though I am not a subscriber, but soon will be. I think it a grand paper for young folks. I have become interested in the correspondence column. Some of the letters are very good; they catch me just right. I would like to correspond with any of the girls or boys who would write to

me. I am very fond of receiving letters and answering them as promptly as I receive them.

As it is customary to describe one's self I will do so. I am 5 feet 8 inches in height, weigh 150 pounds, brown hair and blue eyes, aged 21 years. Just my own boss a short time. Do not drink anything stronger than tea, use no tobacco of any kind and am naturally fond of music. Dance a little. Would be pleased to see this in print if the waste basket is not too handy. Wishing the W. H. M. every success.

"Weary Willie."

"Maloney" Bars Catholics.

Calgary, Alta., March 20, 1909.
Editor.—Having been a reader of the W. H. M. for some time I thought I would join the ranks of the correspondents. I would be pleased to hear from any of the fair ladies from 25 to 30, except Catholics, as I am a Protestant—Methodist. I am a bachelor with a homestead, and horses and implements enough to work the same, and I think there is plenty of room for a helpmate. If it is my good fortune to get a wife who is capable of taking care of her part of the work, I will make it very pleasant for her as I have batched long enough to appreciate a good wife. I would not expect her to be everything, such as chore boy, roustabout, etc.

I am fond of music, singing, reading and skating. I do not use liquor, nor chew, but take a smoke once in a while. I am 32 years old and 5 feet 7 inches tall, weigh about 140 pounds, dark hair and blue eyes. Wishing your paper every success.

"Maloney."

A Good Sensible Letter.

Dauphin, Man., March 24, 1909.
Editor.—Being much pleased with the letter written by "Doty Dimples," of Prince Albert, in your November issue, I thought I would have one published too, if you will permit, and also take this opportunity of enclosing a letter which you will kindly forward.

I judge from hers, with many other letters, that she is not on a matrimonial hunt but rather enjoys the tinge of romance in connection with an acquaintance through correspondence. Being in the same boat, I beg to be introduced.

Though it seems customary to describe one's self, I wish D. D. to write to me so think it policy to withhold, just at present at least, the awful truth. It is only fair to her to save, however, that I'm under thirty and single, also she will have no complaint to make regarding Carrie.

I might just say that I have been reading the W. H. M. for several years now and find it very instructive, interesting and, considering some of the letters, amusing. I read the letters and try to imagine what the writer is like. With the information in the letters, and between the lines, you can generally get at least an idea of them spiritually, morally and physically. I think your correspondence department is much to be appreciated; besides its value for pastime there is a considerable educational value to be derived from it. I would rather see the members endeavoring to raise the standard of these columns than to be continually harping

on what chores a woman should do and what habits a man should have. Were this a strictly matrimonial bureau this would be all right, but I think I am correct, sir, in maintaining that it is not, though a happy marriage may result from an acquaintance gained through this medium and followed by personal acquaintanceship as well as being personally introduced. I would not care to correspond with any one becoming a member for the sole purpose of matrimony, but I do enjoy correspondence for itself. I thank you, "mine host," for many pleasant evenings spent through your hospitality, with "our mutual friends."

"A Guest."

Wants Lady to Send Photo.

Saskatchewan, March 12, 1909.
Editor.—Would you be gracious enough to print this letter for me in your esteemed paper? Would any young lady about the age of 24 to 25 answer this. I am a young man, 26 years old. I neither swear, chew, smoke or drink, and at present I have a situation on a large farm, but I have hopes of having a farm of my own. I want a young woman to marry who will make me a good wife. Will any of your young women answer, and may I ask, will you kindly send a photo if you do. My address is with the editor.

Hardworking."

Found Courage at Last.

Erindale, Ont., March 14, 1909.
Editor.—I am a very interested reader of the W. H. M. and watch for its coming with eagerness every month. I have written several letters but always tore them up, but at last I have gotten up courage to write in earnest. I am 18 years old, but it takes too long to tell of my beauty. I have told "Adonis" in my letter to him which I would be very pleased if you would forward. Wishing your paper the success it deserves, I will sign myself

"Cheyenne."

"Laughing Water" Writes the Boys.

Ontario, March 20, 1909.
Editor.—I have been a reader of your delightful paper for some time and especially like the correspondence pages; the letters are very interesting and so amusing. I have been thinking of writing for some time, so will you kindly make room in your valuable paper for this letter from "Laughing Water?" Quite a number of the very young girls seem to be on the outlook for a hubby. Wait a while, girls, what is all the hurry. I think girls of 16 or 17 are better at school educating their mind instead of thinking about getting married.

It is a pleasure to see that so many of the Western boys are total abstainers. I admire them for it; it would be a happier country if there were more of the same kind. Some of those Western bachelors who write are the right kind of chap and will be able to appreciate a good wife, while others expect to get one that will be a sort of chore boy for them. Now, if a woman makes the home bright and sunny, and does her best to make things pleasant, she should be let know how much she is appreciated. It is more than mean for a

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