

so let's get something new to discuss. Of course, the true bachelors of the prairies deserve credit and honor for their brave undertaking in homesteading alone.

Starlight, your letter was splendid! You expressed my sentiments exactly. I would like to write to you if you would write first.

I know many girls who did not agree with young farm boys enlisting; later, when their own brother enlists, they think every man, young, intermediate or old, no matter what they are doing, should be wearing khaki, simply because their brother is doing so. It is ridiculous for some girls to say they would not be seen with a civilian and "He ought to be wearing khaki." Of course, there are exceptions, but there ought to be a decided difference made between the boys and men doing their bit on the farm and the real "shirker." Boys under twenty-one (I think) are physically unfit and are better at home helping the Empire here. I believe there will be lots of chance for them to go later when they are more able to bear the suffering and hardships. I have many soldier friends, all of whom I esteem very highly, and some of them would be doing their bit had they remained at home. Many more men would go could they see their way clear to do so. As for the class of girls referred to, they are certainly shallow-minded, and are not deep enough to take the matter seriously as to the man's duty. I do not think, in many cases, it is for us to say whether they should go or stay. The Allies have to be fed, and is it not our farmers who are doing it.

Valley Flower, your letter was good. You have my sympathy for "Kentish Hop" criticising your previous letter the way she did. I suppose she felt it her duty to stick up for the English girls. If that was it, her conscience will not bother her for neglecting duty. Perhaps Valley Flower, if you and I were in her place, we might do the same thing.

I live in Manitoba and like it fine. I like skating, reading, shooting and taking pictures. My camera takes a No. 2 Brownie film and takes very good pictures.

This is my first letter to your splendid paper, and I am beginning to think it will find its way to the w.p.b. if I do not stop writing; but I hope it will not. Wishing The Western Home Monthly every success and a prosperous New Year.

"Spitfire."

Then You Have a Father

Rev. Dr. Jonas King once went to visit the children in an orphan asylum. The children were seated in a school-room, and Dr. King stood on a platform before them.

"So this is an orphan asylum," said he. "I suppose that many of you children would tell that you have no father or mother, were I to ask you."

"Yes, sir; yes, sir," said some little voices.

"How many of you say you have no father? Hold up your hands."

A forest of hands were put up.

"So you say you have no father?"

"Yes, sir; yes, sir."

"Now," said Dr. King, "do you ever say the Lord's Prayer? Let me hear you."

The children began: "Our Father, Who art in heaven—"

"Stop, children," said Dr. King; "did you begin right?"

The children began again: "Our Father, Who art in heaven—"

"Stop again, children," said Dr. King.

"What did you say? Our Father? Then you have a Father; a good, rich Father."

I want to tell you about Him. He owns all the gold in California; He owns all the world; He can give you as much of anything as He sees is best for you. Now, children, never forget that you have a Father. Go to Him for all you want, as if you could see Him. He is able and willing to do all that is for your good."

Recent Western Patents

The following list of recently granted Western Canadian patents has been submitted us by Fetherstonhaugh & Company, of this city:—173233, L. C. Bond, Bassano, Alta., traps; 173234, L. Briggs, Fargo, Sask., horse releasing means; 173292, C. H. Nelson, Vulcan, Alta., machines for treating or pickling grain;

173293, O. E. Olesberg, Bawlf, Alta., stump pullers; 173069, G. W. Gould and W. R. Johnston, Armand, Man., automatic water feeding appliances; 173071, W. H. and L. E. Bushell, Edmonton, Alta., horse shoes; 173097, H. Freeman, Vancouver, B.C., means for obtaining alkali metal cyanide; 173119, J. Kristjansson, Mozart, Sask., latching devices; 173126, F. Marchese, Vancouver, B.C., safety razors; 173581, W. H. Church, Superb, Sask., grain stookers; 173582, W. Colley, Readlyn, Sask., clevises; 173605, H. H. Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, B.C., air inlet devices for internal combustion engines; 173629, T. H. McCain, Gibson's Landing, B.C., lock washers; 173644, J. L. Ratner, Winnipeg, Man., wheel attachments for sleigh runners; 173714, L. B. Stedman, Victoria, B.C., internal combustion engines; 173748, C. Cassidy, New Westminster,

B.C., detachable rims for pneumatic tires; 173773, J. T. Gosline, Vancouver, B.C., side dressing attachments for saw filing machines; 173810, H. Murray, Vancouver, B.C., mechanical movements; 173811, N. J. Macdonald, Winnipeg, Man., floors; 173850, J. A. Williams, Winnipeg, Man., weather strips; 173947, T. C. Crouch, Sask., automobile heaters; 173970, W. J. Lee, Munson, Alta., cleaners for rolling colters; 173991, F. C. Risdon, Nelson, B.C., timber-felling mechanism; 173993, G. Robertson, Vancouver, B.C., fishing spoons; 174003, H. A. Thompson, Dewdney, B.C., portable cross-cut saw

Would "Twenty-four" please send her correct address to the Editor, as correspondence sent to her former address is being returned.

The Round Table

By Frances Beatrice Taylor

The young knights of Flanders,
Have will for sacrifice;
They have no merry forest to win,
Nor tilt they for a prize;
Yet, through all strife and fire they keep,
Good laughter in their eyes.

The young knights of Flanders,
Have many a slender sword,
Have many a new and shining blade
To lay before their Lord,—
Now grant He charm each carven hilt,
To bring them great reward.

The young knights of Flanders,
Have brothers gone before;
Sir Lancelot, Sir Bedevere
Were mighty men of war,—
But yet, I doubt, not Galahad
Will welcome them the more.

The "Live a Little Longer" Idea

IN Rochester, N.Y., there has been formed an association the object of which is to promote the "Live a Little Longer" idea. It aims to encourage men and women to give attention to their health, and by preventive methods to avoid serious disease and add years of happiness to their lives.

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This means new strength and comfort, freedom from pain and disease, and longer life. This letter gives you some idea what old people may expect from the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

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