

There's No Base Like Home

By H. C. WITWER

Ed Harmon, who admits he has been a Fairbanks looking like a sinner, tells his friend Joe about life in the movies in the following letter. The statements from H. C. Witwer's latest success will be printed daily.

CHAPTER VI THE FREEDOM OF THE SEAS

Sixth Evening—Continued

On the Enroute to Los Angeles.

Amigo Joe—Well, Joe, you can see from the way I start off this letter that I have got all the languages at my finger tips. I guess that's about as far as I'll ever get 'em, Joe, because I seem to find it impossible to get 'em into my head. Instead of getting better under the treatment of his professor which took up the Hercules task of teachin' me, what English I have seems to be gettin' worse and Jeanne claims if I have any more release it won't be long before I can't even understand myself!

I am now on my way to the coast, which is slang for California. Joe, she with me is Jeanne more charmin' than ever, my baby and our joint maid, Marie. We are going out to make some scene for our first picture together, the title of which is called "Heavens Above!" and is a extremely sad tragedy, and Joe I am a riot in it and in at the least three places will rock the audience with sobs and etc. I have been tipped off that Fairbanks, Chapin and Hart is writin' around the film which as the makers here for the first time. Well, Joe, will be very cordially with them one and all and try and put them at their ease, because I don't believe in any more of that get a swell head simply because I was born a natural actor and can't help it. I am a little better than the mob.

Well, you are probably no doubt thinkin' never mind the hookum, but let me just now die again as I made up my mind after that lover's quarrel you got into that threatened to render you a sander. So without no more further ado I will take the plunge right into that part of it now.

When I got off the train in New York that day determined to rush to the nearest lawyer and grab off a divorce, Joe, first first guy I met was a fellow named Phil Bloom, the honest bookmaker, which name I ain't seen since Jeanne buried me body and soul in the brewer's would be to see 1918. He failed to fall on my neck and wildly embrace me or anything like that and for awhile I have been stuck up since I made money and had a good time with my friends of days and nights gone by. Well, Joe, you know that as a convict I got no equal and few peers and as for the Kaiser he was in right at the present time so I had little trouble provin' to Phil that I was still there in my old skin, but that a married man has got to think of his wife first—also, second, third, fourth fifth and sixth. Speakin' of married life reminded me what I come down to New York for, so I dragged Phil into the nearest one of those places which made crack ice famous and we had some 2.75. That in I had 2 and Phil had about 75, accordin' to the box score I was handed as a bill.

Then I ask Phil if he knows of a practical lawyer and he says that's what his cousin is and I says is he any good and Phil says he got to be good, because he's decreed, and a family of lawyers and one of his ancient relatives handled all of King Solomon's breach of promise suits and is that good enough and I says yes.

Well, Phil says first come over to 42nd and Broadway and he says that's what he has succeeded in makin' a date with his wife and she will be glad to see me again and is less liable to hawl him out if he's got a spectator with him.

Well, Joe, although my heart feels like it weighs a couple tons as the least I put on a gaily air and went with him, and Mrs. Bloom shows up promptly one hour late. Joe, Phil has got the prettiest wife on Lenox avenue between 114th and 117th street and how a dame which

ville material to give him the writer's cramps from signing contracts.

The first applicant for the portfolio of maid which Mrs. Bloom begin to interview, give us all a sarcastical up and down and Mrs. Bloom says: "I am looking for a girl who will do the housework."

"What's the population of your family, hey?" butts in the maid. Phil starts to giggle, but the Mrs. shuts him off.

"There are three of us," she says, with a pleasantly smile. "Myself, my husband, and the baby. He's four years old."

"Humph!" snorts the maid. "I gotta kid to take care of, hey? What are you willin' to pay?"

"Well," stalls Mrs. Bloom. "Of course we'll have your room and board and—"

"And laundry?" puts in the maid. "Why—don't you wash?" asks Mrs. Bloom in surprise.

"What's the matter, ain't my face clean?" snaps the maid. "Me and Phil give ourselves up to the hysterical."

"Why—excuse me!" stammers Mrs. Bloom. "I meant, don't you do washin'?"

"You can say I don't," says the maid, with a sneer. "Them days is over! I gotta have two days off the week and I want \$30 a month. Is the kid much trouble?"

"That will do," says Mrs. Bloom, ridin' and gettin' sore. "You may go 'cause you would not be satisfactory."

"Heh—I should worry!" says the maid, laughing. "I was just turned up in what was probably disgust."

"I don't know," she says in a weak voice. "I suppose so. We have all the latest records. If we haven't the ones you mention I'll—I'll get them and—"

"Do you do a lotta entertainin' and have what is knowed as weak-end guests, which makes a lotta extra dishes and the like to wash?" demands the maid.

"I do not care to discuss my guests with you," says Mrs. Bloom, comin' to life and them lovely eyes of her sparklin' 'til any pawnbroker which, wouldn't loan you \$1000 the each on 'em would be silly. "I'm afraid you won't do."

"Did I claim I craved the job?" sneers the maid, friskin' away.

Mrs. Bloom throws up her hands. "Did you ever see anything to equal this?" she says. "Of all the impudence! Why, I've never been so insulted—"

"I wish them kids was men!" says Phil, bangin' his fists together and glarin' at 'em all. "I could furnish you with a little entertainment anyways!"

The next candidate is shoed over, but not before the first one has stopped her and whispered a few tips in her ear.

"I am looking for a girl who—"

"Yeh!" interrupts the newcomer with a yawn. "How far is the nearest movie theatre from where you live?"

"Why—about four blocks," says Mrs. Bloom.

"Kin I have callers?" is the next question.

"Well—I suppose so, when you are through your work," says Mrs. Bloom. The applicant give forth a sniff.

"Suppose you got a talkin' machine, hey?" she asks.

"Yes," says Mrs. Bloom, kinda dazed. "Well, have you got the 'Coffee Pot Blues,' 'Razzy' the 'Jazz' and the 'Hashish Shimmy'?" says the maid.

"How haw—the that?" hollers Phil. "I ain't in the habit of bein' laughed at!" says the maid, with a glare at us. Mrs. Bloom seems to be in trance.

Over comes another one, Joe. This here carina of the kitchen was big enough to make Dempsey jump outta the ring and me and Phil moved to one side.

Mrs. Bloom starts right off, very determined.

"Look here, my girl," she says. "I will pay you \$50 a month, give you a nice room, your board and every other Sunday off. You do not have to do washin'. There are only three of us in the family, and we have a seven-room apartment. How does that strike you?"

"No spika da English!" says the maid.

"You're hired!" hollers Mrs. Bloom. "Get your things and come with me now."

And that's what happened.

Well, Joe, when we got up to Phil's apartment, Mrs. Bloom, which always liked me, sends Phil out to see what a few dollars can do in a delicatessen store and calls me into the livin' room. She makes me sit down and then she

pulls up a chair, puts me on the shoulder and asks me what's on my mind. Joe, she was so sympathetic and is such a good looker and etc. that she just hit me right and what do I do but pour out the whole business to her about me and Jeanne and the strange guy which was havin' the pleasure of tea with her and then I wound up by sayin' I was in New York for the purpose of gettin' a divorce.

Well, Joe, for a minute she don't say nothin' but instead walks around the room and then she comes over and sits down again and tells me I am all wrong. She says I am the luckiest guy on earth to have a wife like Jeanne and a baby like I got, and also to be been such a startlin' success and if I bust it all up now I am a bigger boob than she thought I was. She claims that even married couple devote some time each year to legitimate quarrelin' and when they don't they is somethin' wrong and if I

would get rid of some of the conceit I got and remember that the population of the world runs into billions and that are not all named Ed. Harmon I would be all right, because I have got a barrel of traits for which she can't hold likin' me, but I am my own worst enemy and very tryin' at times. She also lets fall the information that Jeanne has got a right to be sore, because it must of been very humilatin' for me to drag in that butler and introduce him to the high society leader at Jeanne's costume ball. Well, Joe, all this bein' hawl over the coal and etc. commences to get me nervous and I says I have come to her for advice and not to be hawled out, because if I wish to be hawled out could of stayed home and got better service without spendin' the carfare to New York.

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