College, Scholastic and Girls' Basketball Fives in Limelight

DICK SEEDS' RISE IN SOCCER RAPID

Frankford High Leader One of Most Spectacular Schoolboy Players in City

COACHED BY HIS FATHER

By PAUL PREP

BACK in [illegible] to the Disston [illegible] Walk [illegible] a chance.

Dick Seeds

He won the [illegible] Schaeffer [illegible] choice for the [illegible]

Dick Seeds [illegible] to those who [illegible] on the soccer field [illegible] make them [illegible] picious beginning [illegible] tion [illegible] started to make a name for himself.

His one hobby is soccer. His spare moments have been spent on the [illegible] lot kicking a soccer ball. His [illegible] the game, his enthusiasm and ability are an inheritance from his father, Richard Seeds.

Father Was Star Player

The senior Seeds was a star [illegible] player in his day. He was a member of the old Tacony eleven [illegible] combination many years ago. He was on that team when it made the trip to St. Louis for the national title.

Mr. Seeds always [illegible] interest in his son and taught him the fundamentals of the game. For years young Seeds played on the Disston School soccer team, improving with each season. On account of his size and weight he was placed at the forward position and he performed in that capacity.

For three years the team finished in the runner-up position in the Grammar Schools League. Finally in 1918 Disston had a crackerjack eleven and one of its outstanding stars was young Seeds. It had taken three years to develop him, but it was worth the long wait because he became a star of the first rank.

In the following year [illegible] Disston won the championship of the Grammar School League and [illegible] each year for the [illegible] title.

When Seeds [illegible] school and entered Frankford High it did not take him long to apply for a berth on the freshman soccer team. Needless to say he made the team without difficulty and was again a star.

In 1921 he was promoted to the varsity soccer squad. There was a very promising young player by the name of Schwartz in the center forward position at the time and to warrant Seeds participating in every game these two players exchanged places every other game.

Inside right and center forward were the positions played by these stars. However, by the end of the season the Frankford coach was finally convinced that Seeds' position was at center forward and at the start of the 1922 season found him at that berth.

Had Banner Year

The last year was his banner one. A championship for the team was one of his crowning features, as he did much to bring about the same. He scored twenty-two goals during the season and nine of these were made in the league games.

Against Germantown High and Southern High, Seeds sent the ball splitting past the goalkeepers of these schools eight times and got one past the central tender.

Seeds is only a sophomore. This is due to the fact that he left school for a half year in 1921. This, therefore, gives him two more years to play on the Frankford soccer team. Seeds is seventeen years old.

When the school soccer season has ended Seeds will continue his activities with the Disston [illegible] team, which plays in the fourth division of the Allied League. This eleven continues playing each Saturday until the middle of March.

Seeds' success at soccer is his beautiful kicking. He [illegible] almost any shot from the 20-yard line. His boots are low and generally hit their target. As the Frankford coach put it: "He puts them where the goalkeeper ain't."

"INKIE" REGAN TO RETURN TO CENTER

Will Jump for Jasper Tonight Against Atlantic City—Girls Play Preliminary Game

ANOTHER FOR CAMDEN

By WILLIAM S. DALLAS

JOHN "INKIE" REGAN, who has been shifted to the [illegible] of the [illegible] against Atlantic City, but he [illegible] the New York Celtics, in the local Eastern League basketball game tonight at the Rose Gardens, Kensington avenue and Ontario street.

[illegible]

Bears Bow Again

The Reading basketball [illegible]

[illegible]

Second Half Different

[illegible]

Will Enter Penn

"PASTER" FIELDS

Lebanon High School star, who will enter Pennsylvania next fall. He is rated as one of the best half-backs in up-State scholastic ranks. He weighs 172 pounds and is 5 feet 9½ inches tall.

VICTOR UNBEATEN IN SOCCER RACE

Has Clean Slate in Standings of Third Northeast Division of Allied League

LIGHTHOUSE IS SECOND

[illegible]

CANDY MAKERS' FIVE WINS, 31-20

Wilbur Chocolate Topples P., G. & B. From Lead in Manufacturers' League

EXPRESS GIRLS WINNERS

Wilbur Chocolate's basketball team added further complications to the fight in the Manufacturers' League last night by defeating Passon, Gottlieb and Black, 31 to 20.

As a result of this game the lead in the league is now shared by three teams, one the vanquished P. G. and B., while the other two fives appearing at the top of the ladder are Keystone Telephone and Moskowitz and Herbach. Previous to last night the P. G.'s held undisputed sway, but they were forced to bow to a superior team.

Wilbur has one of the best teams in the league at the present time and will bear watching. Recently they added three former Hancock stars in La Porte, Woodland, Stevenson. These three were in top form last night.

The half ended at 17 to 9 with the "Buds" on the long end, and when the teams took the floor for the second canto the pace became even faster than in the first twenty minutes. Failure to take advantage of foul tosses was fatal to the vanquished P. G.'s, and six chances to score by this method were thrown away in the second half.

In the other league match Steel Heddle had an easy time with Overbrook Carpet, winning 40 to 20. At half time the count stood at 14 to 4, but in the second half the two teams went wild, and field goals rained through the net. This is the first win of the season for Steel Heddle and raises them from the cellar to a tie with Metal Edge.

The acquisition of Wilson, former star of the Archeon team, was a big factor in the victory of the Steel Heddle team, and this speedy player accounted for [illegible] during the course of the contest.

Considerable interest was displayed in the two girls' games that preceded the league match.

Two of the best girls' teams were engaged in action, the first game resulting in a victory for the American Railway Express over Keystone Telephone, 11 to 2. This is the third straight win for the Railway girls and gives them undisputed possession of first place in the Girls' League.

Mildred Powers was the star of the game, although she was at times stopped by the efforts of her opponents that she had little opportunity to score [illegible]. Only one foul toss [illegible] to her credit, but with [illegible] the outcome might have been far different.

Superintendent of Car Service Girls won the other game of the evening, easily outclassing Steel Heddle girls by a margin of 27 to 0. At no time did the outcome seem in doubt, and in the second half it was only a question of how high the score would mount. Miss Betty Schenkel was again the star of the victors.

AGNES IRWIN GIRLS HOPE TO REPEAT

But Friends' Select Cage Team Has an Eye Fixed on Championship

NEW COACH IN CHARGE

Only on very rare occasions can a school team look forward to a league race with the knowledge that every member of the previous team will be on hand, but such is the situation at Friends' Select School where the girls are preparing for the opening of the basketball season.

Agnes Irwin School won the title last year and the Friends' Select Girls are positive that the cup will not remain in its present resting place another year but instead will find a safe lodging place in the trophy case at Friends' Select. Enthusiasm is at a high pitch at the Parkway school and all the girls are looking forward to the opening game.

A new coach, Miss Anne Flanders, is in charge this year. She will try her best to bring a champion-ship to the school. Practice will be started soon, and all the girls who were out for field hockey will be on hand to try for berths on the cage team.

Seven games will be played, six in the league and an outside game with Westtown School. Due to a rule of the league, all games will be played on the Friends' Select court Friday afternoons. In addition to the first-team games, a second team schedule will be drawn up and games played with the other league teams, with a cup awarded at the close of the season. Then the second team will also play Moorestown Friends in an outside game, which gives them seven contests.

The schools in the league are Agnes Irwin, the present titleholders; Germantown Friends, Springside School, Shady Hill School, Gordon Rooney, Friends' Central and Friends' Select. The latter two schools are natural rivals and the excitement is always intense when they meet in any sport. Last year the basketball game resulted in a 25-to-24 victory for the Friends' Select lassies and the girls have high hopes of repeating their victory this year.

HOPPE'S BILLIARD FEAT THRILLS FANS

18.2-Balkline Champion Has Unfinished Run of 300 From Spot

Philadelphia billiard enthusiasts got a real thrill yesterday afternoon at the Hudson Recreation parlors, when Willie Hoppe, world's champion 18.2 balkline player, reeled off an unfinished run of 300 from spot. It was the first time that the feat had ever been accomplished here and proved to skeptics, if there are any, that the titleholder possesses all of his cunning with the cue.

Pitted against Hoppe was Charlie Peterson, trick shot wizard, and it was fortunate for Charlie that he teed off first. By so doing he counted 90 and saved himself from a shutout.

In the evening both players were away off form, it requiring twelve innings for Hoppe to chalk up 300 while Peterson was counting 91.

Following the regular matches in the afternoon and evening, there were 25-point three-cushion games. Peterson won the matinee setto and Hoppe came back and grabbed the honors in the evening. Then they shook hands.

As is usually the case, a large portion of the crowd looks forward to Peterson's trick stuff, and last night was no exception. Despite the fact that the ivories were not working to "Pete's" liking, he pulled off some stunts that had 'em on their toes.

There will be exhibitions this afternoon and evening. Tomorrow afternoon and night will close the versatile pair's stay here.

MARSH, WRIGHT'S AID, IS SUCCESSFUL COACH

New Penn Assistant Tutored Malta and West Philadelphia Crews

George Marsh, coach of the West Philadelphia Barge Club, will assist Joe Wright with the University of Pennsylvania crew during the coming season, according to an unofficial statement made at the University.

Marsh is one of the real veterans along boathouse row, having had years of experience in coaching the club oarsmen. He started with Malta and later went to West Philadelphia, where he has had [illegible] success. His crews during the last season made excellent showings. The eight-oared crew stroked by Doyle, the Penn freshman stroke, finished second by a scant few feet in the national championship event.

In addition, the same crew established a new record over the Schuylkill. In the regatta held in Baltimore in September West Philadelphia scored a triumph in the eight-oared event. Marsh will probably start, along with Wright, when the latter returns to Philadelphia from Canada shortly after the holidays.

40 HILL-AND-DALERS IN RUN SATURDAY

Johnny Gray, of Enterprise, Favored to Win K. of C. Event

More than forty hill-and-dalers, representing the various councils, will vie for honors in the annual Knights of Columbus cross-country run, which will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The race will start at the [illegible] Club, 4624 Lancaster avenue. [illegible] Fairmount Park, continuing [illegible] to Fifty-second street [illegible] The distance covered will be about [illegible] miles.

The clubs which will be represented are the Santa Maria Council, the Bishop Kenrick Council of Ardmore, the West Philadelphia Council, the Columbus Council and the De Soto Council.

Johnny Gray, holder of several championship [illegible] Enterprise [illegible]

[illegible]

The race will be a regular event as well as closed to the members of the different orders.

HAVERFORD FIVE READY

Takes on West Catholic Quintet in Opener

Basketball gets under way at Haverford School today in a game with West Catholic High School. The contest will be the first for both teams and is in the nature of a practice game.

Haverford will be represented by a strong team, but the lineup will be [illegible] Osborne is another athlete who will be kept out of the game until he has had a rest. Both players are [illegible]

[illegible] along with Bodman, [illegible] the drop-kicking contest at Swarthmore a few weeks ago. [illegible]

Off and England will be the guards to start the game, although other players may break into the line-up in the second half. Shock will be the [illegible] team and he looks to be a fixture on the team.

PENNSGROVE FAST

Play Opening Cage Game Tomorrow Night

Basketball is starting to flourish at the Pennsgrove High School. Although a basketball hall has yet to be secured the enthusiasm of the cage candidates [illegible]

More players reported for the team this year than in the last five years. The team is pointed for its initial game tomorrow afternoon. The Beacome College of Wilmington, is the opening attraction and will be played at the latter place.

The schedule follows:

[illegible]

PRINCETON SWAMPS HAVERFORD QUINTET

Zahn's Champions Capture Opening Basketball Game, 42 to 4

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 14.—Playing its first game of the season, the Princeton basketball quintet overwhelmed Haverford, 42 to 4.

The game was a non-league contest and will have no effect on the standing of the teams. Princeton this year is defending its crown as intercollegiate champion.

Captain Jefferies and Loeb starred for the Tigers, with four goals each, while Klaess, though in the game for only a short time, got three baskets.

ANNAPOLIS—Winning by [illegible] Western Maryland, the Navy Academy took its second basketball game of the season. [illegible] Harris, Barrett and Craig also played well.

HANOVER, N. H.—Dartmouth handed Norwich [illegible] in the second game of the Green basketball season [illegible]

WEST POINT—[illegible]

NEW YORK—[illegible]

COLLEGEVILLE—Ursinus scored its [illegible] over the Mount Airy Seminary [illegible]

LANCASTER—Franklin and Marshall opened its basketball season [illegible] Dental College five, 48 to 21. F. and M. was held to a 14-to-9 score during the first half.

YALE HAS ONE OPEN DATE

1923 Football Schedule of Elis Is Virtually Complete

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 14.—Announcement from Montreal that McGill University will meet Yale on the gridiron here on October 20 next year indicates that the Yale football schedule for 1923 is virtually completed. If Yale cuts its schedule down to eight games, as Harvard has done, there remains but one open date, October 27.

The tentative schedule as made known so far is as follows:

October 6, North Carolina; 13, University of Georgia; 20, McGill University; November 3, Army; 10, Brown; 17, Princeton; 24, Harvard at Cambridge.

DREXEL FIVE EASY FOR PENN QUINTET

Red and Blue Rolls Up 43-to-16 Score—Freshmen Win

The University of Pennsylvania basketball team rolled up one of its largest scores in recent years last night in humbling Drexel's inexperienced quintet 43 to 16. In addition to shooting goals freely from the field, the varsity shut out the visitors without a field goal during the twenty-eight minutes they were in the game.

Coach Eddie McNichol used fourteen men during the contest, and not until the last three minutes of play, when a junior varsity line-up was on the floor, did the Engineers tally. Connell broke through and tossed in a double-decker under the basket.

The first half ended 20 to 8, with Kneass getting four from the field and Leopold and Voegelin one each. Goldblatt counted eight of his ten tries from the 15-foot mark, seven of them in succession.

In the second half the varsity players rolled up 20 points, Leopold getting four twin pointers in rapid succession and Voegelin and Carmack one apiece. Goldblatt kept up his consistent work from the 15-foot mark with eight out of nine, giving him sixteen out of nineteen for his evening's work.

The freshmen went the varsity six better in scoring, rolling up a 54-to-11 count on Textile, which, like Drexel, was weak.

Williams Elects Soccer Captain

Williamstown, Dec. 14.—Robert W. Powell, of Springfield, a member of the junior class, will captain the Williams soccer team next fall, it was announced following an election by the varsity players.

Store Boy Juniors Divide

The Strawbridge & Clothier Juniors played two games of basketball last night, losing to West Park, 17 to 15 in the first game and winning the second, 16 to 12.

To Call Baseball Park After Landis

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 14.—[illegible] president of the Muskogee Southwestern League [illegible] New York Yankees [illegible] Baseball Commissioner Landis [illegible]

Boston Gunners Meet Oxford

Boston, Dec. 14.—An international [illegible] match has been arranged for February 15 between Boston [illegible] and Oxford University. [illegible]

Treadwell Yale Captain

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 14.—Mead Treadwell, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., has been elected captain of the Yale cross-country team for next year. Jack W. Bray, Jr., of Bridgeport, Conn., was appointed manager of the cross-country team.

Basketball Statistics

EASTERN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
[illegible]	10	2	.833	Coatesville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Camden	11	5	.688	Jasper	4	8	.333
Atl. City	5	7	.417	Reading	3	10	.231

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

[illegible]

MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
[illegible]	3	1	.750	Wilbur	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
M. & H.	3	1	.750	Overbrook	1	3	.250
P. G. & B.	3	1	.750	Met. Edge	1	3	.250
Colonial	2	2	.500	Steel H.	1	3	.250

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

Eastern League—Camden, 42; Reading, 31.

Philadelphia Manufacturers' League—Wilbur 31, Passon, Gottlieb & Black, 20. Steel Heddle 40, Overbrook Carpet, 20.

Girls' Basketball League—[illegible] 27, Steel Heddle 0. American Railway Express 11, Keystone Telephone 2.

Philadelphia Terminal [illegible]

[illegible]

Nicetown B. C. [illegible], Friedburg-Aaron, 19.

Blackstone, 22; Hebrew Education Society, 18.

Judson A. A., 36; Jessup A. A., 20.

Fecery B. C., 33; Progressive, 16.

Amateur Sports

The Shot Tower five is open to play any [illegible] team in or about the city offering [illegible] Edwin C. Wru[illegible], 110 League street.

Westminster A. A. desires games with [illegible] basketball team. G. F. Hankes, [illegible] street.

The F. I. B. five, a second-class quintet, [illegible] any teams of that class [illegible] at home or away. Al Rosenberg, [illegible] street.

Garnet F. C., a fast traveling team, would like to book games with teams [illegible] offering guarantees. [illegible] 2218 West Columbia avenue.

The Blackstone Club is anxious to schedule games with reserve teams in or out of [illegible] at home or away. S. [illegible], 1644 South Lawrence street.

An all-star team would like to arrange games with any twelve-fourteen-year-old basketball teams away from home. Jack [illegible], 237 Fairmount avenue.

Ryan A. C., a sixteen-eighteen-year-old team, would like to hear from Big Brothers [illegible] and other teams having halls and [illegible] reasonable inducements. William [illegible], 2103 [illegible] street.

Sheridan B. C., a fourteen-sixteen-year-old traveling five, would like to hear from teams of this caliber offering fair inducements. [illegible], 713 Porter street.

The Kensington A. A. basketball team has December 16 open away from home. J. Daly, 749 Belgrade street, Kensington.

The Jay All-Stars, having captured seven straight games, has several dates open for first-class teams having halls and offering suitable inducements. A. Sperling, [illegible] Front street, or phone Oregon 4419 [illegible]

Alpha C. C., a second-class traveling quintet, has open dates for teams of the same caliber having halls and offering suitable inducements. William Lands, 3189 Almond street.

The Fecer Boys' Club defeated the Atlas Club, of South Philadelphia, by the score of 18-8.

Striking Romance of Rise and Fall of an American Family—and its Comeback

THE HOUSE OF MOHUN

By GEORGE GIBBS

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Are Flappers as Bad as They're Painted? Are Jazz-Boys All Limbs of Satan?

WHO'S WHO IN THE STORY

CHERRY MOHUN, up-to-date girl, rich and charming, at once irritated and attracted by

DAVID SANGREE, young American ethnologist and war veteran, amazed by changes in manners and customs brought out by the war, but interested in Cherry. His modest funds are invested with her father,

JIM MOHUN, a self-made financial leader. Too busy to think of his children he leaves them to

MRS. MOHUN, who has successfully cultivated the social side of life.

BRUCE COWAN, a motorcar salesman, of cave-man type, of whom Cherry imagines she is enamored.

BOB MOHUN, son, is a typically reckless youngster.

GEORGE LYCETT, elderly chorus, philosophizing as the story develops.

JOHN CHICHESTER, whom Mrs. Mohun would like to call son-in-law.

"Say! Ain't it fierce to be out of a job when you need it—getting deeper in the hole all the time!"

IN THE back yard, where she went after a moment to hang out the things she had been washing, she heard a voice almost beside her. The yellow head of a girl was nodding at her over the low wooden fence in a friendly way.

"Hello!" said the girl.

"Hello!" said Cherry. "Was that you singing?"

The yellow head bobbed. "What a pretty shirt waist! I wash mine too. Ain't the laundries a mess?"

"It's very little trouble," said Cherry. And then, "Have you been living here long?"

"Oh yes—a couple of years. The family has. I've been away—out to the Coast—until last week."

"Oh."

"I'm in pictures—small parts. What's your line?"

"My line?" Cherry smiled dubiously. "I haven't any line. That is I haven't any job. I wish I had."

The yellow head bobbed vigorously. Its shade was too yellow to be above suspicion and the face beneath it, though very youthful, showed the slight unevenness in texture which comes from the constant use of cosmetics. But her eyes were of a dark gray and were singularly earnest.

"Say! Ain't it fierce to be out of a job when you need it—getting deeper in the hole all the time?" She broke off. "But I guess you've never been as near down and out as we have."

"Well—I don't know how near down and out you've been," said Cherry curiously. She had approached the fence and leaned against it. The girl's frankness and self-confidence interested her. She had a friendly smile which showed dimples and pretty teeth, very white and even.

"Good Lord! I don't like to think of it now that things are coming my way. Not a dollar in the house for weeks at a time and no sign of any. You don't look as if you'd ever been hungry. Well, that's what I mean."

"No," said Cherry, slowly. "I've never been hungry."

"Well—it ain't pleasant." There was a pause. And then, "Say, you're awfully pretty," said the girl. "When did you 'bob' your hair?"

"Oh, two years ago."

"Why did you? You must have had a lot of it. Nix on the Greenwich Village stuff for mine! I need my mop in my business. It lights up great when it's waved. Mary hasn't anything on me."

"I think your hair is very lovely," said Cherry.

"Do you? I'm glad. Say, what's your name? Mine's Effie Burdette—Meadowcroft Pictures, Limited—"

"My name is Margot Mohun. But people call me Cherry."

"Cherry! Say—that's a swell name for pictures. Have you ever had a test made?"

"No. What's a 'test'?"

"Just a few hundred feet of 'film' to see what you can do—what you look like."

"Oh! No, I haven't."

Effie laughed. "Well, you can take it from me you never knew what you look like until you see yourself 'filmed.' You might be all right, though. Haven't you ever thought of trying?"

"No."

"Well, I guess you're about the only girl in the U. S. A. who hasn't."

"Do you like the pictures?" asked Cherry.

"Like them? Oh, yes. But they ain't any pipe—at first. It takes a lot of work to learn—watching the stars—getting the technic. But I'm pretty good. I get a salary now. I may get a lead next year."

"Oh, I hope you will. And of course it pays enormously—"

"Not me, it doesn't—not enormously. But I'm satisfied. I'm coming on. I get enough to keep this outfit going O. K."

Cherry turned to her in surprise.

"You mean that you support your whole family?"

"Sure thing. Have a fag?"

She brought out a paper of cigarettes and offered them to Cherry, who took one. This young creature had captured her interest and now engaged her respect.

"Haven't you a father?" asked Cherry, when she had taken a light from the girl's cigarette.

"Down and out. He was a house painter—fell off a ladder three years ago and twisted his spine—"

"And your mother?"

"Ma! She's blind in one eye and can't see out of the other. Got the asthma bad too." She gave a short laugh at the ash of her cigarette. "Ain't we the helluva mess!"

"Oh, I'm so sorry!"

"Ma used to fuss around the kitchen some, but she mistook some soap fat for stock one day and liked to have poisoned us all with the soup. We've got a girl now."

The cheerful tone in which this catalogue of calamities was delivered bewildered her listener.

"But all this responsibility must have been very terrible for you," said Cherry genuinely.

"It was—some. But then, what could I do? There they are—helpless. I couldn't lay down on the job, could I?"

Cherry realized with a keen sense of self-reproach that this was just what she herself had yesterday been on the point of doing.

"I hate a quitter, don't you?" Effie went on. "There were times when I was pretty near down and out and it looked like the curtains for Effie—or an angel. But then every time I went out to dinner with a man and ate a lot of rich food, I got to thinking about what was in the refrigerator at home—and about pa's sore back. Funny, ain't it?"

"I think I understand," said Cherry slowly. "You're wonderful."

"Oh, no. But I know my way about in this little burg. Say, Cherry, maybe I could help you to get a 'test'—you don't mind my calling you Cherry, do you?"

"No. I'm glad you did, Effie. We're next-door neighbors. We ought to be friends."

"Surest thing you know. How old are you?"

"Twenty."

"I'm twenty-three."

When girls truthfully tell each other their ages they are in a fair way of becoming intimate. This acquaintance made over the back fence was the beginning of a relationship which was to bloom rapidly into friendship. As Cherry was soon to discover, Effie Burdette had many admirable qualities, not the least of which were her loyalty and her sincerity—and having given of her friendship to Cherry she was not one to withdraw it without a cause. And Cherry, who had already learned many things not imparted to her at Mrs. Parton's select boarding school, met her advances with a sense of privilege, aware of the fineness of the motives which had kept this girl straight in the midst of perilous temptations—for it was not long before she told Cherry most of them. In her turn Cherry gave her the history of the Mohun family and the necessities to which it had been reduced, at which Effie was deeply impressed and highly commiserative, for, having suffered, she had a limitless capacity for sympathy. Cherry visited the Burdette household and met the shut-ins, and, much to Mrs. Mohun's dismay, Effie spent some evening with Cherry.

"I can't imagine, Cherry," said Alicia one morning at the breakfast table after one of these visits, "how, with your training, you could possibly be friendly with such a dreadful creature as that."

"I like her," said her daughter calmly.

"But, my dear, surely you can see that she isn't your kind at all. There is no reason, even now, why you should not make friends of your own sort."

"Where? How? I'm very proud of her friendship, Mumsy. She's a wonderful girl."

"Really!"

When Alicia said "really" in just that soft tone Cherry knew that she meant it to be equivalent to a last word in objurgation. But it only made the hair prickle aggressively at the back of Cherry's neck.

"Yes," she asserted warmly. "You may not like the way she talks, but she's the pluckiest girl I ever knew—and a lady, every inch of her."

"I hadn't observed it," replied Alicia calmly. And then, as she arose from the table, "Of course, if you choose to go to her house or to meet her outside, I can't prevent you, but as for having her here in the parlor in the evenings where my friends are likely to be visiting, I must positively forbid it."

Cherry frowned into her coffee cup. But she knew what her mother feared—a meeting between the plebeian Effie and the ineffable John Chichester. She gulped her coffee quickly to swallow the scorn that rose in her throat. But fortunately her mother left the room at once.

The immediate result of this friendship between the girls was Cherry's visit with Effie to meet Mr. Edward McKaigh, the director of the local studio of the Meadowcroft Company. Within the huge building, which looked like a factory, Effie led her with a nod of the head past the [illegible] keeper, up a flight of shabby stairs, through dark corridors from which they suddenly emerged into the [illegible] of the main studio. The garish [illegible] lights of the Cooper-Hewitts glared in her eyes, blinding her for a moment as she stood where the [illegible] placed her while she went to search of the man they sought. [illegible] people passed to and fro, [illegible] grotesque in make-up; perspiring men in shirt sleeves carried furniture here and there, while carpenters just [illegible] her were building a set. The [illegible] clicking of a battery of cameras persisted above all smaller sounds, and Cherry moved forward a few paces to look at the actors, aware of the strident voice of a sub-director giving [illegible] instructions—and the cameras kept clicking.

"Oh, say, Miss Savage. Do you love this guy or don't you?"

A feeble response from the [illegible].

"Then grab him as if you did. You wanted some emotion [illegible] and we've given it to you. Put it over in this next shot. This other dame, Maisie, is trying to 'vamp' him away from you. Remember that. Now, we'll run the scene over and [illegible]. Don't forget the soul stuff [illegible] though—that's what gets them. Understand?"

Cherry felt very sorry for the girl. How she managed to remain free from self-consciousness in such surroundings Cherry could not understand, for a dozen people at least were watching, but she only shrugged lightly and flashed a bright smile at the man who acted with her in the scene. He [illegible] been turned to Cherry, but as he moved into a new position as director she saw that he was Bruce Cowan. He did not see Cherry and she withdrew into the shadow of a canvas set, still watching. He was handsome. Miss Savage evidently shared her opinion, for [illegible] the "script" was read she [illegible] him from time to time [illegible] as though in deference to [illegible].

But before the camera began [illegible] again Effie came back and led Cherry to the private office of Mr. McKaigh.

"I'm afraid there isn't much hope," Effie whispered on the way. "They're cutting down expenses, and there's only two pictures, mine and this other. But we'll see him just the same." And then, in a kind of awed whisper, "Harold Swift is in the office. You'll meet him."

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