

THE TERRIBLE THORNE GIRL

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What Has Gone Before: SYLVIA THORNE, motherless but with a father who lives in Millersburg, Pa., has risen from extra girl to small parts in the movies. Before she went into the movies her name was Mary McKenna. She keeps house in a small bungalow in Hollywood with—

JEAN MARTIN, also in the movies. In love with Sylvia is—

HOWARD BENNETT, young business man of Millersburg, who wants her to marry him and return to Millersburg to live. Sylvia's friends in Hollywood are the hard-working, quiet people, while Jean travels in a rather fast set. Chief among Jean's admirers is—

SYDNEY HARMON, young art director, a married flirt. His wife

ISOBEL HARMON, has suffered much from his affairs. Sylvia expostulates with Jean concerning the latter's affair with Harmon, telling her Mrs. Harmon may make trouble.

In "National Picture Co. calls together all its younger actresses to make tests for the leading role of a big new picture, "The Miracle of Notre Dame." Francois Vernay, its author, in Paris, insists on selecting the actress to

She had liked the little scene; there had been nothing in it, so far as she could see, to offend the most puritanical of uplifters, and yet, because of a fear that some evil minded person might read ideas of suggestiveness into it, it had been taken out.

She hurried into her street clothes. Experience had taught her the value of physical exercise as an antidote to over-wrought nerves; she would walk, walk, until her nervous vitality, bottled up all day, had been consumed by bodily fatigue.

For some reason she had felt out of sorts ever since Howard Bennett left for home, some two weeks before his visit had been a short and not very satisfactory one; Howard had persisted in his wooing, his demands that she change her mind, up to the very moment of his departure. It had been difficult to resist him, at times; she had finally sent him away with the promise that she would arrange for a short visit home as soon as the picture in which she was working was finished, and give him his answer then, since he refused to accept it, now.

Howard was optimistic, always sure in his mind that no sensible girl could possibly resist the combination of wealth, position and security he had to offer her, had gone back by no means discouraged. The fact that he believed Sydney Harmon a keen admirer of Sylvia's charms only served to whet his own eagerness, to stimulate his own admiration. Competition acted as a spur. Sylvia could not have arranged matters better had she tried. His last words were characteristic of him: "You're going to marry me eventually, you know, Mary," he told her, as the train was about to move out. "So why not make up your mind to it? Nothing can ever change the way I feel—ever."

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simple and natural, very compelling. Mr. Solberg took the cigar from his mouth.

"Sit down, Miss Thorne," he said. On the lot he called her Sylvia, but it was clear that the occasion was too formal for that. Sylvia sank into a seat, her knees trembling. Was it possible—was it really, actually possible?

"Miss Thorne," Mr. Solberg went on, taking a slip of yellow paper from his desk "we have just received word from New York that Monsieur Vernay has made his decision regarding the role of Celeste in "The Miracle of Notre Dame." His cablegram reached Mr. Hirsch today. It gives me great pleasure to tell you that you are the one he has selected."

Sylvia gasped out something, she never knew what. A great lump seemed suddenly to gather in her throat and unaccountable tears gathered in her eyes, slipped down her cheeks like lost pearls. Paul Lamar snapped off his eyeglasses and came over to her smiling.

"I'm not a bit surprised," Sylvia, he told her, laying a hand on her shoulder. "You have something—a great charm—that isn't lost in the camera. I think you and I are going to make a very wonderful picture."

She looked at him gratefully, struggled to her feet. "You and I." It was like him to share his greatness with her—to suggest that she, with all her inexperience, could work not only under him but with him. Coming from one of the really big men of the screen it was infinitely flattering. She grasped his hand, her cheeks like June roses.

"With you, to direct me," she whispered, "I—fell I could do anything."

It was more than she had intended to say, implying as it did

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Miss Sanders is a freshman in English and has throughout the year appeared on the honor roll.

Mr. Bailey is a senior in economics and a member of the graduating class, also receiving honorable scholastic mention.

Mr. Leland is a senior in journalism and also a member of the graduating class. During his senior year, Leland held the position of editor of the annual publication, the Oregonian.



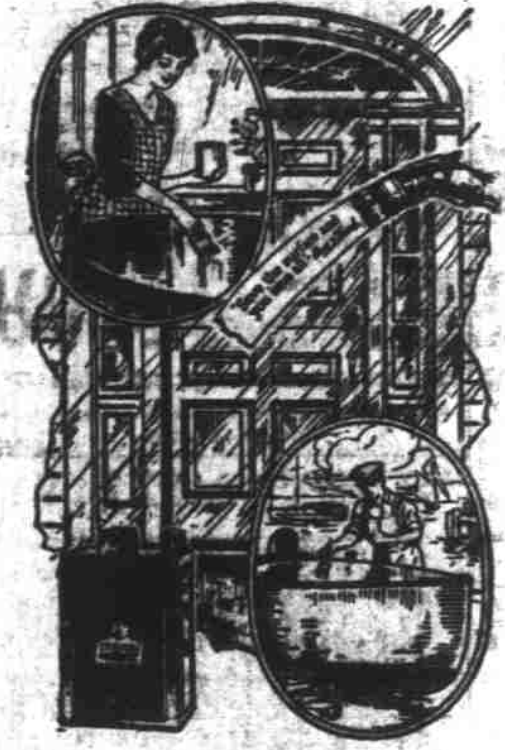
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