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The writer asked Mrs. Cobb about accounts which she owed the Colony girls amounting to \$118.90. Mrs. Cobb stated she had received a letter from Brandon Training School asking her to verify the accounts receivable and that she did not owe this amount. It was possible that she might owe Margaret Anderson a small sum, but she absolutely did not owe any other girls. She stated she always paid all her bills and would never let any such amount as this run up, or any bill get so large that she would not be able to pay it. It was explained to her that Miss Dolan had submitted slips for her girls' earnings which showed these charges but she had not submitted any slips showing payments having been made. Mrs. Cobb stated that the girls brought slips when they came to work for her and she was supposed to fill them out, but that she was very busy and often did not complete the slip, but gave the girl a check to take back with the slip when she returned to the Colony House. She also stated that many times Miss Dolan asked her to do the girls' hair when they worked for her and this might account for payment not showing up. She stressed that whenever she had done the girls' hair, they really needed it done.

Mrs. Cobb stated she felt "it is too bad this is even happening". She knew what Miss Dolan had done for the Colony girls. When they first came to the Colony from Brandon the girls couldn't do anything, "they were worse than nothing to have them working for you", but in a years time that had all changed and they were well trained and could answer the telephone and do all that could be expected for their mentality. Many of Miss Dolan's other customers would say the same thing. She further stated, "but that is neither here nor there, I suppose they have their reasons for what is happening".

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