

MAUD COXHEAD AS A WITNESS

Girl "Messenger Boy" Testifies in Gibbon Case.

WAS WITH HIM A WEEK

Told the Barber She Had No Place to Room and He Took Her Home.

Maud Coxhead, the 15-year-old girl whom Anthony Gibbon, a Main street barber, is charged with criminally assaulting, is on the stand today in Judge Richardson's court. She stated that she had lived with Gibbon for about a week and that they had occupied a room together at the Victor lodging house.

Some time during the month of September she left her home and donned the garb of a boy and went to work for the paper box factory. During this time she roomed at the O. K. lodging house and still posed as a boy. Meeting Gibbon in a barber shop one day she struck up an acquaintance with him. She met him again at the Volunteers' hall and he proposed that they go to the Cineograph theater.

It was at this place she said she told him she had no place to room and he proposed that she go to his room, No. 11, Victor block.

The girl stated that she left the home of her foster parents, who live on Mission avenue, in September. She cut off her hair and assumed the roll of a boy without fear of detection. She soon learned to smoke cigarettes, which she thought made her disguise complete. During the time she was masquerading as a boy she adopted the name of Charlie Scott.

Her arrest and detection was brought about by some of the messenger boys calling her "girlie," and as she could not continue to conceal her sex the matter was tipped off to the police, who took her into custody.
