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**The Italian Girls' Progressive Club** A group of twenty young Italian girls, chiefly garment workers. Meets every Tuesday evening. This club, while largely social in character, is a junior branch of the Woman's Trade Union League, and its main purpose is to foster Trade Unionism among working girls. It has prepared a program of folk dances for performance at the general meeting of the Woman's Trade Union League in January.

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