

GYPSY ROSIE FALLS INTO A POLICE TRAP

Deformed Woman Charges
Her With Obtaining \$85
for "Divine Healing"—Irish
Moss Used in "Cure."

New York, July 10.—Had Rosie Peterman, twenty-two, who says she is a full-fledged gypsy born in Rumania, confined her operations to palmistry and permitted others to do "divine healing," she probably would not now be held by the police, charged with attempting grand larceny, for arraignment in the Gates avenue police court.

But Rosie didn't. She saw an opportunity with the aid of boiled water and Irish moss to "make a little extra money" and could not resist, according to the complainant, Miss Antoinette Packowick, fifty, employed as maid in the household of Charles Blaisdell, at 1,079 Bushwick avenue, Brooklyn. Miss Packowick is a hunchback.

It was the deformity of the woman that prompted the gypsy maid to suddenly become a "divine healer" for the purpose of effecting a cure, for a "consideration." The gypsy was trapped by two detectives and taken to the Ralph avenue precinct station.

Rosie, who lives at Locust avenue and Jamaica Junction, Jamaica, stopped at the house on Bushwick avenue on Monday and read the palm of Miss Packowick, who told the police the gypsy claimed also to be a "divine healer" and "would cure me."

The complainant says, "this young woman boiled some water, placed it in a glass, put a cover over it and told me to keep it covered until she returned today. She said if I opened my mouth, and told anybody about the cure she was to make, the spell would be broken and there would be no cure. She charged me \$50 that day."

"She said she would return today. I was uneasy about the whole thing, and



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BOSTON MAN TO TRY CHANNEL SWIM

Toth Will Leave Soon for
England to Prepare for
Endurance Test.

Boston, July 10.—While two English women have announced their intention of making the attempt to swim the Channel during the coming season, aquatic experts expect that the only serious challenge to the elements which have defeated all but two of the many who have essayed the dangerous and exhausting feat will come from a U. S. man, Charles Toth, the distance swimmer of L Street Swimming Club of Boston, will leave for England within a few weeks to make his preparations for the battle with the cold and choppy Channel and to start training for the attempt which will be made on the first favorable occasion. Because of his remarkable record, followers of the Boston man believe he has an excellent chance to negotiate the feat which has several times proved too much for Henry Sullivan of Lowell, Mass., in recent years. Toth's expenses are being raised by public subscription in Boston, the list being headed by Mayor Curley.

Toth first came into the swimming limelight in 1914, in which year he swam from Charlestown Bridge to Boston Light through the Narrows, in six hours and forty-eight minutes. The following year he defeated George Meehan in the annual Boston Light swim. A few days later Toth swam to the Boston Light and return, although he had to battle wind and tide all the way back from Long Island Head. The feat constituted a remarkable performance and established an American endurance record of fifteen hours and forty-eight minutes in the water.

Later in the same year, Toth swam from Charlestown Bridge to Graves Light and then to Revere Beach, covering twenty-four miles in twelve hours and forty-nine minutes. He is the only swimmer who has accomplished this feat. In 1916 he was the only swimmer to finish in the Boston Light contest, all the other entrants having been forced to withdraw because of the extremely cold water. Again last year, Toth was the only one able to go the full distance, swimming through a squall and finishing at Boston Light in five hours and thirty-seven minutes.

It is because of his speed and his ability to battle rough water and withstand extreme cold that Toth's backers believe he will accomplish the difficult feat of crossing the Channel. And they think he will fulfill James Wolf's prediction that the swim some day will be negotiated in fifteen hours. Wolf, in 1910, was close to the goal when taken from the water, after having been swimming fifteen hours and fifteen minutes.

Only two swimmers are credited with having negotiated the dangerous feat—Captain Matthew Webb in 1875 and William Burgess in 1911. The former took twenty-one hours and forty-five minutes, while Burgess was in the water twenty-two hours and thirty-five minutes.

Where Thrift Doesn't Pay.

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removed the cover from the glass, to see the stuff there.

"This young woman then said to me," Miss Packowick said, "you have money in the bank, haven't you?" I told her I had. Then she said to me, by using one-hundred-dollar bills I can cure you. She told me to get my money, \$7,000, out of the bank and have it changed into one-hundred-dollar bills. She said she would return on Friday, and in the meantime I was to withdraw my money. She charged me \$85 for her visit today, and when I was to hand her the money the detectives arrested her."

The gypsy denied her guilt.

AERONAUT DROPS HIS PARACHUTE ABLAZE

Lands in Tree at Danville Carnival and Escapes With Burns and Broken Shoulder.

Rochester, N. Y., July 10.—Edwin Allen of Danville, Mich., narrowly escaped a terrible death at Danville when, in midair, the parachute in which he had jumped from a balloon caught fire from some unknown cause. The blazing parachute shot downward and crashed into the top of a broad-leaved apple tree. Although the impact was severe, Allen escaped with a broken shoulder and body bruises.

One of the features of the American Legion's carnival at Danville has been nightly balloon ascensions by Allen and his brother, Edward, and descents in an illuminated parachute. Today's ascension was made just before noon. After the balloon had reached a height of 500 feet, Allen loosened the parachute and jumped. At the same moment a burst of fire was seen at one end of the parachute.

The crowd became tense as the flames spread over the parachute and were seen to be enveloping the aeronaut. Several women fainted as he and the blazing parachute crashed into the tree. A score of men ran to Allen's assistance and he was extricated but not until he had been badly blistered and singed by the flames.

VAINLY OFFER LIQUOR CHEAP.
Federal Officials Can't Sell it at \$1 a Quart in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, July 10.—Genuine Gordon gin and "Johnny Walker" whiskey is going begging for less than a dollar a quart. The Federal District Attorney and the Federal Marshal are meeting with little success in their efforts to sell a carload of choice liquors which prohibition agents seized several weeks ago when it arrived in a railroad yard, marked "Assorted Vegetables."

There is a bill of \$500 due the railroad for freight and ice, and the government must pay it. The parties to whom the car was consigned waived interest in the shipment and declared that they had not the remotest idea who could have addressed so much liquor to them.

A representative of the Federal District Attorney has been going the rounds of hospitals, trying to sell the whiskey for \$1 a quart in lots not to exceed three cases. Even though he declared the Government would guarantee its genuineness and finally consented to knock off twenty-five cents on the price of each bottle, there was no rush of legal customers. The gin would be sold for most any price, he said. Most of the hospitals appear well stocked, the agent said.

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