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### THE ROMANY RACE.

It is the only living American who has any intimate knowledge of the language, history and customs of the mysterious Gypsy is Charles Godfrey Leland, the distinguished author in Philadelphia. He was seen recently by a reporter for the Press, and in the course of a conversation his knowledge of the Romany race was mentioned as a matter of compliment.

"Oh, yes, I do know considerable about the gypsies," he said in the course of conversation. "I was with them constantly for several years in England, and even now, in America, I see some of that queer folk nearly every week. The way I came to know them was through my studying philology. For months I spent entire days in their tents, using only the Romany language. By the by, their language is the best index of their origin. The gypsy is unquestionably a Hindoo. The European gypsies of to-day have retained much of their race characteristics. But they are amalgamating more and more with other races. They thrive better in America than elsewhere. In England the passage of the enclosure acts virtually abolished all common; and so the gypsy has now no place to pitch his tent, unless he becomes a trespasser. The fact is that the great increase of population in three of 20,000,000 of people in that small country necessarily put a stop to gypsy encampments. Now very many live in cities during the winter season. In summer they resume their nomadic career."

"Their avocation for the most part is horse-trading and fortune-telling. They have the reputation of swearing hoaxes. They don't deserve it. I regard the gypsy as a much more honest character than many Christian folks of a superior standing and higher culture. Many people think they steal household articles. I am sure they don't. Why, if an article is missed within five miles of a gypsy tent, the owner is bound for miles around makes a raid on the tent. If they ever did steal, this would prove it. Besides, there is no need. All gypsies are rich. The men are very shrewd horse-traders, and they carry considerable money at the business. The women always find speculations persons from whom to get their fortunes. Their habits are economical, and their modes of life very inexpensive. The gypsy never cares about personal appearance. He wears the old taste for fancy costumes is disappearing, if it has not entirely disappeared."

"How many gypsies there are I cannot say. I was only able to trace about one hundred family names in England. Most of these have representatives in America. There are a few Spanish gypsies here also, but the great bulk are English stock. Most of the older folks in America now were born in England. Only the younger generations are natives. The Scotch gypsies are of a higher class, but they are not numerous now. Irish gypsies? Yes, there are some few."

"They are for the most part tinkers or tinklers. They have a dialect of their own, of which I am the first philologist discoverer. The only mention of it is in literature is by Shakespeare, who makes Prince Hal say: 'I can talk with the tinker in his own dialect.' The dialect is called the 'Shelta.'"

"Some time ago I saw an Irishman thinking in the back yard of my house. I went up and addressed him in Romany. He replied in that tongue without showing the least surprise. I then addressed him in the Shelta. He at once exhibited unfeigned surprise. The fellow told me he knew very few who spoke the dialect, and that he was surprised to find me use it. From him I learned much more of the dialect than I had known. I made his instructions to me the basis of a chapter in a work on gypsies. A London journalist said that the Irishman had picked off an ancient Irish dialect on me. I jokingly retorted, 'The Irish gypsy is a half-breed. They are all tinkers.'"

"The religion of the gypsy was pure atheism. They are the only absolute atheists I ever met. But now, however, in England, they are beginning to practice formal religion. Some of them have the babies baptized, and others affect legal marriage. With this change may come a love of civilized and cultured pursuits."

"As far as I can trace, no gypsy has risen in literature, art or science. However, if he should, it would be difficult to prove, for pride would hide the origin. It is said that Daniel Webster and Hiram Hamlin were of gypsy descent. I do not believe the assertion has good foundation. President Lincoln certainly did look like a gypsy, and yet I know no reason to assert that he sprung from these strange people. With these amalgamations with the Gentiles comes also a desire to settle down. There are the Coopers in Boston and the Harrisons in Washington; they are rich, and, as far as I know, they never go on the road. I know a few other families that have given up tent life, and who now permanently reside in homes."

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