

# Is this WOMAN'S SOUL in this WOMAN'S BODY?



Perhaps this Was Her Prototype.

## Rich Burglar's Crime Charged to the Spirit of an Ethiopian Criminal

ality, almost as pronounced in well-defined, distinct traits, as the second abnormal nature.

This case acquired such wide notoriety that it set up a whole series of investigations, followed by the publication, about a year ago, of a novel by Gelett Burgess, in which the heroine's dual personality dilemma gave rise to some romantic adventures far less astonishing than the simple and unvarnished truths already established by science.

During the last five years the worlds of advanced thought and of experimental science have been on the qui vive for discoveries which shall, in the spiritual plane, equal if not surpass in importance the recent demonstrations of the amazing properties of the new metal, radium, the remarkable achievement of Professors Pierre and Madame Curie, in France. Flammarion laments the untimely death of M. Curie, who, like all the other great minds of science, participated in the studies of manifestations of mysterious and unsolved psychic forces.

Mrs. Romadka, whose intelligence made it apparent to her that all her former life and all her husband's wealth could not avail to secure her acquittal under the evidence of guilt which had been secured against her, made a full confession, the facts of which have not even been questioned by the judge who sentenced her. No more graphic, no more appalling narrative of misfortune could be given. She says:

### LED ASTRAY BY ACCIDENT

"The newspaper stories giving graphic accounts of crimes made me want to meet real crooks. I had an idea that I would be absorbed in the stories a real live burglar could tell.

"Albert Jones, the negro man, came to do some cleaning for the woman from whom I rented a room. I saw him and asked him the time. He drew from his pocket a woman's watch, and with it, inadvertently, a woman's diamond ring. He glanced at me surreptitiously and stealthily put it back into his pocket.

"A strange thrill crept over me, and I did not hear him tell the time. I was thinking fast. Here was I face to face with my dreams, so to speak. I became calm, but with a sort of ecstasy. We were at the door of my apartment. I pulled him into it.

"I believe you are a crook," I said, and then stopped him as he was about to speak and move away. "Stay here," I said. "I have wanted to meet a burglar or something for a long time. I am interested. I want to know you. I will not give you away."

"I can tell you some stories about stealing that will make your hair stand on end," Jones told me, or something like that, and that was the way we became acquainted.

"I talked with him, getting the stories at first hand and not from the 'yellow' newspaper any more. Then I planned with him to try my own hand."

The noteworthy feature of Mrs. Romadka's confession is that she is absolutely unconscious of any other personality controlling her normal nature. She saw, when she made it, only with her own natural brain



Mrs. Evelyn Romadka Declared to Possess an Ethiopian Soul



IS IT POSSIBLE for us to conceive that a white woman, beautiful, educated, wealthy, the loving wife of a modern millionaire, could develop, by slow and irresistible evolution, the soul of an abandoned, criminal, ignorant negress?

And, if such a thing is not only possible of conception, but literally true in fact, what woman living, however high her morals, her culture or her position, can assure herself of immunity from the abhorrent obsession of some other appalling identity, as terrifying to the normal mind and spirit as this of the degraded negress, which has fastened upon brilliant Evelyn Romadka, the wife of the millionaire trunk manufacturer of Milwaukee?

The convicted accomplice of Chicago's negro burglars and sneak-thieves, she is now serving the indeterminate sentence of from one year to twenty years, to which she was condemned, upon her plea of guilty, by Judge Brentano.

The physicians who attended her in prison agree as to the obsession; and one of them goes so far as to declare his conviction that her case is one long relegated by science to the limbo of antiquated superstitions, that passed away when demons and sorcerers became the laughing stocks of enlightened humanity.

Evelyn Romadka's fall, from the heights of refinement and happiness to the depths of shame and degradation, has been made notorious throughout the length and breadth of the land. But the mysterious and terrible influence that has clutched her in the midst of her wealth and her happiness and has encompassed her destruction has, thus far, failed utterly to be comprehended in the full measure of its dark significance to the rest of mankind.

ONLY by the adducing of many other cases, upon the authenticity and genuineness of which science has agreed, can the modern intellect compel itself to admit so much as the possibility of the horrible phenomenon of which beautiful Mrs. Romadka is the victim.

Religion, throughout all the centuries, has insisted upon not merely the possibility of falls from grace and virtue, but upon the certainty of inevitable catastrophe without divine intervention and constant human striving toward an ideal of perfection. In medieval times, and as far back as the days of the Redeemer himself, possession by demons, with exorcism for the casting of them out, was a matter of common faith. It nowadays many deny it was a matter of knowledge.

Science, after a long and total denial of the supernatural—even of the preternatural—has of late found it expedient to broaden its own narrow limitations.

Where it insisted upon cutting the wonderful and the incomprehensible out of religion, it insists now upon its right to absorb all of them into itself. Says the great Camille Flammarion, in his latest work, "Mysterious Psychic Forces," in which he adduces the low and patient investigations of Sir William Crookes, as well as his own:

"If the forces of which we are to treat are real, they cannot but be natural forces. We ought to admit, as an absolute principle, that everything is in nature, even God himself, as I have shown in another work."

It was in 1903 that Myers' monumental work, "Human Personality, and Its Survival After Bodily Death," the outcome of years of close scrutiny of the labors of the London Society for Psychical Research, with which he was so actively associated, was given to the world.

It included the famous case, first reported to a

meeting of physicians some years previously by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, of Philadelphia, of the New England mechanic who shed his personality, one night at his New England home, as a snake sheds its cuticle, tramped southward to Philadelphia, and for half a generation conducted a business totally different from his own trade, under a totally different name, and with a totally different personality, so far as his knowledge of himself was conscious of his personality.

Mr. Myers adduced many other cases of undeniably dual personality, and still others of multiple personality. The result was an intense recrudescence of interest in the whole general subject, with the speedy publication of the most remarkable of all cases, because reported directly, and in complete scientific detail, by the physician in attendance.

The subject was a young, pretty, cultivated, morally supersensitive American girl, who was obsessed by another personality that forced her to do all manner of undignified and ill-bred actions, repeatedly overcoming the most desperate efforts of her normal nature and will, and displaying extremes of passion, petty malice and distinctly vicious tendencies. Under treatment the girl actually developed a third person-

## Is the CURSE of the EVIL EYE FATAL?



Premier Giolitti, Said to Possess the Evil Eye.



Angelo Majonara, Minister of Finance, who was Hounded Long, an Affected by Cancer. Death's Brink

ALL Italy, turning its apprehensive gaze upon Giovanni Giolitti, the prime minister, now quails in the terror of the belief that he possesses the evil eye.

Italy, where belief in the evil eye is as firm as faith in the existence of a personal devil, has had its most chronic, its most abiding superstition aroused into a dread which refuses to abate by the long series of deaths and shocking misfortunes that have descended upon successive members of the prime minister's cabinets.

The recent end of the minister of public works, Emmanuele Gianturco, in the prime of life—for he had just passed the half century—by the agency of that most repulsive of diseases, cancer, marked the seventeenth man upon whom a blight of some sort—by many regarded as the prime minister's destructive glance—has fallen.

Italy is asking itself: "Can this evil eye, which overlooks all the affairs of the nation, have cursed the very land itself? Does the earth tremble and vomit forth its lava fire, because he gazes upon it too fixedly?"

TO AMERICANS accustomed to look directly into the eyes of every human being they face—a practice which, test of unflinching courage as it was originally regarded, has descended to the level of a national trait in bad manners—eyes of all descriptions might be recalled as the peculiarly evil eye, because the American may be accepted, from his national

temperament are capable of awakening among men of all classes, his career as prime minister of Italy must have ended with the first suspicion that he was cursed with jettatura, or the qualities of the evil eye.

It has, however, happened that, as the list of the unfortunates in direct association with him grew long, he found increasing difficulty in replacing those whom unexpected death or grave prostrating illness took away from their duties or state.

Among the victims was the postmaster general, Steluti Scala, whose sudden death shocked all his colleagues; Signor Gallo, scarcely inducted into his labors as minister of justice when he was found dead in his bed; Signor Rocciano, another minister of justice, who committed suicide, and Massimo, minister of finance, who died of paralysis in the Chamber of Deputies, stricken with instant death in the midst of an important address.

Signor Gianturco, whose death of cancer has started Italy, himself succeeded, in the ministry of public works, a minister upon whom heart disease fastened, forcing him into private life. The most famous of ministers of finance, De Broglie, has been crippled by acute rheumatism; his successor, Wellenberg, is insane.

### MAN AFTER MAN SUCCEUMBS

Only a short time has elapsed since another minister of finance, Majonara, selected by the eye of Giolitti especially for his youth and strength, was debarré from his post by a sudden cancer, against the dire ravages of which he has struggled, hoping against the hope that he would escape.

Pranetti, foreign minister, stricken with the hemorrhage of apoplexy; Tittini, foreign minister, stricken with ordinary cerebral hemorrhage—man after man, they have succumbed.

Is it to the curse of Giolitti's jettatura? All Italy says so—explaining the discrimination in the nature of the afflictions sustained by different individuals, and the intensity of the various plights to which they have been reduced, by the commonly accepted belief that while few, if any, human beings are totally immune against jettatura, all have various powers of resistance.

No one blames the unfortunate premier—all concede his motives to be above reproach and his supposedly malevolent influence to be involuntary.

But, with the people at large beginning at length to imagine they discern some relevancy between his alleged evil eye and the succession of misfortunes that have befallen the country, it seems to them now as though Nature herself were under the curse of some monster she created.

session," as Dr. Leavitt prefers to define it, of a white woman by the spirit of a negress.

Can it be that, in every white individual, there remains enough of the common ancestry, deduced by science from the discovery of the specimen pithecanthropus Krapanensis, to permit of an unforeseen, overpowering uprising of the germ of a conquering negro soul? And can it be hoped that science, in its broad and beneficent range, will ultimately find the means of safeguard?

### Some Curious Facts

A PUBLICATION recently issued by the Central Esperantist office in Paris shows that there are 638 Esperanto societies throughout the world, and thirty-eight journals are published specially devoted to the propagation of the language.

Only one, on an average, out of every thousand married couples live to celebrate their golden wedding.

The empress of Japan is a great advocate of the spread of education in her husband's dominions. Turkish women do not come into control of their private fortunes until after marriage. They can then dispose of one-third of it without the husband's consent.

Bigamists in Hungary are compelled to submit to an odd punishment. The man who has married two wives is legally forced to live with both of them in the same house.

The throne of Persia, known as the Wonderful Peacock Throne, is probably the most costly in the world. It is literally covered with jewels, and is valued at between \$1,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

What is considered to be the largest telegraph circuit in daily operation in the world is that between London and Teheran, the capital of Persia, which is some 4000 miles in length. The line is divided into twelve sections.

In Sweden the public houses are closed on Saturday—payday—while the savings banks are kept open until midnight. No government can force a man to save his money; but this Swedish system at least encourages him to deposit it where it is most likely to be of use.

Egg shells as gas mantles is an idea from Germany. The contents are drawn or blown out, the ends are neatly cut off, and the body of the shell is fixed in position like the regular article. The light thus obtained is very good, while the new form of mantle is much more durable.

There are no newspapers in Spain; women sell newspapers in the streets. The queen of Norway takes a great interest in book-binding. The collecting of beautifully bound books is one of her hobbies.

The first envelope ever made is kept in the British Museum.

In marriage announcements in Spain the ages of both parties are given.

The average weight of ivory obtained from a single elephant is about fifty pounds.

The license law in Sweden forbids any one to buy, drink without buying something to eat at the same time.

The machine which cuts up wood to make matches turns out 40,000 "splints," as they are called, in a single minute.

History is taught to young children at a school in Brussels by means of dolls, which represent great men and women in characteristic attitudes.

In parts of France it is not an uncommon occurrence for entire wedding outfits, including the bridal toilettes, to be hired, many firms making a specialty of letting out such articles.

A curious will dispute has just been settled by the court at Reims, in the department of the Ardennes. Some time ago a gentleman of independent means and somewhat eccentric habits committed suicide by hanging himself in his house at Dourmay. A search among his papers, failed to disclose any will until, under the bed, on a piece of sheet iron, was found chalked the following words: "This is my last will and testament. I bequeath all my property to the borough of Ardenne, on condition that the Mayor and Borough Council give \$20 to the men of the local fire brigade for a banquet to be held as soon as possible." This extraordinary will was disputed by the relatives, but the local court has decided that it is valid.

### North Carolina Hustling Michigan

NORTH CAROLINA is pushing Michigan for honors in the furniture-making business. The increase of this business in the southern state has been remarkable.

Between 1900 and 1905 the number of furniture-manufacturing plants in North Carolina increased from 44 to 105, the capital invested in them from \$1,023,774 to \$4,621,924, the number of wage-earners from 1759 to 5164 and the value of the output from \$1,547,395 to \$6,181,619, raising furniture making from the seventh to the fifth place in the rank of the state's industries.

This notable advance has come about through the utilization at home of some of the vast hardwood resources of the state, under the spur of experience at High Point that has changed that place within less than twenty years from a small town to the leading furniture-manufacturing center of the South.