

WAS IT HYPNOTISM?

A Sensational Trial About to Begin in Wisconsin.

Mabel Briggs Accuses an Eau Claire Physician and His Son of Accomplishing Her Ruin by Means of Occult Influence.

Eau Claire is one of the most substantial towns in northwest Wisconsin. Most of its 20,000 inhabitants are concerned in one way or another in the great lumbering interests, the foundries, factories or mills which make it a humming business place.

Edna Mabel Briggs is the daughter of Joseph Briggs, an Englishman, who has lived in Eau Claire for years. He is an engineer at the city water works, frugal and thrifty, and has accumulated a comfortable property.

One afternoon last June while Miss Briggs was out for a ride on her bicycle she passed the "Vitalopathic institute," as Dr. Pickin called his office.

"Hello!" shouted the parrot, as she spoke and she turned to reply, and her eyes met those of the doctor. Neither spoke, and she rode on. It had been her intention to ride down the street, but at the first side street she felt an irresistible impulse to turn off.

That night she could not sleep, and it was almost impossible for her to remain in bed. She felt all the time a strange inclination to get up and go to Dr. Pickin's house.

Alma Leonard, a tall and slender girl of fifteen, whose father is a wealthy lumberman of Eau Claire, is Miss Briggs' most intimate girl friend.

One day in July when the two girls were out for a walk they met Dr.

he took charge of the girl and went with her to her father's house. Young Pickin went into his own house.

Dr. E. H. Parker, the family physician, thought at first that the girl had been drugged. She made several efforts to speak, but apparently was unable to do so.



was under such influence. Dr. Herbert Flint, of Chicago, an expert in hypnotism, was sent for. He came and hypnotized Miss Briggs, and while she was under his influence she told her story.

When she left her home on the morning of August 31, to take her examination, she was met by Asigal Pickin, who hypnotized her and detained her in the west side public park until noon, when he sent her home and told her what to say to her parents.

All the time these three young men were at Dr. Pickin's house Miss Briggs greatly desired to go home. But she was unable to do so, and she was so completely under the Pickin influence that she could not even tell the boys of her confinement.

On the second evening they started for home. When they reached the town they became aware of the search that was going on. They entered the West Side park, and were stealing along in the shadow of the trees when Miss Briggs saw her father.

Dr. Flint went back to Chicago, and Dr. Parker continued to treat Miss Briggs. At one of his visits, several days after Dr. Flint had gone, Dr. Parker became convinced that Miss Briggs was trying to hypnotize him.

Then the case went to the district attorney. Mr. Frawley went over it carefully and obtained what corroborative details he could.

District Attorney Frawley prepared his case and Dr. Pickin and his son were placed under arrest, charged with criminal assault. They waived preliminary examination and were held in bail of \$1,500 to the circuit court for trial.

Dr. G. W. Pickin is forty-nine years old. He is of medium stature, with iron-gray beard. He denies all the allegations against him and says that he is not a hypnotist. Hypnotism is a fake, he declares.

TALKED INTO A HAT

A Chicago Lawyer Displays Rare Detective Ingenuity.

With a Telephone in His Tie the Attorney's Client Succeeds in Getting Mr. Loas to Talk by Wire Into a Detective's Ear.

Luther Ladin Mills, the famous Chicago lawyer, though he modestly disclaims it, has recently become the hero of one of the greatest feats of detective skill on record.

Two or three weeks ago Mr. Mills received a business call from Dr. Peter Janss, of No. 3411 Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, who was in deep trouble, and desired professional assistance.

Mr. Mills decided at once that additional evidence against Loas would be necessary before it would be wise to make an arrest. He called in Post Office Inspector Stuart, and the practice of proving the crime by comparing it with other work done on Loas' typewriter was discussed.

This was a feat never attempted before. There had been no end of stories about telephones concealed in the walls of a room, and this was plain sailing.

The wire was 100 feet in length, and consisted of two fine copper strands inclosed in the same sheath. The wire was attached to the transmitter in the hat, passed down the doctor's neck to the battery, and thence down his trousers' leg to the heel of his shoes.

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In experiments by Prof. Buchner cultures of typhoid and other bacilli placed in water were completely destroyed in three hours by bright sunlight, and rapidly reduced even by diffused daylight, although they rapidly increased in the dark.

A HUMAN AEROLITE.

It Traveled by Rail and Concluded to Take a Slower Train.

A brakeman of the Consolidated railroad was killing about the pretty village station of the road at Miami, Conn., a day or two ago, waiting for his own train to come in and take him aboard.



It was a singular-looking projectile, revolving like a turbin water wheel, and all-a-dutter with light drapery, and seemingly stuck full of clawing legs or feelers, like a hitherto unheard of and unclassified terrestrial devilfish.

It had the remains of a grip sack in one hand, the ripped-up wreck of a huge paper bundle in the other, and was weirdly draped with the tattered ribbons and strings of what was once, evidently, a very long and handsome white derby.

Women are bound to have all their rights. One right they fully enjoy is the right to use Dr. Price's Baking Powder.

ALSTON G. DAYTON. The Young West Virginian Who Will Succeed Mr. Wilson in Congress.



He here give a portrait of Hon. Alston G. Dayton, of West Virginia, the young general and aviator, who has just defeated William L. Wilson, father of the "tariff reform" bill, by more than two thousand majority at the last election.

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THEY WAKE TIM UP

It Proves That Electricity Is Wonderful Indeed.

How the Staid Old New York "Sun" Tells the Result of Connecting the Deceased Mr. Mulligan with Four Incandescents.

Hillo, Casey, is that you or your brother? Shure I never know which is 't'other unless I see yer together. An' yer wasn't ye oop at Tim Mulligan's wake last Friday night? Shure, 'twas an illigant toime, indeed, that we had. Did ye not hear of it? Arrah, but as that morn', Well, set ye down and I'll tell ye all about it.

Ye knew Tim Mulligan, did ye not? Him that was tarring the smoke-stack out there at the fillicret power house. A little scrip-up, bald-headed bit of a man. The same, Well, ye see, Tim had cauld in his jaws, and he thought as how he'd warm up with a pipe, and what does the dom dno but slahp his duden up agin a dynamo to catch wan of them sparks he see jumping about.

He got, he got a spark about tin feet long into him, and it knocked him clane across the shop an' thru a windy. Well, sor, 'im was that full of them fillicrets that he had to handle him with roober gloves, and whin Mrs. Mulligan raised the keen and throwed herself on him she wint awer on her back as though Tim had hit her wid a brick.



me on one side an' he says, says he "Lure lure, eye. What d'ye say to making this an fillicret waker?" says he. "How's that?" says I. "Why," says he, "Tim's that full of them fillicrets that of we was to connect him with these 'ere incandupent lamp that I've brot awer he'd jist sit them all a blaazen an' we'd have the finest wake in New Yarrick."

So I got the widdy out of the way and Brady fixed the lamps, four of them, with two wires to Tim's tightness and wan to sich fut.

Then, whin all the mourners was there and the widdy was raisin', Brady tiched a button and the four incandupent lamps, spitted and snuffed, and thin blazed up. The widdy gave a shriek. "Shure his sows in glory," cries she, and all the rist of them cried the same.

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MABEL BRIGGS AND ALMA LEONARD.

Pickin. He placed them under hypnotic influence and directed them to go to the Wisconsin Central station. There they boarded a train for Chippewa Falls. He came into the car and gave them each a ticket.

THE SUN'S THREE MOTIONS.

The sun has three known motions. 1. An axial rotation, which is plainly shown by the appearance and disappearance of well-known spots upon his surface.

GREATEST OF BICYCLE RACES.

A wager has just been made which is bound to attract wide attention, especially among bicyclists and all lovers of sport.

HERMIT OF MOHONKUS, ME.

The hermit of Mohonkus, Me., carries a shotgun, but no ammunition, living mostly on beechnuts and herbs.

IT WAS HIS OWN CAUSE.

The misfortunes of others are filled with irresistible humor in many cases, particularly in the more trifling acts of every day.

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