



Night had fallen on the banks of the Chip... the light was over. I had been hot and fierce while it lasted, and the battered remnant of Southern troops, though at last they had been forced to fight, leaving enshrouded their force on the field, had thinned the number of their conquerors. Though the smallest of the episodes of a war whose issue settled the future of the American continent and affected the history of all mankind, the battle had brought the peace of death to many a valiant hero, his bitterness to many a woman and child, who, all unware, were praying, safe in distant cities, for the husbands and fathers whose lips would never more meet theirs. Over head, the stars sparkled keenly in the frosty sky, but from the horizon a ridge of inky cloud spread upward to the zenith, threatening not only to quench their feeble fire, but to dampen the crisp powdery snow in which the landscape was smothered. The river ran like a long black snake between its whitened banks.



particular to a bullet or so, only you might find the letter first, anyhow. For God's sake, I want you to write, and she and the child will starve. I got her by a trick, I know, and a nasty trick, too; but I'd have done murder to get her. She was the only woman I ever cared a straw for, really. And she loves me, too. Shoot me, if you like; but for God's sake, write the letter!"

GIPSIES IN ENGLAND. Blooming Lassies With the Winsome Unrest of Girlhood. TRADITIONS OF THE ROMANY. An Idyllic Form of Life Among British Non-Gipsy Vagabonds.

LONDON, ENO., Nov. 18.—Having wandered among Gipsies in America for more than a quarter of a century, and for the past few years having given much time and attention to a study of the Gipsies as I have found them in different parts of Ireland, Scotland and England, I feel that something like a survey of these British nomads, with a few points of contrast between them and their American brethren, would have interest to many American readers.

As the outset I am forced to confess that my good friend, George Smith, of Coalville, is interested in Gipsies in a vastly broader, nobler and more evangelical way than myself. He seeks them out and finds them at their worst, and the worst of them, unearthing the horrors of their lives in and near large cities; and then, burning with desire and determination that they shall be made good citizens, rouses all England with his rugged eloquence, insisting that the very world stand still until laws are passed for their complete sanitation and civilization.

They travel in defined routes. Again, in Yorkshire, away from his manufacturing routes of travel, and are never scoured or chased by the constabulary as they are in the midland shires, where they have chiefly come under Mr. Smith's observation. In Warwickshire, in the vicinity of Stratford, are frequently met by the Gipsies. They never leave Wales, and they are as much an integral part of the concrete social structure as are the Welsh peasantry themselves.

Evolution From Ignorance to Opulence. The difference between British Gipsies and American Gipsies is astounding. After all it is only a difference of condition. The evolution of our Gipsies from ignorance and degradation to opulence, intelligence, and some considerable educational attainments, is simply the result of liberation from a sad and arduous grinding life here, which anywhere fosters the worst of human traits; precisely as British lowly, transplanted from a life battle for mere existence, shortly become with us men and women often of competence and frequently of culture.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Absolutely Pure. The largest aggregation of Scottish Gipsies, now sadly dwindled, is at the border of the town of Yetholm. These might be called house Gipsies, as they occupy thatched cabins in Kirk Yetholm, the property of the Marquis of Tweeddale, held under a curious tenure of "sissions" over nineteen years at a nominal rent. But a few families remain. Nearly all the old stock has died off or emigrated to America, though no longer ago than 1847 they mustered from round about over 500 souls and 300 asses to escort the remains of their old King, canny "Will" Fyfe from Collieston to the burying ground at Kirk Yetholm. It was here, too, that my late friend, the brightest, the wittiest and most sensible Gipsy woman that ever lived, Queen Esther, reigned so long, so wisely and so well.



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