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Prispevki k odkrivanju zgodovine ezoteričnih tradicij - v izvirniku

Your article about blind seers in a recent number of the *Spiritualist* induces me to tell you about a blind woman I know. She is a poor Jewess named Friedman, living at Pesth, in a dreary little room, and a very poor abode. She is about fifty years old, and for sixteen years has been totally blind. The day her son was born she became blind, so that she never saw him with material eyes.

Dr. Grünhut, of Pesth, who is vice-president (as my husband, the Baron Eugen Vay, is president), of the Society of Spiritualists at Pesth, found the poor woman out, and asked me how one could heal her of her blindness. Our spirit leaders said that materially she never would see, but spiritually she would become a great medium and be a seer. They said also that the doctor's wife should mesmerise her.

Immediately after the third time of mesmerising the woman exclaimed that she saw many things; she described all she saw minutely, and she, a poor uneducated Jewish woman, spoke like a prophetess. Not only did she utter words she had previously never heard, but she described *the living persons around her*; for instance, she immediately recognised me. She said the first time I visited her that she had seen the "medium Adelma," as she named me, often in her sleep. I ordered her medicines, and told them how to mesmerise her. She described my dress, hair, features, and the spirits above and around me; this she did to several persons.

Once she had a warning in her sleep. Dr. Grünhut often came to fetch her in a cab to the spirit *seances*, and when he had no time he sent his brother or some member of the Society. In her dream her guardian spirit told her that a stranger would come that day, and tell her that the doctor sent him; but that he intended to take her away out of curiosity to a stranger's house. Further, they told her that she was not to go, for fear of getting a fit there. The poor blind woman told this in the morning to the doctor. Two hours after he went away somebody knocked at the door of her poor dusky garret, and a stranger came in. She saw him with her spiritual eyes, and felt his mesmeric influence; he also uttered exactly the same words of which she had dreamed. She replied to him indignantly, "Go! I know you would come to tempt me with money (as he really intended). Go! I know who you are. Tell them who sent you that I am not to be caught though blind." She told him then a few more things about his affairs, so that he

retired much afraid and in all haste. The people of the house saw the cab, and the person entering the blind woman's room; they also heard her speak harshly to the stranger. About this blind Jewess we could write volumes.

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