

THE YOUNG GIRL LEFT BY GYPSIES

No Clue to Her Origin, and She
Cannot Remember Her
Name.

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Very little, if any more, can be written concerning the unfortunate girl left here just before Christmas by a band of Gypsies, which fact did not seem to be generally known, or understood, until recently.

Your correspondent saw and interviewed her to-day. She does not know her name, and, so far, no one has appeared who knows anything of her; nor does she remember the names of her parents and family, nor the town, county, or State of her birth. Says she remembers that when very young and small she was seized at the gate of a large white house, which she supposes was her home, and a hand placed over her mouth to keep her from making any outcry or noise; that with the band of Gypsies, by whom she was taken, she led for some time, years—does not know how long—a roving life. Went to many places with them, none of which she can recall. She has an idea that her mother's Christian name was Marietta and her surname **Hubble**. She says the Gypsies treated her cruelly; that when their children misbehaved they would say she did it, and be switched or horsewhipped for it.

After being with them a long time, when they had ceased to watch her, as they did at first, closely night and day, being out at play with the children, she ran off, hoping to find her home, but was again picked up by another band of this tribe, or another one, who now and then would leave her with some family, and after a while call again for her.

It was while with these families that she sometimes went to church and heard preaching, but even now she has no clear idea of the Gospel or Christianity, and very little of God or His Son, Jesus Christ.

Just before Christmas the Gypsies encamped near here gave her to Mr. John L. Webber, who lives one mile outside of town, she says because she did not wish to stay with them any longer.

Mrs. Webber supposes from her conversation sometimes that she must have been four or five years of age when taken from home.

She and others, who have seen the girl, think she must now be at least sixteen. Here is one of the most mysterious cases your correspondent has seen, there being, so far, no clue whatever as to who she is, or who or where her parents are, if they are living at all.

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