

## **THE DAILY SKETCH**

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One of the most interesting and talked of men in Europe is now visiting London after a long absence. He is Aleister Crowley, famed for his knowledge and reputed practice of black magic, who was asked to leave France two months ago. Crowley (as you see here) has an amazing appearance, and eyes which, when you first look into them, are literally terrifying. I hate to imagine what they must be like when he is not in a benevolent mood.

He has been branded in many countries, and showed me, with some amusement, a newspaper cutting concerning himself, and headed "The Human Beast."

#### **EXAGGERATED STORIES.**

But stories about him have been exaggerated to a ridiculous extent. Actually he is a very brilliant and interesting man, who has travelled all over the world observing religious practices and philosophy. He has been in the most remote places, like the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico, and was once a tremendous mountaineer.

Crowley, who is exceptionally witty, is publishing a volume of his short stories soon, and these will probably be followed by his memoirs. The latter dealing largely with the practice of the magic arts, are unique and enormously long.