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Black Magic Still Lives.

Quite recently a woman known in the West End of London as "Lady Molly" attracted attention in a fashionable club by openly talking about weird Black Magic ritual.

One day friends fearing something had happened to her, called the police to her flat.

The door was forced, and the woman was found praying before an onion, pierced with a knitting needle, and suspended from the ceiling over a large map.

Round her, lighted candles had burned low in little patches of tallow.

She exclaimed hysterically that she was praying to be forgiven ffor some transgression of the cult to which she had given herself.

This crazy cameo is no mere tragedy of an unhinged mind.

It is one of the rare glimpses obtained by normal people of the evil, depraved practices that flourish here in our midst under the closest secrecy.

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It is only a few years since the world was shocked by disclosures in a High Court action in London involving Aleister Crowley, the degenerate poet and occultist who reveled in calling himself "Beast 666."

His activities reached their pinnacle when he established a strange Temple at Cefalu, in Sicily.

Behind the doors of this infamous abode dreadful rites were performed.

In the end the arch-degenerate was kicked out of Italy.

When a famous woman novelist unmasked his den, Crowley sued her for libel, and it was then that some of the most sensational revelations ever made in a British Court of Law caused people to shudder in horror.

"I thought," said the late Mr. Justice Swift, "that everything which was vicious and bad had been produced before me at one

time or another, but I have found in this case that we can always learn something more if we live long enough.

"Never have I heard such dreadful, horrible, blasphemous, abominable stuff as that produced by this man who describes himself as the greatest living poet."

Later he found himself in the dock at the Old Bailey charged with being in possession of letters alleged to have been stolen from an artist's model who had been called for the defence in the libel case.

He was bound over for two years and ordered to pay up to £50 of the costs of the prosecution.

Another insight into Crowley's mind is the statement he made in a series of articles published under his name.

"I have," he wrote, "known instances where young girls have been found murdered, drained of their life-blood by a vampire. On at least two occasions I have seen vampires."

After he was bundled out of Sicily and returned to London to try to continue his odious mission, JOHN BULL denounced him and declared again and again that it was a public scandal that he should be allowed to remain at large in this country.

Since he was made bankrupt about 1935, with liabilities of £5,000, little has been heard publicly of this monster, but he is still in London.

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