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# CAMP OF GYPSIES

White City Amusement Park, 63rd Street and South Parkway, Chicago, IL (1905)

One of the unusual attractions at White City will be a genuine Gypsy Camp with black-eyed babies rolling and tumbling about, with olive complexioned maids attending to the duties of camp life, with sturdy young men, dressed in velveteen, silk neckerchiefs and wearing gold rings in their ears; with a Gypsy queen, enthroned in all the splendor of barbaric affluence and ruling with a rod of iron, together with the other interesting things which are always to be seen in the camps of the real Gypsies.

The Gypsies of White City must not be confounded with the graceless, ragged and dirty outlaws who make themselves nuisances in the suburbs of Chicago and who eke out a scanty existence by petty pilfering. The White City Gypsies come direct from Sunny Spain and are persons of an entirely different class. They are descended from the ancient Egyptians, the name Gypsy being: a corruption of that historic word, and their tribal laws and rituals have been handed down through their forefathers from time immemorial.

Arrangements have Just been completed by a special envoy sent by the management of White City to far-off Spain and these strange wanderers will soon begin the long and tiresome journey across the Atlantic ocean. They prefer to travel in their caravans if possible and will make a part of the journey through the United States in this way.