

CHARM OF VODOO IS DREW'S HOODOO

Court Gazing in Crystal Ball Sees Man Guilty of Practicing Witchcraft.

COULD CURE PARALYSIS OVER NIGHT

Gazing into a crystal mounted on black velvet, Judge Osborne today, in the Court of Special Sessions, found that Thomas Drew, voodoo doctor, was guilty of practicing medicine without a license and with dealing in witchcraft. The finding of the court proved the utter uselessness of magnetic influence and mesmeric science in the dignified atmosphere of a court room.

The charges against Drew were based on two visits made to his "occult office" at 22 School street June 26 by detectives from Chief Long's office, but the real cause of his trouble was a brainstorm that had attacked him several years ago in Basking Ridge. Previous to that Drew was an untamed spirit that jails, straitjackets or handcuffs could not hold.

Eating ten-penny nails was child's play, and even more remarkable feats were performed with ease. Drew admitted all this with becoming modesty. He explained that much of his ability had been sapped by the brainstorm when the court wondered how the county jail had held the man for sixteen days.

Drew didn't take all the credit for his wonderful gifts. He said he had been born with the power and had since developed it by correspondent courses. He was also the possessor of a book which contained the wisdom of Indian yogis and men of magic. Judge Osborne suggested that this volume would be a valuable addition to the records of the Free Public Library. No disposition was made of the glass ball which Drew used "to straighten his eyes since the brainstorm."

Detectives Baumann and Schroeder and Police Matron Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes said the crystal had been used to look into the future when they called at the "doctor's" office to obtain advice on a real estate deal. Drew had told them, after consulting his glass ball, that the investment was a good one, particularly if they used the other fellow's money.

Other valuable items of information made known by Drew were that infantile paralysis took from two to three years to develop, and that he could cure this and other diseases over night. His method, he explained to the court, was passing the magnetic influences in his blood to the afflicted part, thereby killing the germs. It had always been his intention to do, he said, until recently when he attempted to cure an inmate at the jail of a chronic headache to prove his power to Jail Physician Edward W. Markens.