

# WITCH AND WIZARD FIGHT OVER PEASANT'S ILLNESS

MOSCOW (U.P.)—Witchcraft and sorcery still flourish in the remote Russian villages. And the word of the local wizard or witch is likely to count for more with the superstitious peasant than the influence of the priest or the doctor.

A contest between a witch and a wizard over the body of a dying peasant was recently reported from a village inhabited by Chuvashes, a Volga tribe which has only been recently and uncertainly reclaimed from

peasant's neighbors and promised to cure the patient and punish the neighbors.

The neighbors fell into a panic and called a rival power in the shape of a witch from a neighboring village. The witch arrived and a furious competition in sorcery set in. The wizard jumped wildly about in the peasant's room, professed to talk with the wind through the chimney and ran around the yard on all fours, mumbling mysterious words which were supposed to destroy his competitor.

But the witch was fully a match for him in black arts. She relied on frog and cat bones, muttering incantations over them and varying this process by howling in an unearthly voice. Beset by jumping wizard and howling witch the poor peasant gave up the struggle for existence and died. The villager, however, regarded this as a great triumph for the witch, who was showered with gifts, while the discredited wizard was compelled to quit the village in disgrace.

Another village was haunted by a werewolf, which, it seems, was running about after dark in the shape of a pig, killing everyone it met. Finally the young peasants sallied forth in the evening armed with clubs and pitchforks and beat to death the first pig they encountered. They were greatly disappointed, however, to find that the body of the local wizard, whom they visited the next morning, bore no marks of the beating, as the superstition is that werewolves and wizards have some connection, which causes the latter to suffer any pains inflicted upon the former.



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Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Conference meet, Palo Alto, May 15.

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