

GYPSIES HOLD GIRL CAPTIVE

**Forced to Wander With Band
Since Last October.**

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NEW YORK, June 1.—Restored to her father after seven months of wandering, Anna Elnsig, a beautiful girl of 16 years, tells a remarkable story of captivity by Gypsies. She was recovered after the police had raided a camp of Gypsies at Wakefield, on complaint of the girl's father, William E. Elnsig of East Chester, Pennsylvania.

Two weeks ago the girl escaped from a band of Gypsies near Williamsburg and went to the home of Samuel M. Spear in Boston road. Mr. Spear and his wife had seen the girl at the camp, and when she appealed to them they took her in. From her they learned the details of her remarkable experience.

"Last October I was taken by the Gypsies from Columbia, Pa., where I went to a fair," she said. "They loaded me with finery and promised me all sorts of things, and I went with them. When I got on the road, tho, they treated me cruelly. They took my clothes away from me, giving me only Gypsy things to wear and made me wait on them.

"I could not get away because I had nothing to wear and I was watched all the time. Even at night, when I would try to steal away I would find some one of them watching me. Finally I gave up all hope of escape and settled down to a Gypsy life."

Last fall the band reached Williamsburg and leased a plot of ground on which to pitch a camp from Mr. Spear. He and his wife saw the girl, who is strikingly pretty, and were attracted by her blonde beauty. They knew she was not a Gypsy, but all efforts they made to talk to her about herself were frustrated.

When the girl got away, two weeks ago, Mr. Spear kept her in secret at the house until the Gypsies left. Then he telegraphed her father, who arrived last night. Mr. Elnsig went to Wakefield by mistake and caused a police raid on a band of Gypsies there. After he learned of his mistake he went to Mr. Spear's home, where father and daughter were reunited.