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ROMANY RITE

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Here is surely the strangest event in the news--

-- this week. A gipsy has died, and her funeral pyre--

-- is to be her caravan and all her--

-- personal effects. Old Romany tradition says that the--

--belongings of the dead shall not be used by the--

--living, so everything has been committed to the flames. It was a concession that the horse which had--

-- for twenty-years drawn the caravan was not burnt with the rest. It will be--

--humanely destroyed later. Mrs. Chevin, the little old lady who is mourned, was eighty-two years. She has minety-four--

-- descendants, and leaves a considerable fortune.