MIND READER WINS BY FEATS IN COURT

W. Bert Reese Readily Quotes Text of Hidden Writings of Judge Rosalsky.

NAMES HIS BANK ACCOUNT

Tested by Assistant District Attorneys, and Is Freed of Fortune Telling Charge.

W. Bert Reese, whose "mind reading" demonstrations have mystified many scientists, including Thomas A. Edison and Dr. William Hanna Thompson, author of "Brain and Personality," was discharged yesterday by Judge Rosalsky in General Sessions on his appeal from a conviction by Magistrate Barlow of disorderly conduct, under a section dealing with fortune telling. Reese convinced Judge Rosalsky, Assistant District Attorneys Bostwick and Flint and two reporters by demonstrations in court that he was not a disorderly person, but a man with apparently unusual powers.

Reese was arrested at 230 West Ninety-ninth Street on Feb. 26 on complaint of Detective Adele Priess, who said she had paid him $5 to have her fortune told. Reese denied that he had told her fortune or accepted any money. He was found guilty and held in $1,000 bonds to keep the peace for one year.

When his case came before Judge Rosalsky yesterday on appeal, Reese asked permission to demonstrate his abilities to the court. He told Judge Rosalsky to write something on each of three pieces of paper, and to fold them so that he might not be able to read what had been written. Judge Rosalsky put the papers in different pockets after he had mixed them up so that he could not distinguish them himself. Then Judge Rosalsky produced one of the folded papers and pressed it against Reese's forehead.

"You ask me how much money you have in a certain bank," Reese said. "Fifteen dollars is the answer."

Judge Rosalsky admitted that the answer was correct, and produced the second piece of paper.

"This piece contains the name of one of your old school teachers—Miss O'Connor," Reese said.

The third question, which he read correctly but did not answer, was: "What was the rule in Shelley's case?"

Reese performed similar demonstrations for the benefit of Mr. Bostwick, Mr. Flint, and the reporters. His last feat was to give the maiden name of the mother of one of the reporters. All of the questions were written on General Sessions stationery, which Judge Rosalsky supplied.

"I do not consider you a disorderly person," Judge Rosalsky said, when the demonstrations were finished. "You are honorably discharged."

Reese, who is more than 70 years old, said he had appeared before several of the crowned heads of Europe. It was not his fault, he said, if he had abnormal powers.

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