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Model Denies Confessions in "Depraved Book"

Statements in her autobiography, described by counsel as a book "of appalling depravity," were declared at the Old Bailey by Betty May, the artists' model, to be completely untrue.

She was giving evidence in the case in which Aleister Crowley, the author, is accused of receiving five letters alleged to have been stolen from Mrs. Betty Sedgwick (Betty May).

Mr. C. Gallop, defending Crowley, asked Betty May if she recognized a book he held up—"Tiger Woman, My Story, by Betty May"—Yes.

A great deal of the book is utter fabrication?—A lot in it is.

Referring to a passage in the book Mr. Gallop said: it describes how you accost young men on the boulevards of Paris?—Completely untrue.

And then you take them to a gang of thieves?—Completely untrue.

This story of your drinking and taking drugs and stealing and all your promiscuous associations with young men?—It is not true.

In his defence Mr. Gallop declared that a Captain Cruze was handed the letters by Betty May as security for money she owed him. As they were his he was entitled to hand them to Crowley.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.