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**Witchcraft Is Enjoying
Biggest Boom in Britain.**

Witchcraft is now enjoying its biggest boom in Britain since the Middle Ages.

Hundreds of men and women are now claiming to be witches and to have the power to heal or to cast spells. Some of these are genuine pagans, or followers of the "Old Religion," as they call it.

Others are cranks or thrill-seekers, with a few out-and-out racketeers thrown in.

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Brighton's connection with witches dates from the 18th Century when the Prince Regent, later George IV, consorted here with members of the famous "Hellfire Clubs," who dabbled in black magic.

Brighton has also been the home of such notorious Satanists as Aleister Crowley, who died and was cremated here shortly after the war. When excerpts from the Gnostic Mass, including the pagan "Hymn to Pan," were recited at the cremation ceremony the town was properly shocked.

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