

FAITH HEALER CALLED IN BY MILLIONAIRE

To a millionaire's home in California came Avak Hagopian. A faith healer, renowned in the Middle East, Avak was brought to America to treat a man who has been an epileptic for twenty years, ~~He~~ the millionaire's son Vaughan Arakelian. Ordinary doctors are unable to cure him. The Faith Healer told him he would be better in two weeks. Meanwhile Avak's manager and some helpers were snowed under by letters from all over America imploring the miracle man's aid. Hundreds of people travelled to the house, begging for a consultation. Most of them had long been declared incurable.

For twenty-year-old Avak miraculous cures are claimed in Teheran, where he has practised for some <sup>time</sup> years. All he ~~claims~~ himself is to inspire others <sup>&</sup> to the faith that will make them whole. A woman crippled for four years began to walk after his treatment.

Avak probably knows that half the faith most people put in quack medicine would cure them of almost anything.

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13. Now, Avak comes out to see people made desperate by years of affliction. He began his cures several years ago in Tehran, and is now famous throughout the Middle East. After treatment, this crippled woman walks. She has not walked, it is said, for four years. Acclaimed by his disciples as the century's miracle healer, Avak brings new hope to hundreds.
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