

Magic helpers. Amulets and talismans.

Amulets and talismans are most diverse. Amulets - are objects of natural origin, endowed with magical power either initially, or because of "charging". Talismans - these are things created by man and charged with magical energy.

Examples of amulets can be called a stone with a natural hole or a rabbit's paw. Examples mascots - a piece of parchment or a coin, which bears certain characters or the magic words.

I have already mentioned how, bags, which are gypsies. They usually put their various small things. But sometimes they are placed and magical items - amulets and talismans. Paths may be large or small, made of various materials. Most - from the fabric, although there are ways and leather. You can find the gypsy girl, who has a bag hanging on the neck, for gaudzho he looks like one of the brightest parts of clothing.

How amulets and charms can be made for different purposes. What are the most fundamental: the protection from the evil eye, health, wealth, love, strength and power. With these concepts are associated specific items and materials. Here are some magic items and materials that I met in England and other European countries.

Protection from evil eye

Subjects:

salt, iron, acorn, cat's paw, needle urchin, pewter, urine, teeth (bear, boar, fox, wolf), a mirror, nail of a horseshoe, lemon peel, small bones, rabbit paw, tortoise-shell.

Plants: violet, burdock, aloe, anemones, angelica, anise, basil, nightshade, in skonnik, buckthorn, cumin, cinnamon, cinquefoil, dill, fennel, garlic, heather, hyssop, juniper, lavender, lime, apple, wormwood, myrrh, nettle, parsley, pennyroyal, plantain, ash, sage, St. John's wort, milk thistle, valerian, hazel, Mytnik.

Stones: amethyst, black tourmaline, heliotrope, cat's eye, chrysoberyl, beryl, coral, emerald, garnet, hyacinth, jade, jasper, jet, malachite, moonstone, onyx, opal, quartz, sapphire, carnelian, sardonyx, topaz, turquoise .

Health

Subjects: acorn, the nail of a horseshoe, red flannel, wool, sheep, snake skin, eel skin, fox fur, walnut, buckeye, white stone, a gold coin, the small bones.

Plants: cloves, anemones, angelica, camphor, coriander, cornflower, fennel, groundsel, juniper, marjoram, wormwood, mullein, nutmeg, parsley, plantain, rosemary, rue, sage, St. John's wort, thyme, walnut, codling.

Stones: agate, amber, amethyst, beryl, bloodstone, emerald, chalcedony, beryl, coral, diamond, emerald, garnet, jade, jasper, lapis lazuli,

magnetite, malachite, moonstone, opal, pearls, rose quartz, ruby, sapphire, sardonyx, topaz, turquoise, zircon.

Wealth

Subjects: Mechanical squirrels, rabbit paw, silver coin, magnet, glass beads, gold coin, acorn, magnifying glass, dice.

Plants: alfalfa, cloves, almonds, basil, iris, pine nut, chamomile, cinnamon, cinquefoil, clover, comfrey, dill, sorrel, elder, fenugreek, flax, ginger, honeysuckle, jasmine, apple, marjoram, mint, myrtle, patchouli, Periwinkle, Poppy, sesame, verbena.

Stones: black opal, emerald, coral, diamond, emerald, green tourmaline, moonstone, quartz, ruby, turquoise.

Love

Subjects: red or pink silk, orange zest, keys, acorn, mirror, tea leaves, walnut shells, pea pod, a small horseshoe, a feather of an owl, a gold ring, red or pink silk thread with three knots, snake eggs, bell, bird egg.

Plants: Basil, bedstraw, betony, klopogon, caraway, cardamom, catnip, chamomile, cinnamon, cinquefoil, mother-and-stepmother, columbine, coriander, fennel, gentian, ginseng, hawthorn berries, hibiscus, jasmine, juniper, bay leaf, lavender, lemon mint, linden, lovage, maidenhair, mallow, mandrake, marjoram, mistletoe, peas, peppermint, periwinkle, poppy, primrose, rose, rosemary, mint, saffron, skullcap, wild strawberry, thyme, valerian, vervain, violet, couch grass, wormwood, yarrow.

Stones: aquamarine, black opal, heliotrope, cat's eye, diamond, garnet, lapis lazuli, moonstone, onyx, opal, pearls, rose quartz, ruby, sardonyx.

Strength and power

Objects: a nail of a horseshoe, acorn, a tooth (claw) of the animal, a gold coin, iron, black stone, oak chip, flint.

Plants: pemphigus, borage, cloves, cinnamon, moss, ebony, linen, gentian, honeysuckle, nutmeg, mandrake root, mugwort, rosemary, rowan, sage, thyme, verbena.

Stones: alexandrite, amazonite, beryl, bloodstone, emerald, beryl, coral, diamond, garnet, jade, moonstone, opal, rock crystal, quartz, topaz, zircon.

In the New Forest, I met an old Choa, who claimed that his way is suitable for all. It was a little rag bag, sewn on all sides, with hidden objects in it. I was told that there are pen cuckoo, black and white stones, acorns, horse chestnuts, the nail of a horseshoe, a strand of female hair red, amber, jet and a small bag of salt. They were gathered

for a reason, every object has its own meaning. Results in a pouch, there were nine items. Shuvaev said that they should always be an odd number.

Amulets

As a protection against misfortune or as a therapeutic agent Gypsies are often amulet. Snake skin, folded and placed in a way, serves as protection against snakebite and a means of rheumatism. Rheumatism and also help the seeds of burdock. Irene Souper said that the gypsies of the New Forest often wear rings, woven from the hair growing on the mane and tail of wild ponies. These ponies must be piebald, then the ring will bring them to the holder of luck. A piece of bread, carried in a pocket or in the ways and will protect from ghosts and evil spirits.

Women giving birth should be put under a garlic arrows to defend themselves against the evil eye - "uaffedi yok. To protect against the evil eye amulets are also a jet or from the horns. A small child and kept pouring water over him spit so that water dripping from its blade, then he hung on the neck of a horseshoe on a rope - is a reliable means of the evil eye.

Hungarian Gypsies believe that a woman who wears a necklace of teeth and claws of a bear, be healthy children. In Austria and Italy for this purpose are the teeth bear.

Mascots

Gypsies make yourself charms of metal, wood, stones and coins or in the form of an image on anything. In my book, "Secrets of Gypsy love magic," I described some of the mascots, which help in love affairs. Here, I discuss these talismans, adding to them and others.

Widely distributed amulets in the form of coins, which caused the needle drawing. Examples of such figures below.

One or more of these characters can be represented on the stone, cut or burn on a tree, drawing on parchment or paper, engraved on the coins. For talismans to protect against the evil eye and give effect to use hard woods such as oak, ash, elm, beech, walnut or maple. Soft woods are used for love charms and talismans of wealth. For talismans of strength and power is ideal tree, in which was struck by lightning.

One variety of charms that hang on the Gypsy horses - copper bells. They have a traditional shape and are made of copper or brass. They are hung on the neck of an animal or attached to the harness to protect from disease, accidents and evil eye.

Often, as a talisman use of a horseshoe nail. Sometimes the blacksmith bends a nail ring, so that head is connected to the end. This nail can be hung on a leather strap or rope.

Among the Roma there is no consensus about how to consecrate a talisman. Most of them after making mascot perform any actions. Many Roma hold objects in flowing water, sometimes saying a few words or repeating the

ancient spells. Others bury charms for a while, then dig up and use. Some also "charged" them in the smoke of the fire, while uttering the magic words.

In previous chapters I have cited several spells of illness. But I have collected a few spells, spoken at the dedication of mascots:

"Mi Duvvel frames, wild body opre Mande."

("My God above, look at me.")

Sea kovvel Adja " .

("This thing is miraculous.")

"Protect me thing that I have shown,

Keep away from my enemy,

Protect me from all diseases,

Protect everywhere - from the fire to the hills.

"Ghana, bless Ghana

Ghana, be here with me. "

Gypsies who own the art of wood carving, like to make wooden beads (eg, on the occasion of the wedding or the birth of the child). In these beads contain a lot of energy. Beads dedicating a particular purpose, such as love, prosperity, health, you direct the energy in the right direction and call magical power. The longer the beads, the more they magical power. Some carved beads, which I have seen - true works of art on their production spent many hours of painstaking work. Simpler beads adorn not threaded, and striking pattern with burning or colors, each color has its significance.

Once I saw Vardo, the curtain which was made of perforated chicken bones, taken mainly from the legs and wings. The bones at first bleached and then dyed in bright colors.

As the use of amulets and feathers. Black pen means a change of plans, as well as a message from the gods. White feather symbolizes indecision, the need to collect your thoughts and make a choice. Red pen - very lucky sign, indicating the wealth and good fortune. A blue pen is used to protect or evidence that you need it. Brown pen - a sign of trust and friendship.

Finally, mention should be made of the so-called "bokmoro" or "happy bread." This bread, in which each ingredient has a specific meaning: meal symbolizes the physical body; yeast - resurrecting the spirit and the water - an eternity; sugar - sweetness; egg - revelation, clarity, garlic repels evil olive oil ensures their integrity, salt casts, and filth of the soul body, black pepper symbolizes purification; honey - love and

peace. The proportions vary widely. This bread is to bake at night, after sunset. The next morning, he brings to the four corners of the parking break off each piece by piece and throw on the ground. The rest of the bread scatter around the perimeter of the camp as offerings to the creatures that feed on the fact that the reserve strangers.