



Harry Houdini

CHAPTER XI

The Magician Harry Houdini

Hippocrates Dacoglou, professor of mathematics and researcher, described to me a personal experience of his with the famous magician, Harry Houdini, whom he met in America, and who amazed him with his supernatural achievements.

Dacoglou: "In 1926 when I was a little boy, I was in New York with my father, and we were staying at the Shelton Hotel. We were

about to leave the first days of August, when my father was informed that the then famous magician, Harry Houdini was going to perform a great feat in the hotel swimming pool. My father postponed our return to Athens, so that we could follow Houdini's experiment.

I remember some workers who brought to the hotel a metallic coffin that looked like a coffin and they placed it next to the Shelton Hotel swimming pool."

Hippocrates Dacoglou remembered and described with much clarity whatever took place in that experiment on August 5th, 1926.



Harry Houdini is getting ready to submerge into the swimming pool of Shelton Hotel.

Harry Houdini, a man in his 50s with a strong body, a large head and eyes that hypnotized you when you looked at them, after several meetings with his assistants, got into the metallic coffin. Next to him was placed a communication device so that he could speak to his associate, Jimmy.

His hands were wrapped in black wires so as to monitor his pulse.

A blacksmith with a cap and an apron closed the lid of the metallic coffin with electric welding.

They lowered the coffin in the water to a depth of about one meter and the assistants kept pressing it with their hands so that it was continuously under water.

After about an hour and a half, Houdini's voice was heard calling Jimmy to get him out. The assistants raised the metallic box, opened it quickly and Houdini came out wet and exhausted continually taking deep breaths.

Houdini believed that man is endowed by God with boundless potential, but does not know how to exploit it. When he calmed down from the hard ordeal of the pool, Houdini declared smiling to a journalist that man can live comfortably on land and in the water; it is sufficient for him to know the Laws that trigger the desire in his brain.

Some day he will even fly in the sky, said Houdini, the man who believed that we are made so as to be able to succeed in everything, provided our mind gives an order to our will.



Harry Houdini examines the metallic coffin just before they tie him in chains.

