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Walter Starkie was one of the most versatile and cosmopolitan of men. A professor of English and Irish literature in Dublin, he was also traveller, writer, linguist and musician. He wandered as an itinerant fiddler with gypsies throughout Hungary, Transylvania and Spain.