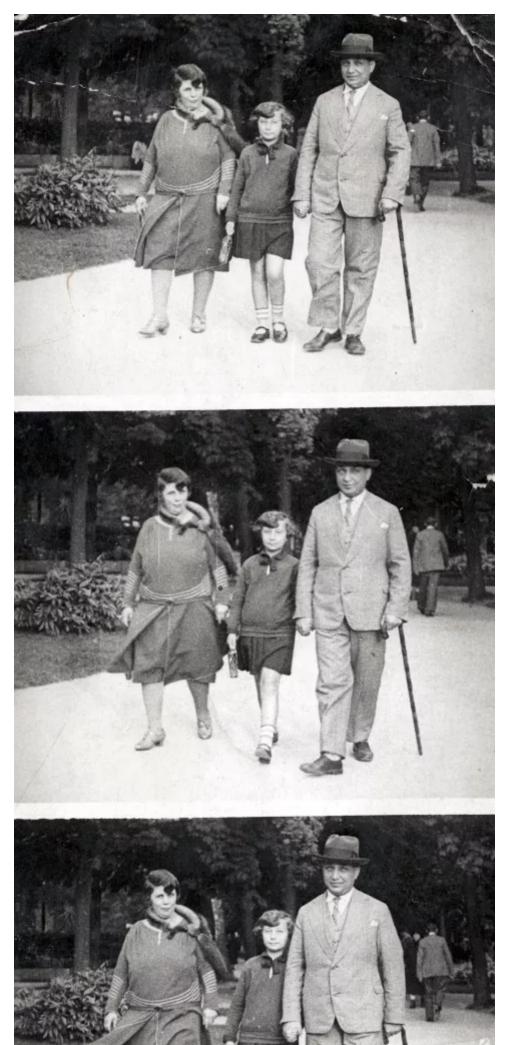


Matilda Levi With Her Parents On Vacation





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This is me and my parents on holiday. We went abroad several times. Here we are in Czechoslovakia, in 1930. We are on vacation in Karlsbad. There was a rack railway there. It was beautiful. And there were many crystals. We [in Bulgaria] didn't have anything like this here at that time. We bought a crystal vase from there. Later it disappeared, during one of our moves.

We didn't go to the seaside. When I was a child, we used to often go to Bankya. This was a small resort place in the past; today it is part of Sofia. They say that when I was a child we went during the holidays to Tryavna, but I only dimly recall it. The air was better there. We went to Zheravna: there was a young shepherd there. I liked him and he liked me, too. He gave serenades for me. In the mornings, he passed by with his goats. He had a flute and played it and I stood at the window and watched him. I remember that once we went to Hisarya. This is a Bulgarian mountain resort, famous for its healing mineral waters. My mother took therapy there; she had high blood pressure.