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## TWIN STRUGGLES FOR LIFE

### Rosa Blazek, Siamese Twin of Josefa, Prays for Life as Sister Nears Death.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Rosa Blazek struggled for life today as her Siamese twin sister, Josefa, faced death.

The twins, forty-three years old, are the only ones extant known to the medical profession. Josefa was in a stupor at the West End hospital. Rosa at her side, prayed for life.

Rosa would gladly follow her sister to death were it not for Frantz, a bright-eyed twelve-year-old son, she told Dr. Benjamin H. Breakstone, leading Chicago surgeon and writer.

"Mother love has triumphed over sisterly affection in this case," Dr. Breakstone said.

Dr. Breakstone, Dr. Edward Cunat and other physicians today were still uncertain whether the death of Josefa would mean Rosa's death also.

Surgeons have not given up hope for Josefa who is suffering from jaundice. Her chances for life, however, are slight, they agreed.

An X-ray to determine whether the sisters can be separated if one dies, has never been taken, according to Dr. Breakstone. Efforts to part them will be made if Josefa dies, the doctor said.

Rosa smiled wanly as she talked with her son, Frantz. Occasionally she would glance at her sister as doctors forced medicine into Josefa's throat.

Josefa and Rosa were born in Australia. They traveled with shows in Europe for a decade. The sisters arrived in the United States a year ago.

Rosa's husband was killed in the world war.

"It's the strangest case in medical annals," said Dr. Breakstone. "Many Siamese twins have been born but they seldom reach maturity. We cannot even dare forecast what will be the result if Josefa dies. Rosa may follow her sister in death. She may not. We are going to do our best to save her life."

According to Dr. Breakstone's observations, Josefa possesses the same love for Frantz as does Rosa, the mother.

Rosa who was buoyant all morning and spoke freely with her son Frantz lapsed into a state of semi-coma later in the day.