

## **Katarina Lofflerova And Class Mates**



This is me and my class mates in the 5th grade of gymnasium. The photo was taken in Bratislava in 1925.

Several years ago, I attended a reunion of all my former classmates. We met in Budapest. I went there with Doctor Ciky, who was a urologist in Bratislava. Another doctor joined us as well. When we arrived, I recognized hardly anybody. I was surprised to see so many old men. I never went to school with old men. But they didn't know who I was, either. They thought I was the wife of one of their classmates. I recalled only one person from Bratislava; he came from the Palugzay family. They had to leave. It is a well-known family, one daughter married a certain Vermes, Laci Vermes. I recognized him but he didn't recognize me. So I told him, 'You don't seem to know me. I'm Kata Vidor, don't you remember me?' And he said nothing, and I knew what he was thinking: She used to be such a cute girl, and now here is this ugly old woman. That, I'm afraid, is how life turns out. Only pictures remain.