



La Pucelle d'Orléans, ou le bon secours de la France, par le bon d'Orléans, affligé par les Anglois, et
la ville de France, comme auant de la délivrance de la dite ville.



The Maid of Orleans.

HAD you known that this day was to be a day of Miracle and Safety to *France*; and that you should have assisted at the most Heroick action which hath been ever seen, since Sieges and Battles have been in use; you would be lorry to have come too late: But here is yet enough to give you a right prospect thereof. The adventure is wonderfull in all its Parts; there is something great and prodigious in all its Circumstances: And that which remains for us to see, exceeds by much, whatever can be regularly imagined, and with any true resemblance.

You are no strangers to this Country, and need not learn from me to know *Orleans* by her Steeples, and the circumstance of her Walls. Likewise you are not ignorant of the Constancy and Fidelity which this great City had shewed, when it was besieged by the *English*, and reduced to the extremity of hope. But that which you do not yet know, and what no man dares hope for, is, that in despite of the *English*, and in the very sight of their Camp and Works, Succours, safety and liberty hapned to enter into this Place, under the Conduct of a *Maid*. Not only hope was not so bold as

Introduction to Historical Texts

Over 400,000 late 15th to long 19th century texts (EEBO, ECCO & BL 19th Century)

What is Historical Texts?

Historical Texts is a full text digital archive enabling you to cross search, view and download over 400,000 texts published in the late C15th to the long C19th.

It is comprised of three main collections:

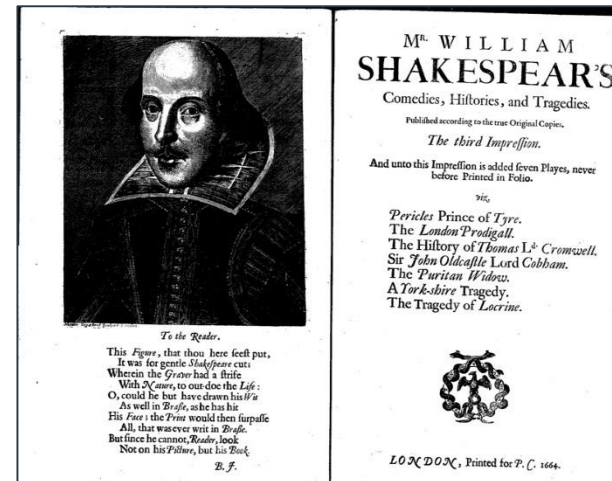
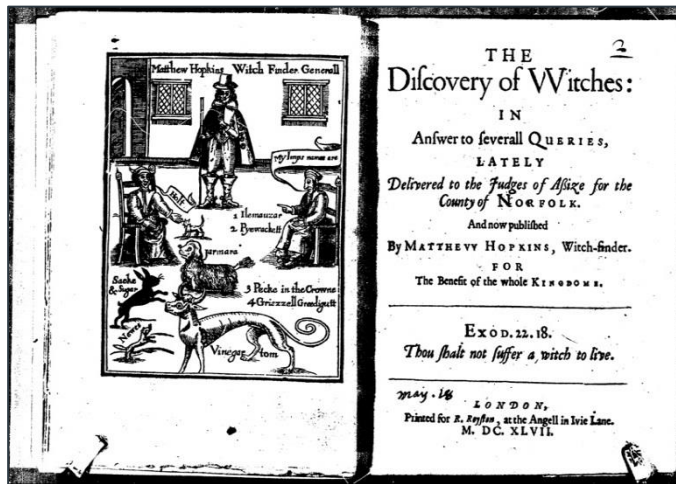
- » Early English Books Online (EEBO) (1473-1700)
- » Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO) (1701-1800)
- » 65,000 texts from the British Library 19th Century collection (1789-1914)

Including a wealth of content ranging from the Romantic to the Victorian period and coverage subject areas including English literature, history, geography, science, social science, religion and medicine.

Materials include books, pamphlets, sermons, almanacs, sheet music, broadsides, newsbooks.

Early English Books Online (EEBO)

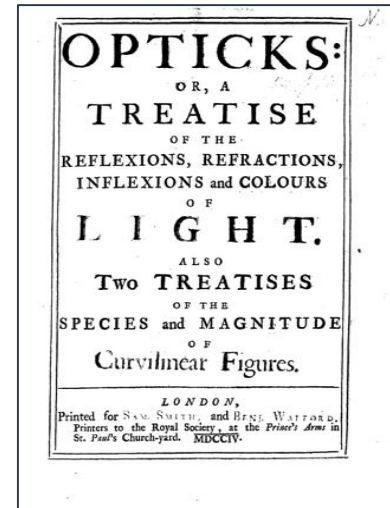
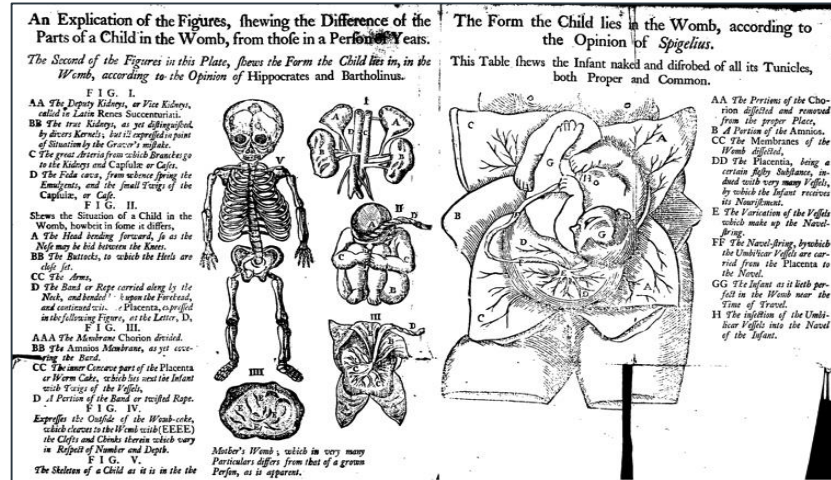
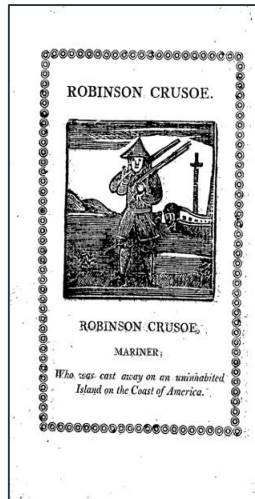
(1473-1700)



- » The scanned images, and full-text digital versions where available, of over 130,000 books printed in Britain and British North America, and works in English printed elsewhere, from the first book published in England up to 1700.
- » Authors include Shakespeare, Galileo, Bacon, Chaucer, Spenser and Margaret Cavendish.

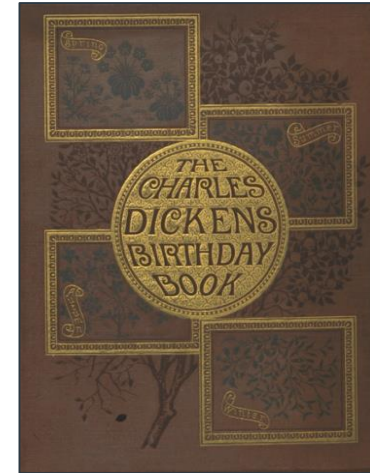
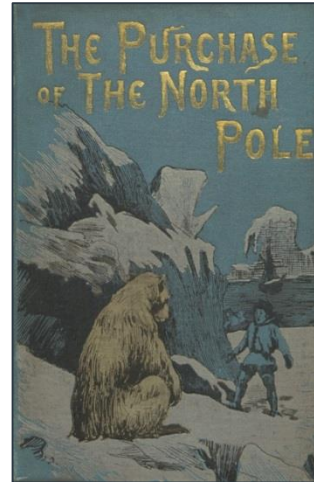
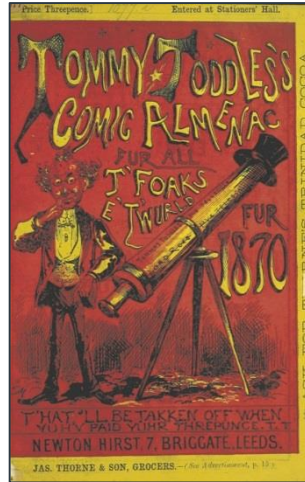
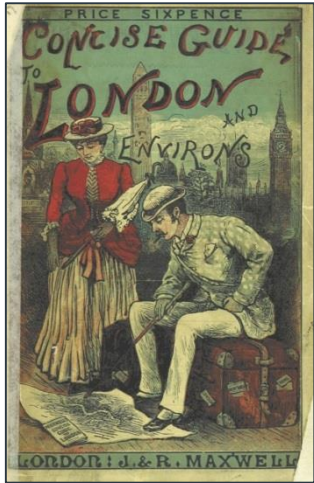
Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO)

(1701-1800)



- » A digital collection of more than 215,000 titles published in Great Britain and its colonies during the eighteenth century, including works in languages other than English (e.g. French, German, Latin and Welsh)
- » Works include Daniel Defoe, Newton, Culpepper, Alexander Pope, Thomas Paine, Voltaire.

65,000 British Library 19th century texts (BL) (1789-1914)

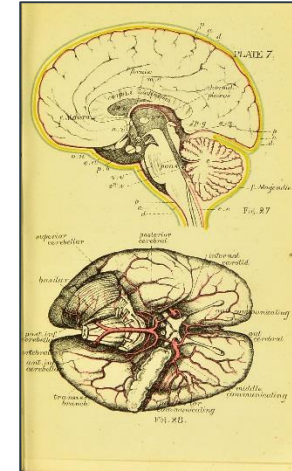
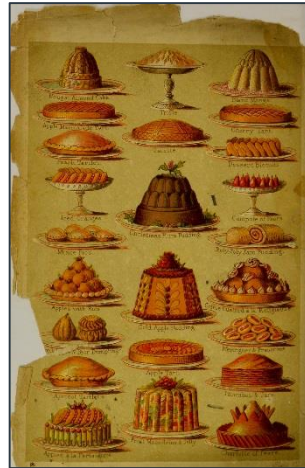
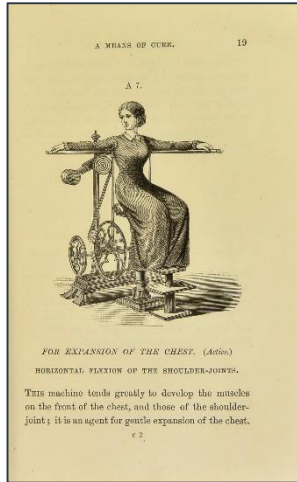


- » Over 65,000 recently digitised editions from the British Library's 19th century collection, comprising over 25 million pages of previously rare and inaccessible titles.
- » Authors include Jane Austen, Charles Dickens, Jules Verne

Key features

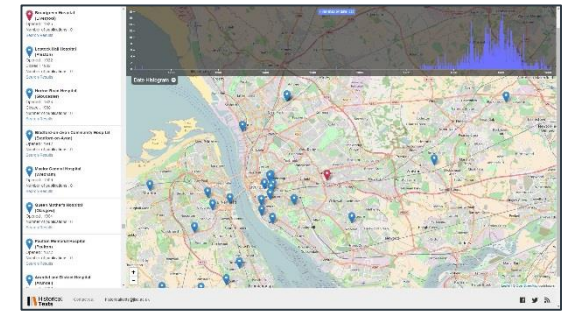
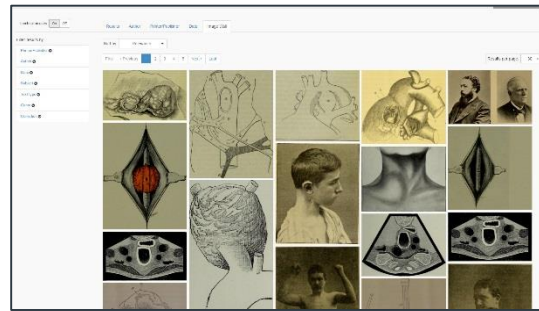
- » Cross-search EEBO, ECCO and 65, 000 texts from the British Library C19th collection for the first time
- » View and search the full text (where available) as well as the bibliographic information for texts
- » View images and full text side by side
- » Download whole publications (PDF) and individual images (JPEG).
- » View publication date histogram for search results
- » Additional download options for TCP-transcribed texts (ePub, XML, HTML, plain text)

Historical Texts Labs - UK Medical Heritage Library Collection (UKMHL)



- » Over 66,000 digitised European medical publications from the nineteenth century
- » Collection is hosted in an open-access separate Labs area, so no authentication is required to access it
- » Full colour page images, PDF, ePub and OCR full text are downloadable for all publications in this collection

Historical Texts Labs – Visualising Medical History project (VMH)



- » Bespoke visualisation tools built specially for the UKMHL collection in a sister project
- » The available visualisations are: Image Wall, Hospital Map, Ngram Viewer, Timeline, Sunbursts and Dendrograms
- » Facilitate new ways to explore the collection data

Search

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Search **Matched 794 hits**

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Advanced Search

discovery of witches

Fuzzy and Variants

Every feature, or our new Introduction to the UK Medical Heritage Library screencast? Historical Texts was last updated on 21 June 2016.

Browse the collection by [Author](#) and [Publisher](#) or explore the editor's picks below

UKMHL
1800-1900's
UK Medical Heritage Library (UKMHL) contains the images and full text of over 66,000 19th Century European medical publications. The UKMHL collection is Open Access, on a separate platform.

EEBO
1473-1700
Early English Books Online (EEBO) contains the scanned images, and full-text digital versions where available, of over 125,000 books published in English up to 1700.

ECCO
1701-1800
Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO) is a digital collection of more than 180,000 titles published in Great Britain and its colonies during the Eighteenth century.

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Historical Texts brings together three historically significant collections for the first time: Early English Books Online (EEBO), Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO) and 65,000 texts from the British Library 19th Century collection.

The UK Medical Heritage Library collection is also available. This is an Open Access collection, currently hosted in a separate [Labs](#) area.

Historical Texts is available to UK HE and FE Institutions and Research Councils via [subscription](#).

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Advanced search

The screenshot shows the Jisc Historical Texts advanced search interface. The search bar at the top contains the text "discovery of witches" and shows "Matched 1889 hits". A red box highlights the "Variants, Forms" dropdown menu, which is open and shows a list of variant spellings and forms for the search term. A red arrow points to the menu with the text "Select variant or fuzzy options here".

Below the search bar, there are several filter options. A red box highlights the "Type" filter, which is set to "All". A red arrow points to the filter options with the text "Refine your search with additional options here".

At the bottom left, a red box highlights the "+ New row" button. A red arrow points to the button with the text "Add new rows to build up more complex searches".

At the bottom right, a red box highlights the "Advanced Search" button. A red arrow points to the button with the text "Hide advanced search options".

The interface also includes a "Reset" button, a "Save Search" button, and a "View mode" selector. The bottom of the page shows a list of results with columns for "Printer/Publisher", "Author", "Date", "Periodicals", "Thomason Tracts", and "My Saved Items". A "Filter results by" section on the left allows filtering by "Printer/Publisher", "Author", "Date", and "Subject". A "Sort by" dropdown is set to "Relevance", and a "Date Range" selector is available. A bar chart at the bottom shows the distribution of results across the date range.

Browse

The screenshot shows the 'Historical Texts' website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'About', 'Browse', 'Support', and 'My Texts'. The 'Browse' dropdown menu is open, showing 'Author', 'Date', 'Printer/Publisher', 'Thomason Tracts', and 'Thomason Tracts Broadslides'. The main search area has a 'Search' button and a 'Matched 422174 hits' indicator. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'Results', 'Author', 'Printer/Publisher', 'Date', 'Periodicals', 'Thomason Tracts', and 'My Saved Items'. The 'Results' tab is selected, showing a list of search results. The first result is 'An ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament' by Edward Husbands, dated June 14, 1644, published in London. The second result is 'The Scottish dove, sent out and returning...' (Issue: 35) by 9 E.51[2] (Thomason), dated 07/06/1644 - 14/06/1644. The third result is 'A particular relation of the most remarkable occurrences...' (Issue: 3) by 9 E.51[3] (Thomason), dated 01/06/1644 - 10/06/1644. The fourth result is 'The keyes of the kingdom of heaven' by Cotton, John, (1584-1652). The left sidebar contains a 'Filter results by' section with checkboxes for 'Printer/Publisher', 'Author', 'Date', 'Subject', 'Text type', 'Genre', and 'Collection'. The bottom of the page shows a footer with 'Jisc' and 'Support' links.

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More Information

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4 The keyes of the kingdom of heaven

Author Cotton, John, (1584-1652)

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Use these tabs to browse within the results of your search

Browse across all the collections by author, date or publisher


Browse the EEBO Thomason Tracts


Results


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Filter results by


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Subject 

- Witchcraft (14)
- England (6)
- Demonology (5)
- Magic (4)
- Flower, Margaret (2)
- Flower, Philippa (2)
- Ipswich (2)
- Trials (Witchcraft) (2)
- Astrology (1)
- Curiosities and wonders (1)
- Great Britain (1)
- Norfolk (1)
- Occultism (1)



Text type 

Genre 

Collection 

Sort by: Relevance  Date Range 

Click here to sort your results by Relevance, Author, Date or Title


View mode:  

Display your results in a list or grid view

1 2 3

First < Previous 1 Next > Last

Results per page: 30

1  A discovery of the impostures of witches and astrologers



Author: Brinley, John.



Printer/Publisher: John Wright and sold by Edward Milward


Publication date: 1680

Publication place: London

Bibliographic number/identifier: B4698 (Wing)

68 pages  Full Text 

Matches within text  More information 

2  A confirmation and discovery of witchcraft



Author: Sterne, John. (17th cent)



Printer/Publisher: William Wilson


Publication date: 1648

Publication place: London

Bibliographic number/identifier: S5365 (Wing)

35 pages  Full Text 

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3  The discovery of vvitches

Author: Hopkins, Matthew. (d. 1647)

Printer/Publisher: R. Royston, at the Angell in Ivie Lane

Publication date: M. DC. XLVII. 1647

Publication place: London

Filters for your results can be expanded and selected

Click a title or thumbnail to open a publication

View text snippets from within a publication where your search terms were matched

Saving searches, items and settings

The screenshot shows the Historical Texts interface with several annotations:

- 3 - View previously saved searches, publications and tags:** Points to the 'My Texts' dropdown menu in the top right, which contains 'Saved Searches', 'My Saved Items', and 'My Tags'.
- Set display and search preferences here:** Points to the gear icon in the top right corner.
- 2 - Choose where to save the publication:** Points to the 'My Saved Items' tab in the top navigation bar.
- 1 - Tick checkbox to select a publication to save:** Points to the checkbox next to the first search result, 'A discovery of the impostures of witches and astrologers'.
- Click here to save the current search:** Points to the 'Save Search' button in the top right.

The interface includes a search bar with the query 'discovery of witches', a filter sidebar on the left, a results list with a timeline graph, and a detailed view of the first result.

Search Results:

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Viewer

The screenshot displays the 'Historical Texts' viewer interface. The main content area shows a historical document with two pages. The left page features a woodcut illustration titled 'Matthew Hopkins Witch Finder Generall' depicting a witch trial scene with various figures and animals labeled. The right page contains the title 'THE Discovery of Witches: IN Answer to severall QUERIES, LATELY Delivered to the Judges of Assize for the County of NORFOLK. By MATTHEW HOPKINS, Witch-finder. FOR The Benefit of the whole KINGDOMS. EXOD. 22. 18. Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live. may. 16 LONDON, Printed for A. Keston, at the Angell in Ivie Lane. M. DC. XLVII.' The interface includes a top navigation bar with links like Home, About, Browse, Support, and My Texts. A left sidebar contains a search panel and a list of thumbnails. A right sidebar shows a details panel. Red annotations with arrows point to specific features: 'Click to open the Search panel' points to the search icon in the left sidebar; 'Click the Download icon to view available download options' points to the download icon in the top bar; 'Click here to switch to a full screen view' points to the full screen icon in the left sidebar; 'Click here to view a stable URL to this publication' points to the share icon in the top bar; and 'Click to open the Details panel' points to the details icon in the right sidebar. A dropdown menu is visible next to the share icon, listing options like 'Download this page as a JPEG image', 'Download citation as RIS', 'Download publication as pdf', 'Download publication as xml', 'Download publication as epub', 'Download publication as html', and 'Download publication as text'.

Historical Texts << Results

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Viewer (side panels open)

The screenshot shows the Historical Texts viewer interface. The main content area displays a historical document titled "THE Discovery of Witches: IN Answer to severall QUERIES, LATELY Delivered to the Judges of Assize for the County of NORFOLK. And now published By MATTHEW HOPKINS, Witch-finder. FOR The Benefit of the whole KINGDOMS. EXOD. 22. 18. Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live. May. 16. LONDON, Printed for R. Royston, at the Angell in Ivie Lane. M. DC. XLVII." The left sidebar shows a grid of thumbnails for the document's pages. The right sidebar contains metadata for "The discovery of vvtches", including page count (7 pages), author (Hopkins, Matthew, d. 1647), printer/publisher (R. Royston, at the Angell in Ivie Lane), publication date (M. DC. XLVII. 1647), publication place (London), bibliographic number/identifier (H2751 (Wing 2nd ed.), E 388[2] (Thomason)), main title (The discovery of vvtches), physical description (4, 10, 2 p., III), notes (Annotation on Thomason copy: "May 18". Frontis. = III. Reproduction of the original in the British Library. The final leaf is blank. Electronic reproduction.), subject (General), and subject terms (Witchcraft -- England, Norfolk).

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Viewer (search panel)

The screenshot displays the 'Historical Texts' viewer interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Pages', 'Thumbnails', and 'Publications'. A search bar is located below these tabs, containing the text 'discovery of witches'. To the right of the search bar is a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'Fuzzy, Illustrated and Variants' and 'Relevance'. The main content area shows search results for 'THE Discovery of Witches'. The first result is 'THE Discovery of Witches: IN Answer to severall QUERIES, LATELY Delivered to the Judges of Assize for the County of NORFOLK. And now published By MATTHEW HOPKINS, Witch-finder. FOR The Benefit of'. The second result is '12 firebrand-darlings. Oh thou (say they) that at the first didst promise to save us thy servants from any of our deadly enemies *discovery*, and didst promise to avenge and slay all those, we pleased, that constant course of proceeding, for he and the witch doe mischief too much. But I would that Magistrates and Jurats would a little examine witnesses when they heare *witches* confess such and such a We must needs argue, he is of a long standing, above 6000. years, then he must needs be the best Scholar in all knowledges of arts and tongues, & so have the best skill in Physicke, judgment in 8 sleep two or three nights, to distract them, and make them say any thing, which is a way to tame a wilde Colt, or Hawke, & c. Ans. In the infancy of this *discovery* it was not only thought fitting, and so forced through that cruelty to confesse, & c. Ans. It was in the same beginning of this *discovery*, and the meaning of walking of them at the highest extent of cruelty, was only they to walke to the true meaning of the same instructions, diverse have been by rustical People, (they hearing them confess to be *Witches*) mis-used, spoiled, and abused, diverse whereof have suffered for the

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Viewer (details panel)

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Ans. The Discoverer never travelled far for it, but in March 1644, he had some seven or eight of that horrible sect of Witches living in the Towne where he lived, a Towne in Essex called Maningtree, with divers other adjacent Witches of other towns, who every six weeks in the night (being always on the Friday night) had their meeting close by his house, and had their severall solemne sacrifices there offered to the Devil, one of which this discoverer heard speaking to her Imps one night, and bid them goe to another Witch, who was thereupon apprehended, and searched by women who had for many yeares knowne the Devils marks, and found to have three teats about her, which honest women have not: so upon command from the Justice, they were to keep her from sleep two or three nights, expecting in that time to see her familiars, which the fourth night she called in by their severall names, and told them what shapes, a quarter of an hour before they came in, there being ten of us in the room, the first she called was

1. Holt, who came in like a white kitting.
2. Jarmara, who came in like a fat Spaniel without any legs at all, the said kept him fat, for she clapt her hand on her belly, and said he sucked good blood from her body.
3. Vinegar Tom, who was like a long-legg'd Greyhound, with a head like an Oxe, with a long taile and broad eyes, who when this discoverer spoke to, and bade him goe to the place provided for him and his Angels, immediately transformed himselfe into the shape of a child of foure yeeres old without a head, and gave halfe a dozen turnes about the house, and vanished at the doore.
4. Sack and Sugar, like a black Rabbit.
5. Newes, like a Polcat. All these vanished away in a little time. Immediately after this Witch confessed severall other Witches, from whom she had her Imps, and named to divers women where their marks were, the number of their Marks, and Imps, and Imps names, as Elemauzer, Pyewacket, Peckin the Crown, Grizzel Greedigut, &c. which no mortall could invent; and upon their searches the same Markes were found, the same number, and in the same place, and the like confessions from them of the same Imps, (though they knew not that we were told before) and so

peached one another thereabouts that joyned together in the like damnable practise, that in our Hundred in Essex, 29. were condemned at once, 4. brought 25. Miles to be hanged, where this Discoverer lives, for sending the Devil like a Beare to kill him in his garden, so by seeing diverse of the [...] Papps, and trying wayes with hundreds of them, he gained this experience, and for ought he knows any man else may find them as well as he and his company, if they had the same skill and experience.

Quer. 5. Many poore People are condemned for having a Pap, or Teat about them, whereas many People (especially ancient People) are, and have been a long time troubled with naturall warts on severall parts of their bodies, and other naturall excrescencies, as Hemeroids, Piles, Childbearing, &c. and these shall be judged only by one man alone, and a woman, and so accused or acquitted.

Ans. The parties so judging can justify their skill to any, and shew good reasons why such markes are not merely naturall, neither that they can happen by any such naturall cause as is before expressed, and for further answer for their private judgements alone, it is most false and untrue, for never was any man tried by search of his body, but commonly a dozen of the ablest men in the parishes or else where, were present, and most commonly as many ancient skillfull matrons and midwives present when the women are tried, which marks not only lie, and his company attest to be very suspicious, but all beholders, the skillfull of them, doe not approve of them; but likewise asent that such tokens cannot in their judgements proceed from any the above mentioned Causes.

Quer. 6. It is a thing impossible for any man or woman to judge rightly on such markes, they are so neare to naturall excrescencies, and they that finde them, durst not presently give Oath they were drawn by evil spirits, till they have used unlawfull courses of torture to make them say any thing for ease and quiet, as who would not do? but I would know the reasons he speaks of, how and whereby to discover the one from the other, and so be justified in that.

Ans. The reasons in breefe are three, which for the present he judgeth to differ from naturall markes, which are, 1. He judgeth by the unlikeliness of the place where he findeth the teats in or on

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