

The surprising monsters : being the wonderful works of the divine judgement on a wicked proud young woman who for her game and despising of others was made herself an example of, for instead of three children at one birth, she had three of the most horrid objects that ever mortal eye beheld; and such that the oldest person living never before saw the like.

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Being the Wonderful Works of the DIVINE JUDGMENT on a wicked proud Young Woman who for her game and despising of others was made herself an example of, for instead of three Children at one birth, she had three of the most HORRID OBJECTS that ever mortal eye beheld; and such that the oldest person living never before saw the like.

GOOD People, this little, but worthy book is now published, in order to warn both young and old, rich and poor, to avoid that sin of Pride, which has been the ruin and downfall of so many thousands: when certain it is that the great Creator has a watchful eye over our actions whether good or bad. But to such a height of sin and wickedness is this world come, notwithstanding all the warning which has been given to this our land, yet is our nation so hardened that it does not in the least regard, nor does it make the least impression upon our wickedness; for our hearts are like Pharaoh's, that would not let the children of Israel serve the Lord their God; but turned them back until he felt the heavy hand of God, for his heart was hardened with pride though oftentimes wrought upon by Moses with the threatenings from above till the plagues of Egypt befel him and the rivers were turned into blood; with many other instances in the Scriptures declaring pride to be very abominable in the sight of God, who has always preferred the poor and humble before the rich and proud.

And this example befel one Miss Mary Rice, daughter of one John Rice, who was Overseer of the Poor of Daventry in Northamptonshire, a man that was hard and severe to the poor. The daughter was a very handsome young woman, always praising herself, and making mock of others, but particularly a poor tradesman's wife in the neighbourhood, who being brought to bed of three children at once, she told the woman she could never have them all by one man, but must be whore to others.—She so far persuaded the man that it was so, that he left his wife and children in a miserable condition to the parish. This poor woman fell down on her feeble knees and prayed that the curse of her and her fatherless children might fall upon her, for parting her and her husband.

This young woman in a short time being married, in seven months time she became exceeding big, and instead of three children, as the poor woman had, she on the 10th of January last, had

Three Surprising Monsters!

HER PRAYER FOR HUMILITY.

O MOST Holy and merciful Father, who knoweth the vanity and infirmity of human nature, and dost promise to pity and forgive them, have mercy upon me, vain dust and ashes, and forgive all my vanity and ambition; let not the reputation of any thing that is great and good in me puff up my pride; or make me insolent and oppressive to the meanest person. But do thou, O blessed Father, who puttest value on the humble and meek, subdue every proud and aspiring thought, and to find rest to my soul, from all those many vanities, that tend to haughtiness and ambition. And this beg for the sake of him who was the greatest pattern of humiliation, Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

HER LAMENTATION.

What is here said cannot be deny'd,
Beware you of the Devil's pride;
Old Satan he did surely me deceive,
And for those things I daily grieve.

I was a lofty dame puffed up with pride,
All crooked and deform'd I did deride,
Of God's handy works I made a game,
And now I suffer for the same.

Now here is room for all the world to talk,
I wish them all a warning by me take,
Run not down the poorest soul that lives,
For doing this you'll surely do amiss.