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SHORT, but concise account of ELISABETH, and MARY CHULKHURST, who were born joined together by the Hips and Shoulders, in the Year of our Lord 1100, at BIDDENDEN, in the COUNTY of KENT;

COMMONLY CALLED THE Biddenden Maids.

THE Reader will observe by the above Plate of them, that they lived together in the above state, Thirty-four Years; at the expiration of which Time, one of them was taken Ill, and in a short time died; the surviving one was advised to be separated from the body of her deceased Sister, by dissection, but she absolutely refused the separation, by saying these words, as we came together, we will also go together, and in the space of about six hours after her Sister's decease, She was taken Ill, and died also.

BY their WILL, they bequeathed to the *Churchwardens* of the Parish of BIDDENDEN, and their successors *Churchwardens* for ever, certain pieces or parcels of Land in the Parish of BIDDENDEN, containing twenty Acres, more or less, which now lets at £.31 10s. *per Annum*. There are usually made in commemoration of these wonderful phænomena's of nature, about 1000 Rolls with their impression printed on them, and given away to all Strangers, on *Easter Sunday*, after Divine Service in the Afternoon; also about 300 Quartern Loaves, and Cheese in proportion, to all the poor Inhabitants of the said Parish.