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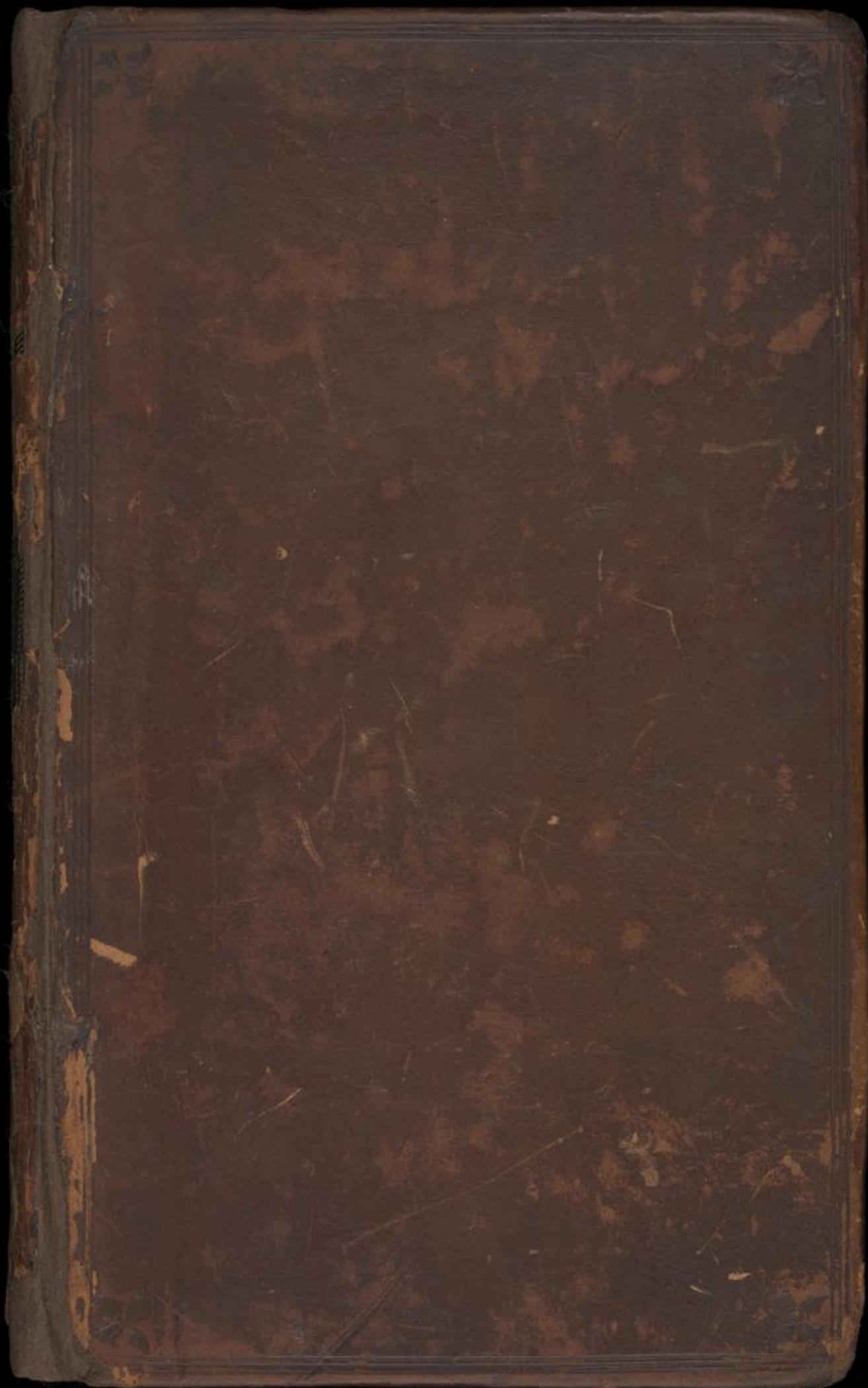
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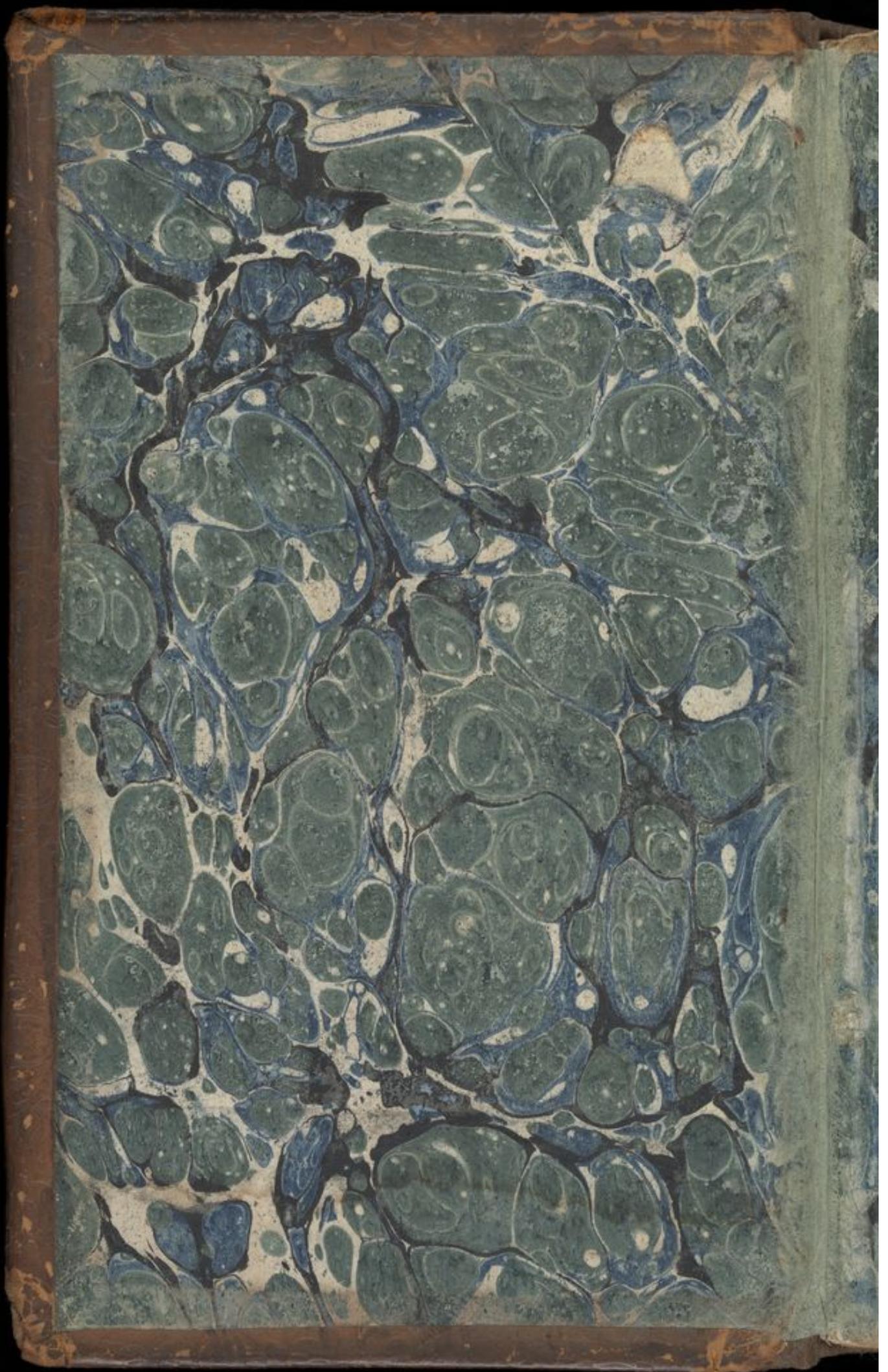
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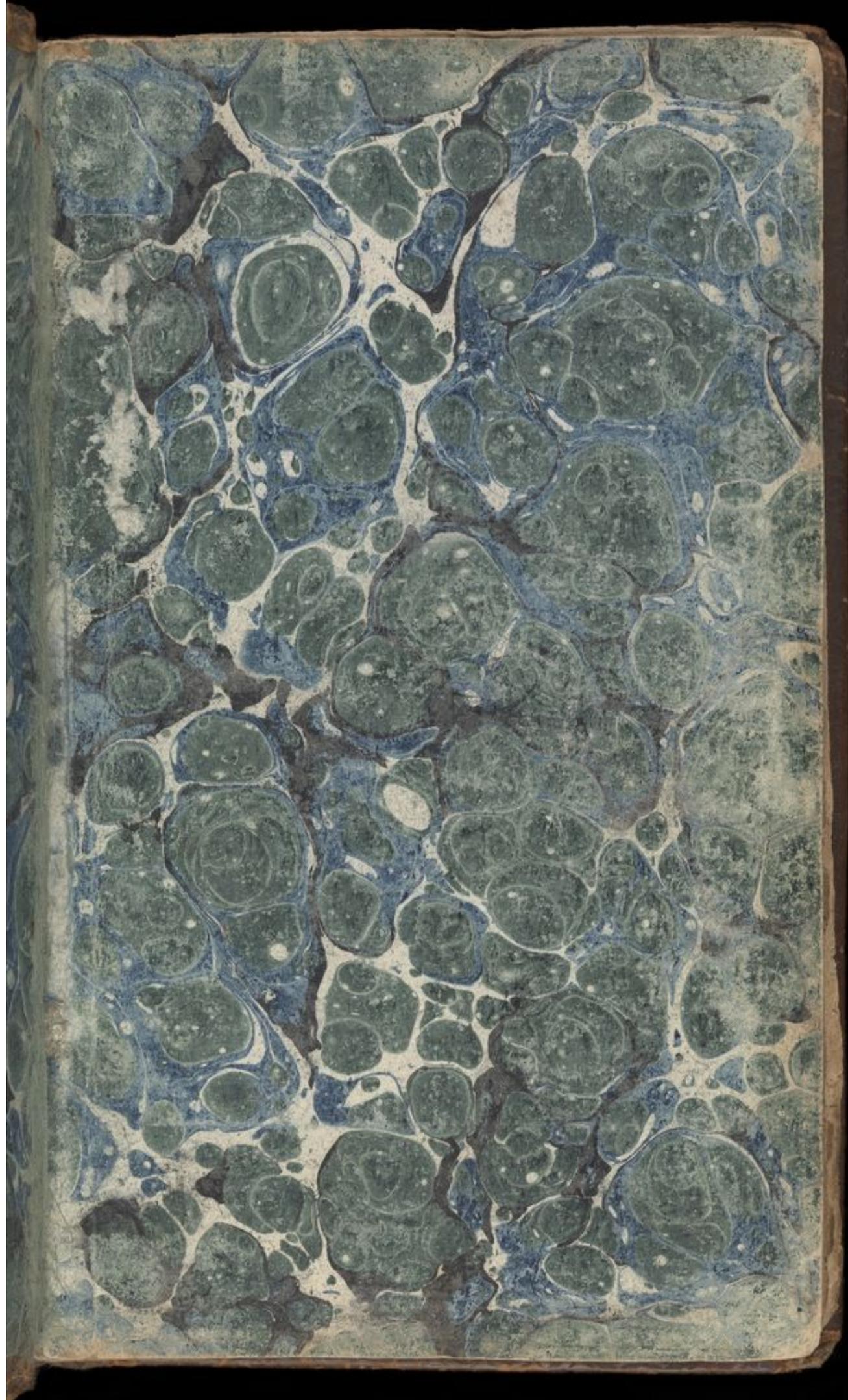
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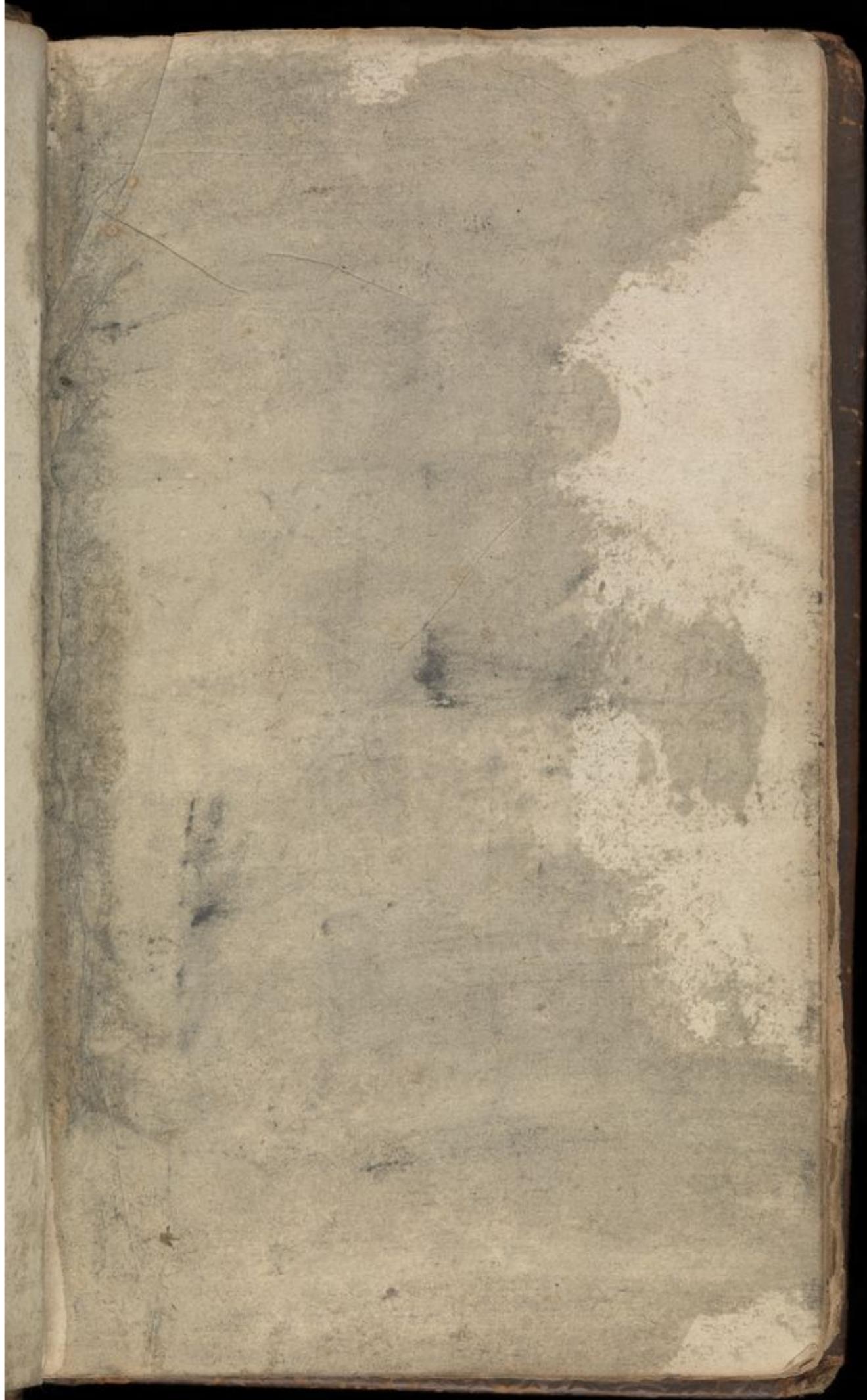
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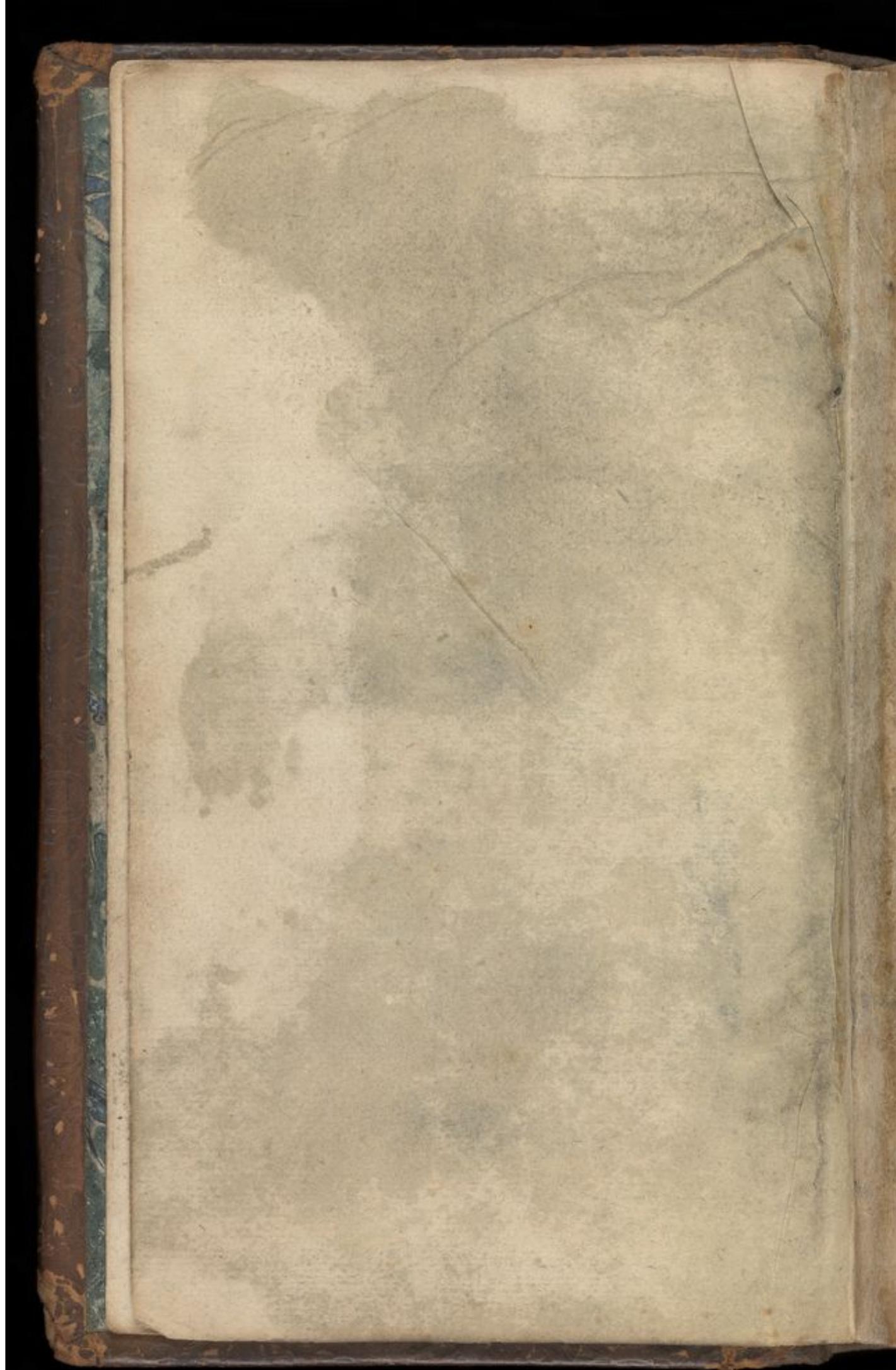
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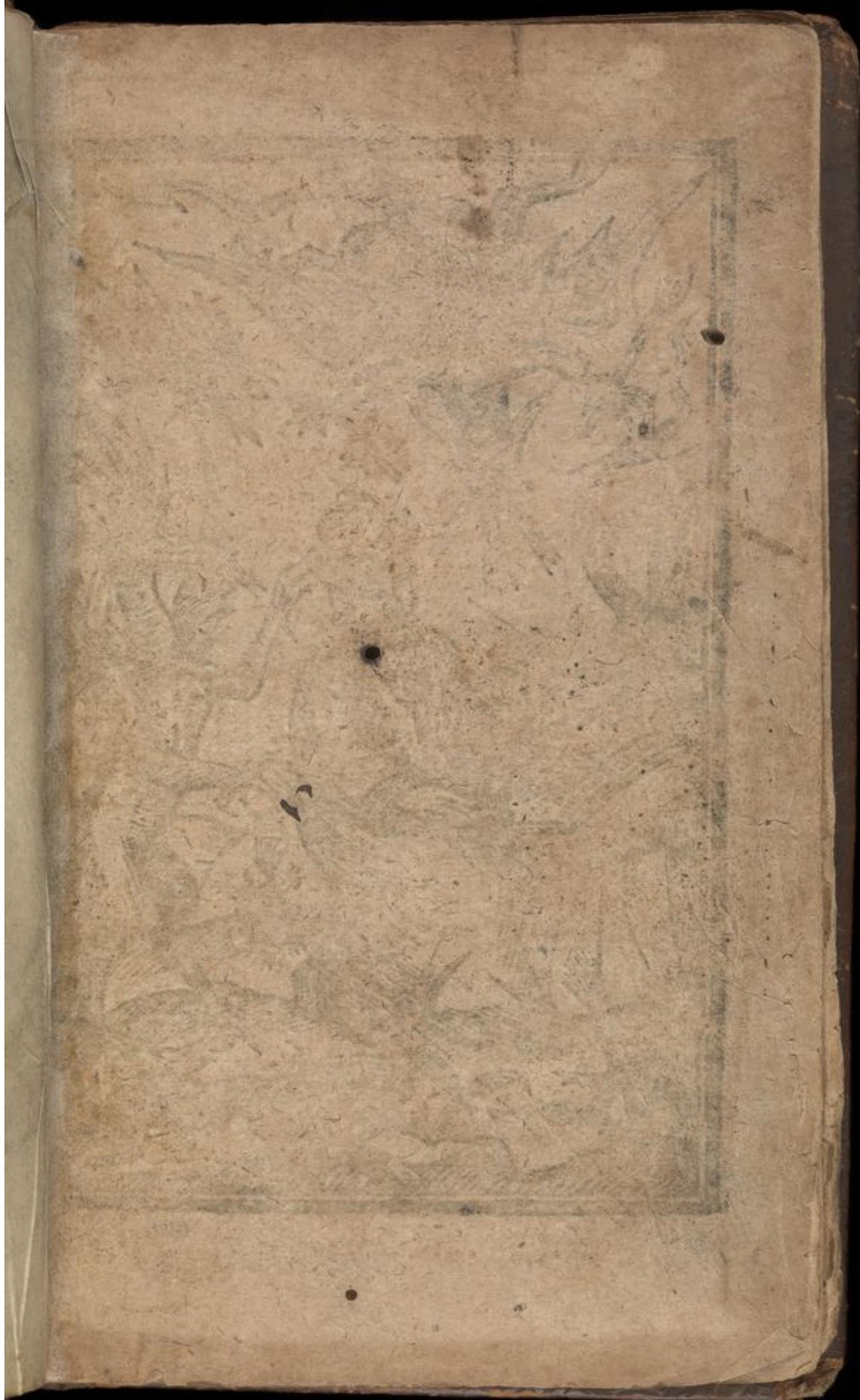
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THE
PREFACE
TO THE
READER.

THIS small Treatise cannot be thought Unseasonable in this Age to inform you, That there are really *Magicians, Conjurers,* and *Witches*, who have *Commerce*, and Familiarity with Evil Spirits, is so clear and plain, both from Holy Scriptures, Councils, Cannon and Civil Laws in all Nations; that none, but those *Atheists* who would endeavour to persuade themselves there are no Spirits; and consequently, no other Life after this, ever deny it; but since the Reality of this Converse with *Dæmons*, and their *Appearances*, and *Possessions* has been so clearly demonstrated in former Ages, but especially in this, by Persons of most acute Judgment and Learning; wherein they

To the READER.

have fully answer'd all Objections to the Contrary. I shall not now ingage at the least in the Controversy; I shall only give an Account of the miserable Death of some Persons mention'd in History, who were concern'd in these cursed Arts: And likewise of some remarkable Apparitions and Actions of Evil Spirits, and their taking Possession of the Bodies of several Persons, and Tormenting them, with several other strange Feats and Illusions of *Satan*; whereas I have likewise transcribed some few out of very approved and credible Historians, both Ancient and Modern; whose Names are added to every particular Relation, that they may thereby obtain the more Credit with the Reader; who may here find in a small Manual, and for a small Price, what has been dispersed in several large Volumes; and therefore I hope will not be unacceptable to the World: Which is the hearty Desire of,

W. P.

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A TRUE

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TRUE ACCOUNT
OF THE
TRYALS
OF THE
Wizards and Witches, &c.

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The Tryal of JULIAN COX.

Julian Cox, Aged 70 Years, was Indicted at Taunton in Somersetshire, about Summer Assizes 1663. before Judge Archer, then Judge of Assize there, for Witchcraft; which she practiced upon a young Maid.

For the Proof of the first Particular, The first Witness was a Huntsman; who Swore, that he went out with a Pack of Hounds to hunt a Hare, and not far off from *Julian Cox's*
B House,

House, he at last started a Hare. The Dogs hunted her very Close, and the third ring-hunted her in view, till at last the Huntsman



perceiving the Hare almost spent, and making toward a great Bush, he ran on the other side of the Bush to take her up, and preserve her from the Dogs; But as soon as he laid Hands on her, it proved to be *Julian Cox*; who had her Head grovelling on the Ground, and her Globs (as he expressed it) upward. He knowing her, was affrighted, that his Hair on his Head stood on end; and he spake to her, and ask'd her, What brought her there? But she was so far out of Breath, that she could not make him any Answer: his

his Dogs also came up with full Cry to recover the Game, and smelt at her, and so left off Hunting any further: And the Huntsman with the Dogs went home presently, sadly affrighted.

Secondly, Another Witness Swore, That as he passed by *Cox's* Door, she was taking a Pipe of Tobacco upon the Threshold of the Door, and invited him to come in and take a Pipe? which he did; and as he was taking, *Julian* said to him, Neighbour, look



what a pretty Thing there is: He look'd down, and there was a monstrous great Toad betwixt his Legs, staring him in the Face;

he endeavour'd to kill it by spurning it, but could not hit. Whereupon, *Julian* bad him forbear, and it would do him no hurt; but he threw down his Pipe and went Home, (which was about two Miles off of *Julian Cox's* House, and told his Family what had happened; and that he believed it was one of *Julian Cox's* Devils. After, he was taking a Pipe of Tobacco at Home, and the same Toad appear'd betwixt his Legs: he took the Toad out to Kill it, and to his thinking cut it in several Pieces; but returning to his Pipe, the Toad still appeared. He endeavour'd to burn it, but could not: At length he took a Switch and beat it; The Toad ran several Times about the Room to avoid him, he still pursuing it with Correction. At length the Toad cry'd and vanish'd, and he was never after troubled with it.

Thirdly, Another swore, That *Julian* pass'd by his Yard while his Beasts were in Milking, and stooping down scored upon the Ground for some small Time. During which Time his Cattle ran Mad, and some ran their Heads against the Trees, and some of them died speedily: Whereupon concluding they were Bewitch'd, he was after advised to this Experiment, to find out the Witch, viz. to cut off the Ears of the bewitched Beasts and burn them; and that the Witch would be in Misery, and could

not

not rest till they were plucked out; Which he tried, and while they were Burning, *Julian Cox* came into the House, Raging and Scolding, that they had abused her without a Cause; but she went presently to the Fire, and took out the Ears that were burning, and then she was quiet.

Fourthly, Another Witness Swore, That she had seen *Julian Cox* fly into her own Chamber Window in her full Proportion; and that she very well knew her, and was sure it was she.



Fifthly, Another Evidence was the Confession of *Julian Cox* herself, upon her Examination before a Justice of Peace, which

was to this Purpose; That she had been often tempted by the Devil to be a Witch, but never consented. That one Evening, she walk'd out about a Mile from her own House, and there came Riding towards her three Persons upon three Broom-staves, born up about a Yard and a half from the



Ground, two of them she formerly knew; which were a Wizard, and a Witch, that were Hang'd for Witchcraft several Years before; the third Person she knew not: He came in the Shape of a black Man, and tempted her to give him her Soul, or to that Effect, and to express it by pricking her Finger, and giving her Name in her Blood,

Blood in Token of it, and told her that she had Revenge against several Persons that had wronged her, but could nor bring her Purpose to pass without his Help : And that upon the Terms aforesaid, he wou'd assist her to be revenged against them. But she said, she did not consent to it. This was the sum of the general Evidence to prove her a Witch.

But now for the Second Particular to Prove her Guilty of the Witchcraft upon the Maid whereof she was Indicted; this Evidence was offered :

It was proved, that *Julian Cox* came for an Alms to the House where this Maid was a Servant; and that the Maid told her, She should have none, and gave her a cross Answer, that displeas'd *Julian*. Whereupon *Julian* was Angry, and told the Maid, She should repent it before Night; and so she did, for before Night, she was taken with a Convulsion Fit, and after that left her, she saw *Julian Cox* following her, and cried out to the People in the House to save her from *Julian*.

But none saw *Julian* but the Maid; and all did impute it to her Imagination only : and in the Night she cry'd out of *Julian Cox* and the black Man, that they came upon her Bed, and tempted her to Drink something they offer'd her. But she cried out,

she defy'd the Devil's Drenches. This also they imputed to her Imagination, and bid her be Quiet, because they in the same Chamber with her, did not see or hear any Thing, and they thought it had been her Conceit only.

The Maid the next Night expecting the Conflict she had the Night before, brought up with her a Knife, and laid it at her Beds Head: About the same Time of the Night, as before, *Julian*, and the black Man came again upon the Maids Bed, and tempted her to Drink that which they brought, but she



refused, crying in the Audience of the rest of the Family, That she defy'd the Devil's Drenches; and took the Knife and Stabbed

Julian

Julian; and, as she said, she wounded her in the Leg, and was importunate with the Witness to Ride to *Julian Cox's* House presently to see if it were not so. The Witness, went and took the Knife with him, *Julian Cox* would not let him in; but they forced the Door open, and found a fresh Wound in *Julian's* Leg, as the Maid had said, which did suit with the Knife; and *Julian* had been just Dressing it when the Witness came. There was Blood also found upon the Maid's Bed.

The next Morning, the Maid continued her Out-cries, that *Julian Cox* appeared to her in the House Wall, and offer'd her great Pins which she forced her to Swallow. And all the Day the Maid was observed to convey her Hand to the House Walls, and from the Wall to her Mouth; and she seemed by the Motion of her Mouth, as if she did eat something; But none saw any thing but the Maid, and therefore thought still it might be her Fancy, and did not much mind it. But towards Night this Maid began to be very Ill and complained, That the Pins that *Julian* forced her to eat out of the Wall, did torment her in all Parts of her Body, that she could not endure it, and made lamentable Out-cries for Pain. Whereupon several Persons being present, the Maid was undress'd, and in several Parts of the

Maid's Body, several great Swellings appeared, and out of the Head of the Swellings several great Pins points appeared; Which the Witnesses took out; and upon the Trial there were about Thirty great Pins produced in Court (which I myself handled) all which was Sworn by several Witnesses, that they were taken out of the Maids Body, in manner as is aforesaid.

Judge *Archer*, who tryed the Prisoner, told the Jury, that he had heard that a Witch could not repeat that Petition in the *Lord's Prayer*, viz. [*And lead us not into Temptation*] and having this Occasion he would try the Experiment; and told the Jury that whether she could, or could not, they were not in the least Measure to guide their Verdict according to it, because it was not legal Evidence; but that they must be guided in their Verdict by the former Evidence given in upon Oath only.

The Prisoner was called for up to the next Bar to the Court, and demanded if she cou'd say the *Lord's Prayer*? She said, she could, and went over the Prayer readily till she came to that Petition. Then she said [*And lead us into Temptation*] or [*and lead us not into no Temptation*] but could not say [*And lead us not into Temptation*] though she was directed to say it after

ter one that repeated it to her, distinctly.
But she could not repeat it, otherwise than
is express'd already; though tried to do it
near half a Score times in open Court.
After all which the Jury found her Guilty,
and Judgment having been given, within
three or four Days; she was Executed with-
out any Confession of the Fact.

C H A P. II.

Which containeth the Witchcraft of Elizabeth
 Styles of Bayford, Widow.



Elizabeth Stytes, her Confession of her
 Witchcraft, January the 26. and 30.
 and Feb. 7. 1664. before Robert Hunt, Esq;
 She then confessed, That the Devil about
 ten Years since, appeared to her in the
 Shape of a handsom Man, and after of a
 black Dog. That he promised her Money,
 and that she should live gallantly and have
 the Pleasure of the World for 12 Years;
 if

if she would with her Blood sign his Paper, which was to give her Soul to him, and observe his Laws, and that he might Suck her Blood. This, after four Solicitations, the Examinant promised him to do. Upon which he prick'd the fourth Finger of her right Hand, between the middle and upper Joynt, (where the Sign at the Examination remained) and with a drop or two of her Blood, she signed the Paper with an [o]. Upon this, the Devil gave her Sixpence, and vanish'd with the Paper.

That since he hath appeared to her in the Shape of a Man, and did so on *Wednesday* Seven-night past; but more usually he appears in the Likeness of a Dog, or Cat, and a Fly, like a Millar; in which last he usually sucks in the Poll about Four of the Clock in the Morning; and did so *Jan. 27.* and that it usually is pain to her to be so suck'd.

That when she hath a desire to do Harm, She calls the Spirit by the Name of *Robin*; to whom when he appeareth, she useth these words, *O Sathan, give me my Purpose.* She then tells him what she would have done; and that he should so appear to her, was Part of her Contract with him.

That about a Month ago he appearing, she desired him to torment one *Elizabeth Hill*, and to thrust Thorns into her Flesh, which he promised to do, and the next Time he appeared, he told her he had done it.

That a little above a Month since this Examinant, *Alice Duke*, *Anne Bishop* and *Mary Penny*, met about Nine of the Clock in the Night, in the Common near *Trister-Gate*, where they met a Man in Black Clothes, with a little Band, to whom they did Courtesie and due Observance; and the Examinant verily believes that this was the Devil. At that Time *Alice Duke* brought a Picture in Wax, which was for *Elizabeth Hill*: the Man in Black took it in his Arms, anointed it's Forehead, and said, *I baptize thee with this Oil*, and used some other Words; he was Godfather: And the Examinant and *Anne Bishop* Godmothers; they call'd it *Elizabeth*, or *Bess*. There the Man in Black, this Examinant *Anne Bishop*, and *Alice Duke*, stuck Thorns into several Places of the Neck, Hand-wrist, Fingers, and other Parts of the said Picture. After which they had Wine, Cakes, and Roast-meat, (all brought by the Man in Black) which they did Eat and Drink; they Danced and were Merry, were bodily there, and their Clothes.

She

She further saith, That the same Persons met again, at or near the same Place about a Month since, when *Anne Bishop* brought a Picture in Wax, which was baptized *John*, in the like manner as the Other was, the Man in Black was the Godfather, and *Alice*



Duke, and this Examinant, Godmothers. As soon as it was Baptized, *Anne Bishop* stuck two Thorns into the Arms of the Picture, which was for one *Robert Newman's* Child of *Wincaunton*. After they had Eaten, Drank, Danc'd, and made Merry, they departed.

That

That She with *Anne Bishop*, and *Alice Duke*, met at another Time in the Night, in a Ground near *Marnhill*; where also met several other Persons. The Devil then also there in the former Shape baptized a Picture by the Name of *Anne*, or *Rachel Hatcher*; the Picture of one *Durnford's* Wife brought, and stuck Thorns in it. Then they also made Merry with Wine and Cakes, and so departed.

She saith, Before they are carried to their Meetings, they anoint their Foreheads and Hand-wrists with Oyl the Spirit brings them (which smells raw) and then they are carried in a very short Time, using these Words as they pass, *Tbout, tout a tout, tout* throughout and about; and when they go off from their Meetings, they say, *Rentum Tormentum*.

That at their First meeting, the Man in Black bids them Welcome, and they all make low Obeysance to him, and he delivers some Wax Candles like little Torches, which they give back again at parting. When they anoint themselves, they use a long Form of Words, and when they stick in Thorns into the Picture of any they would Torment, they say, A Pox on thee I'll spite thee.

That

That at every Meeting before the Spirit
vanisheth away, he appoints the next meet-
ing Place and Time; and at his Departure
there is a foul Smell. At their Meeting
they have usually Wine, or good Beer,
Cakes, Meat, or the like; they Eat and
Drink really: When they meet in their



Bodies, Dance also, and have Musick; the
Man in Black sits at the hither End, and
Anne Bishop usually next him: He useth
some Words before Meat, and none after;
his Voice is audible, but very low.

That they are carried sometimes in their
Bodies and their Clothes, sometimes with-
out, and as the Examinant thinks, their
Bodies

Bodies are sometimes left behind, when only their Spirits are present; yet they know one another.

When they would Bewitch Man, Woman or Child, they do it sometimes by a Picture made in Wax, which the Devil formally Baptizeth. Sometimes they have an Apple, Dish, Spoon or other Thing, from that evil Spirit; which they give the Party to whom they would do Harm; Upon which they have Power to hurt the



Person that eats or receives it. Sometimes they have Power to do Mischief by a Touch or Curse, by these they can Mischief Cattle, and by Cursing without Touching; but

but neither without the Devil's Leave. That she hath been at several general Meetings in the Night at *High Common*, and a Common near *Molcombe*, at a Place near *Marnhill*, and at other Places; where have met *John Combs*, *John Vining*, *Richard Dickes*, *Thomas Bush*, a Lame Man, *Rachel King*, *Richard Cannan*, a Woman called *Durnford*, *Alice Duke*, *Anne Bishop*, *Mary Penny*, and *Christopher Ellen*; All which did Obeifance to the Man in Black: Ufually they have at them, some Picture baptized.

The Man in Black, sometimes Plays on a Pipe, or Cittern, and the Company dance; at last the Devil vanifheth, and all are carried to their feveral Homes in a fhort fpace. At their parting they fay [*Hey Boy; Merry meet, Merry part.*]

That the Reason why She caufed *Elizabeth Hill* to be the more tormented, was, becaufe her Father had faid, She was a Witch. That ſhe has feen *Alice Duke's* Familiar, fuck her, in the Shape of a Cat, and *Anne Bishop's*, fuck her in the Shape of a Rat.

That ſhe never heard the Name of God or *Jesus Chriſt* mention'd at any of their Meetings.

That

That *Anne Bishop*, about Five Years and a half since, did bring a Picture in Wax to their Meeting; which was Baptized by the Man in Black, and called *Peter*; it was for *Robert Newman's* Child at *Wincaunton*.

That some two two Years ago, she gave two Apples to *Agnes Vining*, late Wife of *Richard Vining*; and that she had one of the Apples from the Devil, who then appeared to her, and told her, That Apple would do *Vining's* Wife's Business.

Taken in the Presence of several Grave and Orthodox Divines,

Before me,

ROBERT HUNT.

C H A P.

C H A P. III.

Of the strange Witchcraft discovered in the Village of Mohra in Swedeland, taken out of the Publick Register of the Lords Commissioners appointed by His Majesty the King of Sweden, to Examine the Business, in the Years of our Lord 1669. and 1670.

THE News of this Witchcraft coming to the King's Ear, His Majesty was pleased to appoint Commissioners; Some of the Clergy, and some of the Laity, to make a Journey to the Town aforesaid, and to Examine the whole Business; and accordingly the Examination was order'd to be on the 15th of *August*; and the Commissioners met on the 1st Instant, in the said Village, at the Parson's House; to whom both the Minister and several People of fashion complain'd with Tears in their Eyes, of the miserable Condition they were in; and therefore begg'd of them to think of some Way whereby they might be delivered from their Calamity. They gave the Commissioners very strange Instances of the Devil's Tyranny among them; How by the help of Witches, he had

had drawn some Hundreds of Children to him, and made them Subject to his Power; How he hath been seen to go in a visible Shape through the Countrey, and appeared daily to the People; How he had wrought upon the poorer Sort, by presenting them with Meat and Drink, and this Way allured them to himself, with other Circumstances to be mentioned hereafter. The Inhabitants of the Village added, with very great Lamentations, that though their Children had told all, and sought God very earnestly by Prayer, they were carried away by him; and therefore begg'd of the Lord's Commissioners to root out these Witches, that they might regain their former Rest and Quietness; and the rather, because the Children which used to be carried away there in the Countrey or District of *Elfdale*, since some Witches had been burnt there, others remained Unmolested.

That Day being the last Humiliation-Day, instituted by Authority for the removing of his Judgment, the Commissioners went to Church, where there appeared a considerable Assembly both of Young and Old: the Children could read most of them, and sing Psalms; and so could the Women, though not with any great Zeal or Fervour. There were Preach'd

two Sermons that Day, in which the miserable Case of those People that suffered themselves to be deluded by the Devil, was laid open; and those Sermons were at last concluded with very fervent Prayers.



The Publick Worship being over, all the People of the Town, were called together to the Parson's House, near three Thousand of them; Silence being Commanded, the King's Commission was read publickly in the hearing of them all, and they were charged under very great Penalties to conceal nothing of the Truth, and to say nothing but the Truth; those especially who were Guilty; that the Children might be delivered

delivered from the Devil's Clutches, they all promised Obedience; the Guilty feignedly, but the Guiltlessweeping and crying bitterly.

On the 14th of *August*, the Commissioners met again, consulting how they might withstand this dangerous Flood; after long Deliberation, an Order also coming from his Majesty, they did resolve to execute such, as the Matter of Fact could be proved upon, Examination being made; for there were discovered no less than Threescore and ten in the Village aforesaid, Three and twenty of which freely confessing their Crimes, were condemn'd to Die: The rest, One pretending that she was with Child; and the other denying, and pleading Not Guilty, were sent to *Fabuna*; where most of them were afterwards Executed.

Fifteen Children, which likewise confessed that they were engaged in this Witchery, died as the rest; Six and thirty of them, between Nine and Sixteen Years of Age, who had been less Guilty, were forced to run the Gantlet; Twenty more, who had no great Inclination, yet had been seduced to those Hellish Enterprizes, because they were very young; were condemned to be lash'd with Rods upon their Hands, for three *Sundays* together, at the Church-door; and the foresaid Six and

thirty

they thirty were also deem'd to be Lashed the
ign Way once a Week for a whole Year toge-
ying ther; The number of the seduced Children
was about three hundred.

On the Twenty Fifth of *August*, the Ex-
ffio ecution was done upon the notoriously
ight Guilty, the Day being bright and glorious,
long and the Sun shining, and some Thousands
rom of People being present at the Spectacle.
cute The Order and Method observed in the Exa-
pro mination was thus:

First, The Commissioners and the Neigh-
hree bouring Justices went to Prayers; this done,
their the Witches, who had most of them Chil-
rest dren with them, which they either had se-
ild; duced, or attempted to seduce from four Years
Not of Age to sixteen, were set before them.
nost Some of the Children complained lamen-
com tably, of the Misery and Mischief they
Wit were forced sometime to suffer of the
irty Witches.

The Children being asked whether they
ears were sure that they were at any time car-
were ried away by the Devil? They all decla-
more red they were, begging of the Commissio-
been ners that they might be freed from that in-
be tolerable Yoke.

Hereupon, the Witches themselves were
their asked, Whether the Confessions of these
the Children were true? and admonish'd to
and confess

confess the Truth, that they might turn away from the Devil unto the Living God. At first, most of them did very stiffly and without shedding the least Tear, deny it, though much against their Will and Inclination.

After this, the Children were Examined every one by themselves, to see whether their Confessions did agree, or no; and the Commissioners found that all of them, except some very little ones, who could not tell all the Circumstances, did punctually agree in the Confession of Particulars.

In the mean while, the Commissioners that were of the Clergy examin'd the Witches, but could not bring them to any Confession, all continuing stedfast in their Denyals, till at last some of them burst out into Tears, and they agreed with what the Children had said. And these expressed their abhorrency of the Fact, and begged Pardon; a ding, That the Devil, whom they call'd *Loeyta*, had stop't the Mouth of some, and stop't the Ears of others, and being now gone from them, they could no longer conceal it; for they now perceived his Treachery.

The Confession which the Witches made in *Elfdale*, to the Judges there, agreed with the Confession they made at *Mobra*

And chief Things they confess'd consisted
in these three Points.

1. Whither they used to go.
2. What kind of Place it was they went
to, called by them *Blockula*; where the
Witches and the Devils used to meet.
3. What Evil or Mischief they had ei-
ther done, or designed there.

1. Of their Journey to *Blockula*. The
Contents of their Confession.

We of the Province of *Elfdale*, do con-
fess, That we used to go to a Gravel-Pit
which lay hard by, a Cross-way, and there
we put on a Garment over our Heads, and
then Danced round, and after this ran to
the Cross-Way, and called the Devil thrice.
First, with a still Voice; The Second time
somewhat louder; and the Third time very
loud, with these words, *Antecessor come
and carry us to Blockula*: Whereupon, im-
mediately he used to appear, but in diffe-
rent Habits; but for the most part, we saw
him in a Grey Coat, and Red and Blue
Stockings: He had a red Beard, a high-
crown'd Hat, with Linnen, of divers Co-
lours wrapt about it, and long Garters up-
on his Stockins.

Then he asked us whether we would Serve him with Soul and Body? if we were content to do so, he set us on a Beast which he had there ready, and carried us over



Churches and high Walls; and after all, we came to a Green Meadow, where *Blockula* lies. We must procure some Shavings of Altars, and Church Clocks; and then he gives us a Horn with a Salve in it, wherewith we do anoint our selves; and then he gives us a Saddle, with a Hammer and a wooden Nail, thereby to fix the Saddle; whereupon we call upon the Devil, and away we go.

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Those that were at the Town of *Mobra*, made in a manner they were sure of a real personal Transportation, and whether they were awake then when it was done; they all answer'd in the Affirmative, and that the Devil sometimes laid something down in the Place that was very like them. But one of them confessed, That he did only take away her Strength; yet sometimes he took even her Body with him.

Being ask'd, How they could go with their Bodies through Chimnies and broken Panes of Glass? They said, That the Devil did first remove all that might hinder them in their Flight, and so they had room enough to go.

Others were asked, How they were able to carry so many Children with them? and they answer'd, That when the Children were asleep, they came into the Chamber, laid hold of the Children, which straightway did awake, and asked them whether they would go to a Feast with them? to which some answer'd, Yes; others, No; yet they were all forced to go. They only gave the Children a Shirt, a Coat, and a Doublet, which was either Red or Blue, and so they did set them upon a Beast of the Devil's providing, and then they rid away.

The Children confessed the same Thing; and some added, That because they had very fine Clothes put upon them, they were very willing to go.

Some of the Children concealed it from their Parents, but others discover'd it to them presently.

The Witches declared moreover, That till of late they never had that Power to carry away Children, but only this Year; and at last, the Devil did at this time force them to it: That heretofore it was sufficient to carry but one of their Children, or a Stranger's Child with them, which yet happen'd seldom; but now he did plague them and whip them if they did not procure him Children, inasmuch that they had no peace nor quiet for him. And whereas formerly one Journey a Week would serve turn, from their own Town to the Place aforesaid, now they were forced to run to other Towns and Places for Children, and that some of them did bring with them some Fifteen, some Sixteen Children every Night.

For their Journey, they said they made use of all sorts of Instruments, of Beasts, of Men, of Spits, and Posts, according as they had Opportunity: If they do ride upon Goats, and have many Children with them, that all may have room, they

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stick a Spit into the Backside of the Goat,
and then are anointed with the afore-
said Ointment. What the manner of their



Journey is, God alone knows; thus much
was made out, that if the Children did
any time name the Names of those that
carried them away.

They were again carried by force either
to *Blockula*, or to the *Cross-Way*; and there
miserably beaten, infomuch that some of
them died of it, and this some of the Witches
confessed: And added, that now they were
exceedingly troubled and tortured in their
Minds for it. The Children thus used,
look'd mighty bleak, wan, and leaden. The

Marks of the Lashes the Judges could not perceive in them, except in one Boy, who had some Wounds and Holes in his Back that were given him with Thorns; but the Witches said, they would quickly vanish.

After this usage, the Children are exceeding weak, and if any be carried over Night, they cannot recover themselves the next Day, and this happens to them by Fits: and if a Fit comes upon them, they lean on their Mother's Arms, who sit with them up sometimes all Night, and, when they observe the Paleness coming, they shake the Children, but to no Purpose.

They observe further, that their Childrens Breasts grow cold at such Times; and they take sometimes a burning Candle and stick it in their Hair, which yet is not burnt by it. They Swoon upon this Paleness, which Swoon lasteth sometimes an Hour, sometimes two Hours; and when the Children come to themselves again, they mourn, and lament, and groan most miserably, and beg exceedingly to be eased; Thus two Old men declared upon Oath before the Judges, and call'd all the Inhabitants of the Town to witness, as Persons that had most of them Experience of this strange Symptom of their Children.

A little Girl of *Elfdale* confessed, That naming the Name of *Jesus*, as she was carried away, she fell suddenly upon the Ground, and got a great hole in her Side, which the Devil presently healed up again, and away he carried her, and to this Day the Girl confessed she had exceeding great Pain on her Side.

Another Boy confessed too, That one Day he was carried away by his Mistress, and to perform the Journey, he took his own Father's Horse out of the Meadow where it was; and upon his return she let the Horse go in her own Ground.

The next Day the Boy's Father sought for his Horse, and not finding it, gave it over for lost; But the Boy told the whole Story, and so his Father fetcht the Horse back again. And this one of the Witches confessed.

2. Of the Place where they used to Assemble, called *Blockula*, and what they did there.

They unanimously confessed, That *Blockula* is situated in a delicate large Meadow, whereof you can see no End: The Place or House they met at, had before it, a Gate painted with divers Colours; through this Gate they went into a little

Meadow, distinct from the other where
 the Beasts were that they us'd to Ride on.
 But the Man, whom they made use of in
 their Journey, stood in the House by the
 Gate in a slumbering Posture sleeping against
 the Wall.



In a huge large Room of the House,
 they said, there stood a very long Table,
 at which the Witches did sit down: And
 that hard by this Room was another Cham-
 ber, where there were very lovely and deli-
 cate Beds.

The first Thing they said they must do
 at *Blockula* was, That they must deny all,
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and devote themselves Body and Soul to the Devil, and promise to serve him faithfully, and confirm all this with an Oath. Hereupon they cut their Fingers, and with their Blood writ their Name in his Book: They added, that he caused them to be baptized too by such Priests as he had there, and made them confirm their Baptism with dreadful Oaths and Imprecations; Hereupon the Devil gave them a Purse, wherein there were Shavings of Clocks, with a Stone tied to it, which they threw into the Water, and then were forced to speak these Words; *As these Shavings of the Clock do never return to the Clock from which they are taken, may my Soul never return to Heaven.* To which they add Blasphemy and other Oaths and Curses.

The mark of their cut Fingers is not found in all them: But a Girl who had been flashed over her Finger, declared, That because she would not stretch out her Fingers, the Devil in anger had so cruelly wounded it.

After this, they fate down to Table; and those that the Devil observed most, were placed nearest to him; but the Children must stand at the Door, where he himself gives them Meat and Drink.

The Diet they did use to have there, was, they said, Broth, and Coleworts and Bacon in it; Oatmeal, Bread, spread with



Butter-milk and Cheese. And they added, That sometimes it tasted very well, and sometimes very ill; After Meals they went to Dancing, and in the mean while Swear and Curse most dreadfully; and afterward they went to fighting one with another.

Those of *Elfdale* confessed, That the Devil used to play upon an Harp before them, and afterwards to go with them that he liked best into a Chamber, where he committed venereous Acts with them; and this indeed all confessed, that he had carnal

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Knowledge of them, and that the Devil had Sons and Daughters, which he did marry together, and brought forth Toads and Serpents.

One day the Devil seemed to be Dead, whereupon there was great Lamentation at *Blockula*; but he soon awaked again; if he hath a Mind to be merry with them, he lets them all ride upon Spits before him; takes afterwards the Spits, and beats them black and blue, and then Laughs at them, and he bids believe that the Day of Judgment will come speedily, and therefore sets them on work to build a great House of Stone, promising, that in that House he will preserve them from God's Fury, and cause them to enjoy the greatest Delights and Pleasures: But while they Work exceeding hard at it, there falls a great part of the Wall down again, whereby some of the Witches are commonly hurt, which makes him Laugh, but presently he Cures them again.

They said they had seen sometimes a very great Devil, like a Dragon with Fire round about him, and bound with an Iron chain; and the Devil that convers'd with them, tells them, That if they confess any Thing, he will let that great Devil loose upon them, whereby all *Swedeland* shall come into great Danger. They

They added, That the Devil had a Church there, such another as is in the Town of *Mobra*. When the Commissioners were



coming, he told the Witches, they should not fear them; for he would certainly kill them all: and they confessed that some of them had attempted to Murder the Commissioners; but had not been able to effect it.

Some of the Children talked much of a white Angel, which used to forbid them doing what the Devil had bid them do, and told them that those Doings should not last long: What had been done, had been

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been permitted, because of the Wickedness of the People, and the carrying away of the Children should be made manifest. And they added, that this white Angel would place himself, sometimes at the Door betwixt the Witches and the Children; and when they came to *Blockada* he pulled the Children back, but the Witches they went in.

3. Of the Mischief of Evil which the Witches promised to do to Man and Beasts.



They confessed that they were to promise the Devil, that they would do all that s

that's Ill; and that the Devil taught them to Milk, which was in this wise: They used to stick a Knife in the Wall, and hang a kind of a Label on it, which they drew and stroaked; and as long as this lasted, the Persons that they have Powe overweremiserably Plagued, and, the Beasts were milked that Way, till sometimes they died of it.

A Woman confessed, That the Devil gave her a wooden Knife, wherewith, going into Houses, she had Power to kill any Thing she touched with it; yet there were few that would confess that they had hurt any Man or Woman.

Being asked, whether they had murdered any Children? They confessed, that they had indeed tormented them; but did not know whether any of them had died of those Plagues: And added, That the Devil had shewed them several Places where he had Power to do Mischief.

The Minister of *Elfdale* declared, That one Night these Witches were, to his thinking, upon the Crown of his Head, and that from thence he had a long continued Pain of the Head. One of the Witches confessed to, That the Devil had sent her to torment that Minister: And that she was order'd to use a Nail, and
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strike it into his Head, but it would not enter very deep, and hence came that Head-ach.

The aforefaid Minister said also, That one Night he felt a Pain, as if it were torn with an Instrument that they cleanse Flax with, or a Flax-comb; and when he awak'd, he heard somebody scratching and scraping at the Window, but could see nobody: And one of the Witches confess'd, That she was the Person that did it, being sent by the Devil.



The Minister of *Mobra* declared also, That one Night one of these Witches came

came into his House, and did so violently take him by the Throat, that he thought he should have been choaked; and awaking, he saw the Person that did it, but could not know her; and that for some Weeks he was not able to Speak, or perform Divine Service.

An Old Woman of *Elfdale* confessed, That the Devil had holpen her to make a Nail, which she struck into Boy's Knee, of which Stroak the Boy remain'd Lame a long time; and she added, that before she's Burnt, or Executed by the Hand of Justice, the Boy would recover.

They confessed also, That the Devil gives them a Beast, about the bigness and shape of a young Cat, which they call a Carrier; and that he gives them a Bird too, as big as a Raven, but white: and these two Creatures they can send any where; and where-ever they come, they take away all sorts of Victuals they can get, Butter, Cheese, Milk, Bacon, and all sorts of Seeds whatever they find, and carry it to the Witch; What the Bird brings they may keep for themselves; but what the Carrier brings they must reserve for the Devil, and that's brought to *Bleekula*: Where he doth give them of it, so much as he thinks fit.

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They add likewise, that these Carriers fill themselves so full, sometimes, that they are forc'd to Spew by the way, which Spewing is found in X several Gardens where Coleworts grow, and not far from the Houses of those Witches. It is of a yellowish Colour, like Gold, and is called Butter of Witches.



The Lords Commissioners were indeed very earnest, and took great Pains to persuade them to shew some of their Tricks, but to no Purpose; for they did all unanimously confess, that since they had confessed all, they found that all their Witchcraft

craft was gone, and that the Devil at this Time appeared to them very terrible, with Claws on his Hands and Feet, and with Horns on his Head, and a long Tail behind, and shewing to them a Pit burning, with a Hand put out; but the Devil did thrust the Persons down again with an Iron Fork; and suggested to the Witches, That if that they continued in their Confessions, he will deal with them in the same manner.

A Modern Instance of Witches, discovered and condemned in a Tryal, before that celebrated Judge, *Sir Matthew Hale*.

It may cast some Light upon the Dark Things now in *America*, if we just give a glance upon the like Things lately happening in *Europe*: We may see the Witchcrafts here most exactly resemble the Witchcrafts there: And we may learn what Sort of Devils do trouble the World.

The Venerable *Baxter* very truly says, Judge *Hale* was a Person, then whom no Man was more Backward to Condemn a Witch, without full Evidence.

Now, One of the latest Accounts about a Tryal of Witches, is of what was before him; and it ran on this wise. [*Printed in the Year, 1682.*] And it is here the rather

ther mentioned, because it was a Tryal, much consider'd by the Judge of New England.

1. *Rose Cullender* and *Amy Duny*, were severally Indicted, for Bewitching *Elizabeth Durant*, *Ann Durant*, *Jane Bocking*, *Susan Chandler*, *William Durent*, *Elizabeth* and *Deborah Pacy*: And the Evidence whereon they were Convicted stood upon divers particular Circumstances.

2. *Anny Durant*, *Susan Chandler*, and *Elizabeth Pacy*, when they came into the Hall, to give Instructions for the Drawing the Bills of Indictment, they fell into Strange and violent Fits, so that they were unable to give in their Depositions; not only then, but also during the whole Assizes: *William Durent* being an Infant, his Mother Swore, That *Amy Duny* looking after her Child one Day in her absence, did at her return Confess, that she had given Suck to the Child: (though she were an old Woman:) Where when *Durent* expressed her Displeasure, *Duny* went away with Discontents and Menaces.

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The Night after, the Child fell into Strange and sad Fits, wherein it continued for divers Weeks: One Doctor *Jacob* advised her to hang up the Child's



Blanket, in the Chimney-Corner all Day, and at Night, when she went to put the Child into it, if she found any Thing in it, then to throw it without Fear into the Fire. Accordingly, at Night, there fell a great Toad out of the Blanket, which ran up and down the Hearth. A Boy, caught it; and held it in the Fire with the Tongs: Where it made an horrible Noise, and flash'd like to Gun Powder.

into Powder, with a Report like that of a Pi-
 stol: whereupon the Toad was no more
 to be seen. The next Day, a Kinswoman
 of *Dunys*, told the Deponent, That her
 Aunt was all grievously Scorch'd with
 the Fire; and the Deponent going to her
 House, found her in such a Condition.
Duny told her, she might thank her for
 it; but she should live to see some of her
 Children Dead, and herself upon Crut-
 ches. But after the burning of the Toad,
 this Child recover'd.

This Deponent further testified, That
 her Daughter *Elizabeth*, being about the
 Age of ten Years was taken in like man-
 ner, as her first Child was, and in her
 Fits complain'd much of *Amy Duny*, and
 said that she did appear to her, and af-
 flict her in such Manner as the former.
 One day she found *Amy Duny*, in her
 House, and thrusting her out of Doors,
Duny said, You need not be so Angry, your
 Child won't live long; and within three
 Days the Child died; The Deponent add-
 ed, That she was herself not long after
 taken with such a Lameness, in both
 her Legs, that she was forced to go up-
 on Crutches; and she was now in Court
 upon them. It was remarkable, That im-
 mediately upon the Jurys bringing in *Duny*
 Guilty,

Guilty, Durent was restored unto the use of her Limbs, and went Home without her Crutches.]

3. As for *Elizabeth* and *Deborah Pacy*, one aged Eleven Years, the other Nine, the elder being in Court, was made utterly Senceless, during all the time of the Tryal; or at least Speechless, by the Direction of the Judge *Duny* was privately brought to *Elizabeth Pacy*, and she touched her Hand: whereupon the Child, without so much as seeing her, suddenly leap'd up and flew upon the Prisoner: The younger was too Ill to be brought unto the Affizes. But *Samuel Pacy*, their Father testified, That his Daughter *Deborah* was taken with a sudden Lameness; and upon the Grumbling of *Amy Duny*, for being denied something, where this Child was then sitting; the Child was taken with an extream Pain in her Stomach, like the pricking of Pins, and shrieking at a dreadful manner, like a Whelp, rather than a rational Creature. The Physicians could not conjecture the Cause of the Distemper; but *Amy Duny* being a Woman of ill Fame, and the Child in Fits crying out of *Amy Duny*, as affrighting her with the Apparition of her Person, the Depo-

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nent suspected her; and procured her to
 be fet in the Stocks. While she was
 there, she said in the hearing of two wit-
 nesses, *Mr. Pacy keeps a great stir about
 his Child, but let him stay till he has done
 as much by his Children, as I have done
 by Mine*: And being ask'd, What she had
 done to her Children? She answer'd, she
 had been fain to open her Child's
 Mouth with a Tap to give it Viſuals.
 The Deponent added, That the Fits of
 her Daughters were ſuch, that they could
 not preſerve either Life or Breath, with-
 out the help of a Tap; and that the Chil-
 dren cry'd out of *Amy Duny*, and of *Rose
 Cullender*, as afflicting them with their
 Apparitions.

4. The Fits of the Children were va-
 rious. They would ſometimes be Lame
 on one Side, ſometimes on t'other, ſome-
 times very ſore; Sometimes reſtored unto
 their Limbs, and then Deaf, or Blind, or
 Dumb, for a long while together. Upon
 the Recovery of their Speech, they would
 Cough extreamly; and with much Flegm,
 they would bring up crooked Pins; and
 one time a Two-penny Nail, with a very
 broad Head. Commonly at the end of
 every Fit, they would caſt up a Pin.

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When the Children read, they could not pronounce the Name of *Lord*, or *Jesus*, or *Christ*; but would fall into Fits, and say, *Amy Duny* says, *I must not use that*



Name. When they came to the Name of *Satan*, or *Devil*, they would clap their Fingers on the Book, crying out, *This bites, but it makes me speak right well!* The Children in their Fits would often cry out, *There stands Amy Duny, or Rose Cullender;* And they would afterwards relate, That these Witches appearing before them threatened them, that if they told what they saw

or heard, they would torment them ten times more than ever they did before.

5. *Margaret Arnold*, the Sister of Mr. *Pacy*, testify'd unto the like Sufferings being upon the Children, at her House, whither her Brother had removed them. And that sometimes, the Children (only) would see Things like Mice, run about the House; and one of them suddenly snap'd one with the Tongs, and threw it into the Fire, where it screeched out like a Rat. At another time, a Thing like a Bee, flew at the Face of the younger Child; the Child fell into a Fit, and at last Vomited up a Two-penny Nail, with a broad Head; affirming, That the Bee brought the Nail, and forced it into her Mouth. The Child would in like manner be assaulted with Flyes, which brought crooked Pins, unto her, and made her first swallow them, and then Vomit them. She one Day caught an Invisible Mouse, and throwing it into the Fire, it flash'd like to Gun-Powder; None beside the Child, saw the Mouse; but every one saw the Flash. She also declared, out of her Fits, That in them, *Amy Duny* much tempted her to Destroy herself.

6. As for *Susan Chandler*, her Mother testified, That being at the Search of *Rose Cullender*, they found on her Belly, a thing like a Teat, of an Inch long; which the said *Rose* ascribed to a Strain; but near her Privy-parts, they found three more, that were Smaller than the former. At the end of the Long Teat, there was a little hole, which appeared, as if newly sucked; and upon straining it, a white milky Matter issued out. The Deponent further said, That her Daughter being one Day concerned at *Rose Cullender's* taking her by the Hand, she fell very Sick, and at Night cry'd out, That *Rose Cullender* wou'd come to Bed unto her. Her Fits grew violent, and in the Intervals of them, she declar'd, That she saw *Rose Cullender* in them, and one having a Great Dog with her; She also Vomited up crooked Pins; and when she was brought into Court, she fell into her Fits, she recovered herself in some time, and was asked by the Court, Whether she was in a Condition to take an Oath, and give Evidence? She said, she could; but having been Sworn, she fell into her Fits again, and, *Burn her! Burn her!* were all the words that she could obtain Power to speak. Her

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Father likewise gave the same Testimony with her Mother; as to all but the Search.



7. However, to Strengthen the Credit of what had been already produced against the Prisoners, One *John Soam* testify'd, That bringing Home his Hay in three Carts, one of the Carrswrenched the Window of *Rose Cullender's* House, whereupon she flew out with violent Threatnings against the Deponent. The other two Carts, passed by twice, Loaded, that Day afterwards; but the Cart which touched *Cullender's* House, was twice

or thrice over-turn'd. Having again loaded it, as they brought it through the Gate which leads out of the Field, the Cart stuck so fast in the Gate's-Head, that they could not possibly get it through, but were forced to cut down the Post of the Gate, to make the Cart pass through; although they could not perceive that the Cart did of either side touch the Gate-Post: They afterwards did, with much Difficulty get it home to the Yard; but could not for their lives get the Cart near the place, where they should Unload, they were fain to Unload at a great Distance; and when they were tired, the Noses of them that came to assist them, would burst forth a bleeding: So they were fain to give over till next Morning, and then they Unloaded without any difficulty.

8. *Robert Sherringham* also testified, That the Axle-tree of his Cart happening in passing, to Break some Part of *Rose Culender's* House, in her Anger at it; she vehemently threatned him, his Houses should suffer for it; and within a short time, all his four Horses dy'd; After which he sustained many other Losses in the sudden Dying of his Cattle. He was also taken with a Lameness in his Limbs; and so

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vexed with Lice of an extraordinary Number and Bigness, that no Art could hinder the Swarming of them, till he burnt two Suits of Apparel.

9. As for *Amy Duny*, 'twas testified by one *Richard Breneer*, that he had heard her say, The Devil would not let him Rest; until she were revenged on the Wife of *Cornelius Sandswel*. And that *Sandswel* testified, That her Poultry dy'd suddenly, upon *Amy Dunys* threatning of them; and that her Husband's Chimney fell, quickly after *Duny* had spoken of such a Disaster, and a Firkin of Fish could not be kept from falling into the Water, upon suspicious Words of *Dunys*.

10. The Judge told the Jury, they were to Enquire now; First, Whether these Children, were Bewitched? and, Secondly, Whether the Prisoners at the Bar, were Guilty of it? He made no Doubt, there were such Creatures as Witches; for the Scriptures affirm'd it: And the Wisdom of all Nations had provided Laws, against such Persons. He prayed the God of Heaven to direct their Hearts in the weighty Thing they had in hand: For, to *Condemn the Innocent, and let the Guil-*

ry go free, were an Abomination to the Lord.

The Jury in half an Hour brought them in Guilty, upon their several Indictments; which were Nineteen in Number.

The next Morning, the Children with their Parents, came to the Lodgings of the Lord Chief Justice, and were in as good health as ever in their Lives; being Restored within half an Hour after the Witches were Convicted.

The Witches were Executed; and confessed Nothing: Which, indeed, will not be wonder'd by them who consider, and entertain the Judgment of a Judicious Writer, That the Unpardonable Sin is most usually committed by Professors of the Christian Religion, falling into Witchcraft.

CHAP.

C H A P. IV.

An House haunted about Thirty Years ago, or more, at or near Bow, not far from London, and strangely Disturb'd by Demons, and Witches.

A Certain Gentleman, about 30 Years ago, or more, being to Travel from London into *Essex*, and to pass through *Bow*; at the Request of a Friend, he call'd at a House there, which began then to be a little disquieted. But not any thing much remarkable yet; unless a young Girl who was pluck'd by the Thigh by a cold Hand in her Bed, who died within a few Days after.

Some few Weeks after this, his Occasions calling him back, he pass'd by the same House again, but had no design to give them a new Visit, he having done that not long before; But it happening that the Woman of the House stood at the Door, he thought himself engag'd to Ride to her, and ask How she did? to whom she answer'd with a sorrowful Countenance, That though she was in tolerable Health, yet things went very ill with them, their

House being extreamly haunted, especially above Stairs, so that they were forced to keep in the low Rooms, there was such flinging of things up and down, of Stones and Bricks through the Windows, and putting all in Disorder. But he could scarce forbear Laughing at her, giving so little Credit to such Stories himself, and thought it was the Tricks only of some unhappy Wags to make Sport to themselves, and trouble their Neighbours.



Well, says she, *If you will but stay awhile, you may chance to see something with your own Eyes.* And indeed, he had not stayed any

any considerable time with her in the Street, but a Window of an Upper-room open'd of itself, (for they of the Family took it for granted no body was above Stairs) and out comes a piece of an old Wheel through it. Whereupon it presently clapt too again. A little while after, it suddenly flew open again, and out came a Brickbat, which inflamed the Gentleman with a more eager Desire to see what the Matter was, and to discover the Knavery; and therefore he boldly resolv'd if any one would go up with him, he would go into the Chamber; but none present durst accompany him. Yet the Gentleman's Desire of discovering the Cheat, made him adventure by himself alone into that Room. In which when he came, he saw the Bedstaves, and all the Furniture rudely scatter'd on the Floor; but upon search found no Mortal in the Room.

Well! He stays there a while to try Conclusions; anon, a Bedstaff begins to move, and turn itself round a good while together upon it's toe, and at last fairly to lay it self down again. The curious Spectator, when he had observed it to lye still a while, steps out to it, views it, whether any small String or Hair were tied to it, or whether there were any
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Hole or Button to fasten any such String to, or any Hole or String in the Cieling above; but after search he found not the least Suspicion of any such thing.

He retires to the Window again, and observes a little longer what may fall out. Anon, another Bedstaff rises off from the Ground of its own accord higher into the Air, and seems to make towards him. He now begins to think there was something more than ordinary in the Business, and makes presently to the Door with all speed; and for better Caution, shut it after him, which was presently opened again; and such a Clatter of Chairs, and Stools, and Candle-sticks, and Bed-staves, sent after him down Stairs, as if they had intended to have maimed him; but their motion was so moderated, that he received no harm, but by this time he was abundantly assured, that it was not meer Womanish fear or Superstition that so affrighted the Mistress of the House, and while in a Low Room, he was Talking with the Family about these Things, he saw a Tobacco-Pipe rise from a Side Table, no body being nigh, and fly to the other Side of the Room, and break itself against the Wall; for his further Confirmation, that it was neither the Tricks
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of Wags, nor the Fancy of a Woman; but the Mad Frolicks of Witches and Demons. Which they of the House being fully persuaded of, Roasted a Bed-staff; upon which an Old Woman, a suspected Witch came to the House, and was apprehended, but escaped the Law. But the House was after so ill haunted in all the Rooms, Upper and Lower, that the House stood Empty for a long time after.

CHAP.

C H A P. V.

A House haunted of one Mr. Walter Mayrick, of the Parish of Blethvaugh, in the County of Radnor.

A Very considerable Story this is, and sufficiently circumstantiated for Time and Place, saving that the County is not named; the Reason whereof, I conceive to be, that it was in the very County in which Mr. *Glanvil* lived to whom the Information was sent, namely in *Somersetshire*. And there are *Burton's* more than one there, and also *Leigh's*, but this *Burton* is determin'd by the space of something more than a Mile and an half's distance from *Leigh*: So that the Typographical Account is sufficiently exact. And the manner of the Narrative is so Simple, Plain and Rural, that it prevents all Suspicion of Fraud or Imposture in the Relator.

The transporting of Things out of one Room into another; and striking and the like, by invisible Agents, minds me of Mr. *Lloyd's* Story, as 'tis call'd in Mr. *Glanvil's*

vil's Papers, whom in a Letter he tells he may rely upon it for Truth, as being sent from a Person of Quality and Integrity in those Parts. It is of an House haunted of one *Walter Mayrick*, of the Parish of *Blethwagh*, in the County of *Radnor*, some Two and twenty Years ago. Where, besides Strange kind of tuneable Whistlings in the Rooms, where none was seen to Whistle; there were Stones flung down out of a Loft of great Weight, the Doors fastned or barred against them on the inside, when returned from the Church, no body being within, and at Prayers at Home, when some of the Women out of Fear held one another by the Arms, some Invisible Power would Pluck asunder their Arms, whether they would or no. By such an Invisible Force, one as he was sitting at Supper, was struck flat to the Ground, and a Trenchard struck out of the Maid's Hand that waited, and a smart box on the Ear given to another; no visible thing being near that did it. A Purse lost with two Gold Rings, and Six and Four-pence in it, the Party complaining thereof, the Purse dropt down from the top of the Room, which had no Room over it, and Four-pence only in it; That Men were struck down with
Stones.

Stones, and yet had no great hurt : Shews plainly they were not flung but carried. But there was one beaten with two Staves black and blue; but none to be seen that thus belaboured him, though in the Day.

We pass by the Frying-Pan, beaten with a little Piece of Iron, and tinkling over a Man's Head in the Night, to his being struck down with a Stick by Day, while he tended the Goose roasting, which that Invisible Striker seemed to have a Plot upon; as also by his knocking a Pick-Axe against the Lid of a Coffer, to have a Design upon a Bag of Money. These, and the like Feats, that Narrative relates, which Mr. *Glanvil* calls Mr. *Lloyd's* Story; who assures him, he may rely on the Truth thereof; he procuring it from a Justice of Peace, who took the Parties Testimonies that dwelt in the House, or upon Occasions were present there, and were Eye-witnesses of the strange Pranks that were play'd in the place.

C H A P.

CHAP. VII

These Confessions and Depositions are Transcribed out of the Copy in the same *Scottish* Dialect that I found them; and several Words there are which I profess I understand not, as those for Example concerning the *Black Man's Voice*, that it was *Hough* and *Gouste*: But if the Voice of this black Man be like that of his who appeared to the Witches whom *Mr. Hunt* examined, they may signifie a big and low Voice.

There is another *Scottish* Trial of Witches amongst *Mr. Glanvil's* Papers, with the same General Subscription that this has, viz. *Robert Martin*, Clerk to the Justice Court. But that his is of too old a Date, it being in the Year 1590. to comply with the Title of our Stories; But it being a true Copy of Record so authentick, though not so fresh, it may haply not be amiss briefly to Name some Effects, Kinds, or Circumstances of Witchcraft therein mentioned; such as have not occurred in the foregoing Stories; as giving and taking away Power from fundry Men's Genital-Members

Members, for which *Fannet Clarke* was
Accused,

That which is observable in *John Fene*
is, That the Devil appeared to him not
in Black, but in White Rayment; but pro-
posed as Hellish a Covenant to him as
those Friends that appear in Black, as al-
so lying dead two or three Hours, and in
Spirit tame (as the Phrase in the Record is)
his being carried or transported to many



Mounrains, and, as he thought, through
the World, according to his own Deposi-
tions, his hearing the Devil preach in a
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light, the Candle burning Blue. That in
Fena Conventicle of Witches, whose Names
are specified in the Record, he with the
Rest at parting, kissed the Devil's Breech,
the Record speaks more broadly, his Skim-
ming on the Sea in a Boat with those of
his Gang, and his foretelling the Cook in
the Queen's Ship by the help of the De-
vil. His raising Winds with the rest at the



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King's Passage into Denmark, by casting a
Cat into the Sea, which the Devil deli-
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Mist at the King's Return from Denmark, by getting Satan to cast a Thing like a Foot-ball (it appeared to *John* like a Wisp) into the Sea, which made a Vapour, or wreck to arise, whereby the King's Majesty might be cast upon the Coast of *Englan*. His hearing the Devil again Preach in a Pulpit in Black, who after pointed them to Graves to Open and Dismember the Corps therein; which done, incontinently they were transported without words. His opening Locks by Sorcery, as one by mere blowing into a Woman's hand while



he sat by the Fire, his raising four Candles on the heighth of an Horse, and another on the top of the Staff of the Rider
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in the Night, that he made it as light as
 Day; And how the Man fell down Dead at
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 turn Home: His Embarquing in a Boat,
 with other Witches, and Sailing over Sea,
 and entring within a Ship, and drinking
 good Wine and Ale there, and sinking the
 Ship when they had done, with the Per-
 sons in it. His kissing Satan's Breech a-
 gain after another Conventicle, his being
 swiftly carried above in the chafing of a
 Cat to catch her to cast into the Sea,
 to raise Winds, according to the Prescri-
 ption of Satan. His pretending to tell any
 Man how long he should live, if he told
 him but the Day he was Born.

There are also several Things in *Agnes
 Sympson's Witchcraft*; such as there scarce
 occur the like in the foregoing Stories:
 As her Skill in Diseases, That the Sicknes
 of *Will Black* was an Elf-shot: Her healing
 also of them by Sorcery, and fore-telling
 the Party whether he should Live or Die,
 and others how long they should live, her
 taking the Sick Parties Pains and Sicknes
 upon herself for a Time, and then transla-
 ting to a third Person, her use of long Scri-
 ptural Prayers and Rhymes containing the
 main Points of Christianity; so that she
 may seem to have been not so much a
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white Witch, as an holy Woman. And yet it is upon Record, that she made a Covenant with the Devil in the Shape of a Man, and in such like hellish manner as other Witches do. But when she sought for Answers from the Devil upon any Occasion, she appeared to her in the Shape of a Dog; but the *Formula* of her dismiss-



ing of him, was the charging him to Depart out the Land he lives on, as she did, when she dismiss'd him after her consulting him about the old Lady *Edmondston's* Sickness; But her Invocation was, *Elva, Come and speak to me*; who came in the Likeness

of a Dog, her Sailing with her fellow-
Witches in a Boat, where the Devil caused
her to Drink good Wine; She neither see-
ing Mariners nor the Mariners her; but
after all, the Devil raised a Wind whereby
the Ship perished.



Her Baptizing and using other Ceremonies
upon a Cat, with other Witches, to hin-
der the Queen's coming into *Scotland*; Her
raising of a Spirit to Conjure a Picture
of Wax, for the destroying of Mr. *John*
Moscrope.

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Hitherto I have brought but small shred
out of this ancient Record, but I will con-
clude with a full Paragraph, it containing
the Confession of *Agnes Sympson* to King
James, then King of the Scots; Which
is this:

Item, Tryed and Convicted for Sameckle,
as she confess'd before His Majesty, That
the Devil in Man's likeness met her, go-
ing out in the Fields from her own House



at *Keith*, between five and six at Even,
going alone, and commanded her to be at
North-berwick Kirk the next Night,

the post then on Horseback, conveyed by her good Son called *John Couper*; and lighted at the Kirk-yard, or a little before she came to it, about Eleven Hours at at Even, they danced along the Kirk-yard; *Gelce Duncan* play'd to them on a Trumpe, *John Fien* muffled, led all the rest; The said *Agnes*, and her Daughter, followed next; Besides, there were *Kate Grey*, *George Moil's Wife*; *Robert Greirson*, *Katharine Duncan*, *Bessie Right*, *Isable Gilmore*, *John Gray-maill*, *Duncan Buchanan*, *Thomas Barnhil* and his Wife, *Gilbert Macgil*, *John Macgil*, *Katharine Macgil*, with the rest of their Complices, above a Hundred Persons; whereof there were Six Men, and all the rest Women. The Women made first their Homage, and then the Men. The Men were turned Nine times Winder-shins about; and the Women Six times; *John Fien* blew up the Doors, and blew in the Lights, which were like mickle black Candles sticking round about the Pulpit; the Devil started up himself in the Pulpit, like a mickle Black Man, and every one answered, *Here*. Mr. *Robert Greirson* being named, ran all hurdy, hurdy, and were angry: for it was promised he should be called *Robert the Comptroler*, alias *Rob the Rowar*, for

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expressing of his Name. The first Thing he demanded was, If they kept all Promises, and had been good Servants, and what they had done since the last Time they had Convened? At his Command, they opened up three Graves; Two within, and One without Kirk, and took off the Joints of their Fingers, Toes, and Nose, and parted them amongst themselves: And the said *Agnes Sympson* got for her part a Winding-sheet, and two Joints; the Devil commanded them to keep the Joynts upon them while they were dry, and then to make a Powder of them to do Evil withal; Then he commandeth them to keep his Commandments, which were to do all the Evil they could; before they departed they kiss'd his Breech: the Record speaks more broad, as noted before. He had on him one Gown and one Hat, which were both Black; and they that were assembled, part Steed, and part Pale; *John Fien* was ever nearest the Devil, at his Elbow. *Graymaull* kepted the Door.

I have retain'd the *Scotch* Dialect here also for the more authentickness of the Matter, and have adjoyn'd the large Paragraph; the Confession therein contained being in all probability a more special oc-

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cision of King James his changing his Opinion touching the Existence of Witches, which he was, as is reported, inclinable to think to be but a mere Conceit before, for he was then but Young, not passing five or six and Twenty Years of Age, when this Examination was heard before him; and part of the Third Chapter of his Second Book of his *Demonology*, seems to be a Transcript of this very Confession. Wherefore this being so considerable an Occurrence touching a Business of such Moment, the bringing in here so old a Story amongst those of fresher Memory will, I hope, bring along with it its own Excuse.

C H A P. VII.

How the Devil appear'd in the Shape of a Mermaid, to a Man on a Ship-wrack on the Sea, being Cast away in a Storm.



TWO Ships were Bound for *Newfoundland*, from the *West of England*, but by *Stress of Weather* were parted: Some few Days after, one of the Ships in fair Weather sprung a Leak and *Founder'd* in the Sea, where every Soul perish'd, except one old

old Man; who having last'lyt himself on the Main-Hatch, committed himself to the Mercy of God and the Sea, where he floated three Days and three Nights; in which Time about the middle of the Second Day, the Devil in the shape of a Mermaid, started up before him, and bid him be of good heart; for if he would but make a Contract with him, he would Promise to deliver him in Twenty four Hours: The old Man being sensible it was the Devil, looking him in the Face, said, *Ab Satan! if thou canst Prophecy Deliverance for me, I know my God, in whom I trust, will deliver me without thy Help; but however know, I will not comply to thy Wiles: therefore avoid Satan, avoid.* Upon which, he immediately vanished, and appear'd no more to him. It happen'd that the other Ship being at the same Time in the same Latitude and Danger, the Cabbin-Boy dream'd that Night, that such a Ship was cast away thereabout, and all the Men lost, except the Old Man (which he named) who was saved upon a piece of the Ship, and floating in the Sea: Which Dream the Boy in the Morning confidently tells to his Master, and the Company, and affirmed, that it must needs be true, and was so impatient, that he received some Checks from

his Master, yet he continued Restless, running up sometimes to the Fore-top-mast-Head, and then to the Main-top-mast-Head, looking abroad; and at last cried out, aloud, *Alow there! I see him, I see him under our Lee-bow*; He thus confidently affirming it, some of the Men stept up, and espy'd something at a Distance no bigger than a Crow in appearance, floating, and advised the Master thereof; who presently commanded the Helm to be born up, and stood away to it, and when they came near, found it to be the Old Man, as the Boy had said; and Hoisting out their Boat, they took him in, who was then Speechless, and almost spent, but by the Care of the Master and Chirurgeon, he with God's Blessing recovered, and gave this Account of his Misfortune, and wonderful Deliverance by word of Mouth, and the Ship wherein he was, safely Landed him safe in *New-found Land.*

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C H A P. IX.

How several Children going to gather Cowslips in the Fields, light of a Witch, whom they throw'd Stones at, so that she bewitch'd one of the Girls with parts of the Stone, by Voiding of them in her Water.



ABout the Month of April 1652. Mary the Daughter of Ellins, of the Borough of Eversham in the County of Worcester Gardener; then about Nine or Ten Years Old, went into the Fields on a Saturday,

turday, with some other Children to gather Cowslips; and finding in a Ditch by the Way-side, at the said Town's-end, one *Catharine Huxley*, a single Woman, aged then about Forty Years (as is supposed easing Nature) the Children call'd her Witch, and took up Stones to throw at her, the said *Mary*, also call'd her Witch, and took up a Stone; but was so affrighted that she could not throw it at her, then they all run away from her; and the said *Mary* being hind-most, this *Huxley* said to her [*Ellins*, *You shall have Stones enough in your----*] Whereupon *Mary* fell that Day very Ill, and continued so weak and languishing, that her Friends fear'd she would not Recover; But about a Month after, she began to void Stones by the Urinary Passages, and some little Urine came away from her; also, when she voided any Stone, and the Stone she voided, was heard by those that were by her to drop into the Pot or Basin, and she had most grievous Pains in her Back and Reins, like the prickings of Pins; the Number of the Stones she Voided was about Eighty. Some plain Pebbles, some plain Flints, some very small, and some about an ounce Weight; this, she did for some space, (a Month or two, or thereabouts) until upon some strong Suspicions of Witch-

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Witchcraft, the forenam'd *Huxley* was Apprehended, Examined, and Searched (at whose Beds-head there was found several Stones, such as the said *Mary* voided) and was sent to *Worcester*, where at the Summer-Assizes in the said Year 1652. (then at hand.) She was then upon Prosecution of the Friends of the said *Mary*, Condemn'd and Execu-



ted: Upon whose Apprehension and Commitment, *Mary* ceased to Void any more Stones; but for awhile, voided much blackish and muddy Sand, and also in short Time perfectly recovered, and is yet living in the Town, in good and honest Repute; and hath been many Years married, and hath had

seven Children; but never voided any Stones since, nor been troubled with the Pain fore-mentioned; Abundance of People yet living, know the Substance of this to be true, and her Mother-in-Law (since Dead) kept the Stones till she was tired with the frequent resort of People to see them, and the said *Mary*, and to hear the Relation of the Matter, and beg the Stones (and though many offer'd Money for them, yet she always refused it; nor did they ever take any, but it cost them much upon the Girl, and the Prosecution of the said *Huxley*) and then she buried them in her Garden; *Edward Ellins*, the Father of the said *Mary*, is also yet living, and a Man of honest Repute, and utterly free (as also is the said *Mary*, and all the rest of her Friends) from the least Suspicion of any Fraud or Cheat in the whole Business: This was known to Hundreds of People in the said Towns and Parts adjacent, and many of them yet living, are ready to Attest the Truth of it.

CHAP. IX.

How two Priests of Seventy Years Old, being Unclean with the Devil in the Shape of a Woman, and afterwards were Burnt for the same.



One Bent, a Witch at Berne, a Priest of seventy Years old, said, That for Forty Years he had been Unclean with the Devil in the Shape of a Woman, and that unseen she was his Companion, and nam'd her *Mione*; and so she was Burnt.

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And another Priest of Seventy Years old
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 the Devil in the Shape of a Woman Fifty
 Years : and so he was Burnt.

And, Anno 1573. November 14. in our
 Neighbourhood, the Dutchy of *Brunswick*,
Stephen Rolen (before-mentioned) confes-
 sed, That he had been Seven Years Un-
 clean with the Devil, whom he took for
 his Miss, named *Rolstruchse*.

CHAP. X.

How several Gentlemen being in Company with Dr. Faustus, Desired him to shew them some of his Art, which he did, by Conveying a Dish of Grapes on the Table, and every Man thinking to cut a Bunch, had hold of his one Nose ready to cut off.

There was within the Memory of our Fathers (saith Camerarius) John Faustus of Cundligen, a Gentleman; who had learned the Black Art at Cracovia in Poland: He meeting one Day at a Table with some who had heard much of his Magical Tricks, was earnestly entreated by the Company to shew them some Sport; and being overcome in the End, by the Importunity of his Pot-Companions, who were well-armed in the Head, promised to shew them whatsoever they would have, they with a general Consent, require him to bring into the Place a Vine laden with ripe Grapes, ready to be gather'd; for they thought, because it was in the Month of December, Faustus could not shew them that which was not; yet he condescended to them,

them, saying, That immediately before they stirred from the Table, they should see the Vine they desired; but upon this Condition, That they should not speak a Word, nor offer to rise from their Places, but should all tarry till he bid them Cut the Grapes; and that whosoever should do otherwise, was in Danger to lose his Life: They having all promised to Obey him, *Faustus* so



Charmed the Eyes of these drunken Revelers, That they saw as it seemed to them, a marvellous goodly Vine; and upon the same so many Bunches of ripe Grapes, extraordinary

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traordinary fair; as there were Men Sitting at the Table, who being inflamed with such rare Dainties, and very dry with much Drinking, every Man takes his Knife in his Hand; Looking when *Faustus* would give the Word, and bid them cut the Cluster: But he having held them awhile in Suspence, about this vain Piece of Witchcraft, Behold, all the Vine, and the Bunches of Grapes, were in the turn of a hand quite vanish'd away; and every one of these drunken Companions, thinking he had a Cluster of Grapes in his Hand, ready to lop off, was seen to hold his Nose with one Hand, and the sharp Knife with the other, ready to cut it off. So that if any of them had forgot the Conjuror's Lesson, and had been never so little too forward, instead of cutting a Bunch of Grapes, he had whipt off his own Nose: This wicked Wretch is reported to have led about him an Evil Spirit, in the Likeness of a Dog; and being at *Wittenburg*, an Order was sent from the Emperor to Seize him; but by his Magical Delaphans, he made his Escape; and afterward being at Dinner at *Noremburg*, he was secretly sensible by an extraordinary Sweat which came upon him, that he was beset; whereupon he suddenly paid his Reckoning, and went away, but was hardly out
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of the City Walls, e're the Serjeants and other Officers came to Apprehend him; yet Divine Vengeance followed him; For coming into an Inn, in a Village of the Dukedom of *Wittenburg*, he sat very sad, and the Host demanding the Cause thereof; He answer'd, That he would not have him affrighted, if he heard a great Noise and Shaking of the House that Night, which happen'd according to his own Prediction; for in the Morning he was found Dead by his Bed-side, with his Neck wrung behind him, and the House wherein he lay was beaten down to the Ground.

C H A P. XI.

How by several Lights, as Candles and Flashes, commonly call'd Dead-mens Candles, in Wales, which are the foretelling of the Deaths of Persons.

FOR your Worth, hath purchased you that Stile. With all due Respects, you shall hereby understand that I am one, who sincerely blesteth himself to have been much Edify'd by you, as being Confirm'd in some Points, and inform'd in others, by a Piece of your Learned and Judicious Works, term'd by yourself, *A Supplement*; which proved to me a Complen, and which was Communicated to be my Worthy Friend, and special Encourager *John Lewis, Esq;* At whose Request, I am to give you the best Satisfaction, I can, touching those fiery Apparitions; which does as is were, Mark out the Way for Corps to their *Koimeteria*, and that sometimes before the Parties themselves fall Sick, and sometimes in their Sickness. Of these, I could never hear in *England*; They are common in these three Counties,

Counties, *Cardigan, Caermarthen* and *Pembrook*; and as I hear in some other Parts of *Wales*.

These in our Language, we call *Canhwyllan* *Cyrth* [i] *Corps-Candles*; and *Candles* we call them, not that we do see any Thing else besides the Light; but because that doth as much resemble a Material candle-Light, as Eggs do Eggs, saving, that in that in their Journey, these Candles be *modo apparentes modo disparentes*, especially, when one comes near them; and if one comes on the Way against them, unto him they vanish; but presently appear behind him, and hold on their Course. If it be a little Candle, pale or blewish, then follows the Corps either of an Abortive, or some Infant; If a big one, then the Corps of some One, come to Age; If there be seen Two or Three, or more, some Big, some Small together; If two Candles come from diverse Places, and be seen to meet the Corps with the like, if any of these Candles be seen to turn sometimes a little out of the Way, or Path that leadeth to the Church, the following Corps will be found to turn in that very place, for the avoiding of some dirty Lane, or Plash, &c. Now let us fall to Evidence; being about the

Age of Fifteen, dwelling at *Lamylar*, late
at Night, some Neighbours saw some of
these Candles, hovering up and down along
the River Bank, until they were weary in
beholding, at last they Left it so, and went
to Bed; A few Weeks after came a proper
Damsel from *Montgomeryshire*, to see her
Friends, who Dwelt on the other Side of
that River, and thought to Ford that River
at that very Place, where the Light was seen;
(some it's most like of those that saw the
Light) to Adventure on the Water; which



was High, by reason of a Flood: She walk'd
up and down along the River Bank, even
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where, and even as the foresaid Candle did, waiting for the Falling of the Water, which at last she took, but too soon, for she was Drown'd therein.

Of late, my Sexton's Wife, an aged, understanding Woman, saw from her Bed, a little blewish Candle upon her Tables End; within two or three Days after, comes a Fellow in, enquiring for her Husband, and taking something from under his Cloak, laid it down directly upon the Tables End, where she had seen the Candle; and what was it but a Dead-born Child. Another Time, the same Woman, saw such another Candle upon the other End of the self-same Table; within few Days after, a Weak Child by myself newly Christen'd, was brought into the Sexton's House, where presently he died; And when the Sexton's Wife, who was then Abroad, came Home, she found the Woman shrouding of the Child on the other End of the Table, where she had seen the Candle.

On a Time myself, and a Kinsman coming from our School in *England*, and being three or four Hours benighted, ere we could reach Home; were first of all saluted by such a Light, or Candle, which coming from a House, which we well knew, held his Course (but not directly) the Highway to the Church;

Church; Shortly after, the eldest Son in the House deceased, and steered the same Course. Myself and my Wife, in an Evening saw such a Light, or Candle, coming to the Church from her Midwifes House, and within a Month my Wife did tell me a Story of her own Mother, Mrs. *Catharine Wyat*, an eminent Woman in the Town of *Benby*; That in an Evening, being in her Bed-Chamber, she saw two little Lights just upon her Belly, which she assay'd to strike off with her Hand, but could not; within a while they vanish'd of themselves. Not long after, she was Deliver'd of two Dead-born Children. Long sithence there happen'd the like in mine own House; but to a Neighbour's Wife, whom my Wife did sometimes Call, for to do some Work or other, and (as I credibly heard within these three Days) to some good Gentlewoman also in this very Parish; where also not long since, a Neighbour's Wife of Mine, being Great with Child, and coming in at her own Door, met two Candles, a little, and a big one; and within a little after, falling in Labour, she and her Child both dy'd.

Some thirty-four or thirty-five Years ago, one *Fane Wyat*, my Wife's Sister, being Nurse to Baronet *Rudd's* three Eldest Children, and (the Lady Mistress being Deceas'd) the
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Lady Comptrolet of that House, going late into a Chamber, where the Maid-Servants lay, saw there no less than five of these Lights together. It happen'd a while after, the Chamber being newly Plaister'd, and a Grate of Coal-fire therein, kindled to hasten



the drying up of the Plaistering: That five of the Maid-Servants went there to Bed, as they were wont; but (as it fell out) soon, for in the Morning, they were all Dead, being Suffocated (I conceive) in their Sleep, with the Steems of the new-temper'd Lime and Coal. This was at *Langgathen* in *Carmarthenshire*.

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Some Thirty three or Thirty four Years ago, upon a *Tuesday*, coming towards Home from *Cardigan*, where I had been injoynd to Preach the Sessions Sermon: *Incipiente adhuc crepusculo*, and as light as Noon, and having as yet, Nine long Miles to Ride, there seem'd twice or thrice from behind me, on my Right-side, and between my Shoulder and my Hat, to fly a little whitish Thing about the bigness of a Walnut, and that *per inter valla*, once in Seventy or Eighty Paces: At first I took no notice of it, thinking it had been but the glimpsing of my little Ruff; for such then I wore, by degrees it waxed reddish, and as the Night drew on, redder and redder at last, not *Ignis fatuus* (for that I partly knew) but *Purus putus ignis*, both for Light and Colour. At length I turned my Horse twice or thrice, to see from whence and whether it would flash into my Face; then Nothing I could see; but when I turn'd homewards, it flashed as before, until I came to a Village call'd *Llanristed*, where as yet I did not intend to Lodge, though there were four Lodgings, and one of them (save one) the next House in my Way, which, when I pass'd by close, being just against the Door, my Fire did Flash again upon, or very near the Threshold, and there I think it lodged; for

for I saw it no more. Home still I would go, but thinking myself, that so I might tempt God, and meet a worse Companion than my former, I turned to the furthest Lodg-



ing in the Town, and there after a little Rest, in a brown Study (because mine Host was an understanding Man, and Literate, and such as could, and had but lately read his Neck-Verse in pure *Roman* Language) I could not contain, but needs must tell him again the Vision; he the next Day tells some going to the Sessions, they told others there; at last it came to the Judge's Ears; inso-much that the greatest News, and Wonder

at the then Affizes was the Preacher's Vision: To come at length unto the Pitch, or K rnel, (for I have been too long about the Husk and Shell) at that very Sessions, one *John William Lloy'd*, a Gentleman, who dwelt, and whose Sun yet dwells within a Mile of *Glafterig*, fell Sick, and in his coming home-wards, was taken with such a violent Pa-roxifm, that he could Ride no further than the House, where I left my Fire to enter-tain him; and there he Lighted and Lodg'd, and Died about Five Days after.

Ex abundanti, you shall understand that some Candles have been feen to come to my Church within these three Weeks, and the Corps not long after. *Hactenus de Candelis nostris*.

Another kind of Apparition we have; which commonly we call *Taw-we*, or *Taw-wed*, because it seemeth fiery; this ap-peareth to our seeming in the Lower Re-gion of the Air, straight and long, not much unlike a Glave Mours, or shoots di-rectly and level (as who would say, I'll hit) but far more slowly, than *Stellæ Ca-dentes*, or Star that lightneth all the Air and Ground where it passeth, lasteth three or four Miles, and more for ought is known, because no Man seeth the Rising or Begin-ning of it; when it falls to Ground, it

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sparkleth, and lightneth all about. These before their Decease, do fall upon Freeholder's Lands, and shall scarce Bury any such with us, be he a Lord of a House and Garden, but you shall find some one at his Burial, at leastwise in his Neighbourhood, that hath seen this Fire to fall on some Part of his Lands; two of these at several Times I have seen myself, since I studied Meteors, and since I was a Minister, and narrowly observ'd, even till they were in the *air* and began to Fall; but the Interposition of Grounds, marred the Conclusion; for where, and how they, I saw not, but where I did guess, they fell; There Died in the one Place an aged Gentleman, in the other, a Free-holder too, tho' of a meaner Rank. To come nearer Home; My Mother's first Husband, (for my Father married her a Widow) walking about his Ground, saw one of these Darts, or Pillars aloft, which fell down hard by him, shone far, and sparkled round about his Body; he took it for a Warning-Piece, made his Will; and having liv'd in good Health, some four or five Months, after died.

A little before the Decease of mine own Father, aged Ninety Six, a Son-in-Law of his, who Dwelled two Miles off (but

(but upon higher Ground) saw such another fall in a Close, behind the old Man's House, which gave such a Light, that by it, he did clearly see the House, the Hedges, and the Oaks in the Woods adjoyning.

Sir, so many of these Evidences, as I saw not myself, I received from understanding and credible Persons, and such as would not Lie, no, not for a Benefice; and yourself may receive the same from me, as from one that was never too Credulous, nothing Superstitious, and as little Ceremonious. These Secrets I dare not father upon Satan, I will not honour him so much; so much as to ascribe to him the Knowledge of contingent Futurities; I presume that of himself, he cannot certainly know whether, or when a healthy Man shall Sicken; nor whether, or when he shall die of his Sickness; nor whether he shall die by Sickness, or by Fire or Water, &c. nor (in an open Country especially) which Way of two, three, or more the Corps shall be Brought to Church; Whether it shall meet another Corps in the Way? Whether it shall pass a River by the Ford, or Bridge; how many Stops, Turnings, and Windings it shall make? Satan can have no certain Foreknowledge of all such Circumstances, and more, but this Candle-maker and Director

them too foresees, and foreknows them all; and therefore must needs be the Creator: who, as according to the good Pleasure of his Will, he hath determined, and allotted to several Nations, their several Habitations, Dispositions and Conditions, even so (as I suppose) hath he vouchsafed to each of them, some peculiar Signs and Tokens, if none to some, which I cannot believe, and if to some more, and more wonderful than to other some; for my part, I can give no other Reason for it, but his Will. This with my hearty Prayers for your Self, your Pious and Learned Brethren of the Association.

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CHAP. XII.

How the Boy of Bilson was Discovered, by being watch't, and seen to squeeze Ink into his Water.



A Bout the Year 1617. a Boy at Bilson, going to School, met a Pedlar with a Pack on his Back; which Pedlar with many enticing Words, perswaded him to go to one Mr. Gifford's House, assuring him of good Entertainment: Upon which, the

Boy went with him thither; where he found four *Romish* Priests, who gave him Money and many fair Words, promising him greater Matters, if he would be conformable to their Instructions; which he promising to do, they were three Days tutoring him, to personate Tricks, as if he were Bewitch'd. Which he afterwards, coming Home to his Father, acted so to the Life, as it was publickly thought he was Bewitch'd, and really possess'd of a Devil.

The Fame hereof being much bruited abroad, those Priests, his Instructors, came to Dispossess him; but he found so much Ease and Profit by that Kind of Life, (having Money given him by most Spectators) that he would not be Disenchanted by them, do what they could, both by beating, pinching, and using him very severely: So that the Deceivers were deceived themselves, in thinking to have their Religion confirmed by such a Wonderful Miracle, as driving the Devil out of a Boy, whom they had themselves possessed with.

Now this Boy, to act his Rogueries the better, pretended to be bewitch'd by an Old Woman, that lived not far from his Father's: and so Cunningly did he act the
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same, by his Fits and other feign'd Devices, that the Woman was sent to *Stafford-Gaol*, there Try'd and Condemn'd, and in all likelihood might have been Executed, had not *Dr. Morton*, Bishop of that Diocess, been happily present at that Time; who mistrusting some *Romish* Priest had been tampering with their Exorcisms to Undevil the Boy, for affecting of their Juggling Tricks; He therefore besought the Judge to Reprieve the Old Woman, till the next Assizes, and he in the mean Time would take the Boy home with him, and have him strictly look'd to; and doubted not before that Time, to find out the Bottom of that Secret Contrivance.

The Judge assented to this reasonable Request, and so the Boy was carried to *Eccleshal-Castle*, the Bishop's House; where his Grace, by the help of his Servants, took a great deal of Pains, both by fair Means and foul: But all would not do, the impostor would not be Undevil'd; but continu'd still of a most pernicious Spirit.

This not doing, the Bishop used this Stratagem; the Boy lying in a Room alone, and pretending himself so Weak, as not Able to stand, scarcely to stir; he set a trusty Servant to watch him through a Hole, that looked full upon the Bed, which

the Boy knew not of. The Bishop with his Family going that Morning to a Sermon, all Things were very still in the House; the Boy hearing of no Noise, lifts up himself, Stares about, and listens; and at length gets out of his Bed, and in the Straw or Mat under it, takes out an Ink-horn, and makes Water into the Chamber-Pot, through a Piece of the Cotton which



he held in his Hand; which he had used formerly, had made his Urine grow so black, that the Physicians thought, that Nature had left her usual Operation, having
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never found in any Humane Body so much
adult-Matter, to give so deep and deadly a
Tincture to the Water. The Boy having,
as he thought, cunningly perform'd his
Work, and hid his Inkhorn again in the
Mat, he returns to his Bed; all which the
Man discovered to the Bishop, at his com-
ing home: who went presently to the Boy,
and asked him, how he did? He, according
to his usual manner, pointed to his Water,
looked ghastly upon it, and mutter'd out
his old Howling Tone. The Bishop, now
meant to Deal roughly with him, said, Sir-
rah, you have Ink in your Bed-straw, which
you make use of to black your Water, and
now your Knavery is found out, and so cal-
ling in his Watchman, he drew out the
Ink-horn where the Boy had hid it; which
with the other Circumstances, being justi-
fy'd to his Face, he at last confessed his a-
bominable Forgeries; and how he was set
on by the *Romish* Priests, for the Advance-
ment of the Catholick Cause. Thus by this
Means did the Bishop preserve an innocent
Old-woman, Condemn'd by the Law to die;
and Converted a wicked Boy, whom after-
wards he Bound an Apprentice, and he
proved a good Man.

C H A P. XIII.

How Cornelius Agrippa went out of Town, and Left his Key with his Wife, and how a Gentleman came to see him, and went up into his Chamber, and Reading some of his Books, at last rais'd the Devil, and could not lay him, so the Devil choak'd him, and went away.

Cornelius Agrippa, the great Magician, going one Day out of Town, from *Lorain* in *Flanders* where he Dwelt, left the Keys of his Study with his Wife, strictly charging her to let no Body go in, till his Return; but it happen'd that the same Day, a Friend and Companion of his came to the House, and having long had Desire and Curiosity to to see some of his *Negromancer's* Books; he with much importunity got the Keys of her Closet, and then entring the Room, and viewing the Books, he perceived among the rest, a Manuscript of *Agrippa's* own Writing, which seem'd a Compendium of the Mystery of the *Black Art*; in which, while he greedily reads, he in a short Time, saw an
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ill-favour'd Devil: Who entering the Study, ask'd him, What he would have, that he conjur'd him so to appear? The Man being Unexperienc'd, and affrighted at this Dreadful Apparition, knew not what An-



swer to make, but remain'd Silent. Whereupon the Devil instantly Choaked him, and left him Dead on the Ground. Not long after, *Agrippa* returns Home, and finds the Devil dancing and rejoicing on the top of the House; At which being astonish'd, he goes into the Study, and finds the dead Body. Whereupon he commands the Damon to entertain it; and carry

carry it to the Place where the Students
 use to Meet; which being done, and the
 Spirit then quitting the Body, he fell down
 Dead, and the Person was thought to
 have died of some sudden Disease, and
 was accordingly Buried without any Ob-
 servation of his Misfortune; only some
 Marks of Strangulation were perce ved a-
 bout his Throat; but not long after the whole
 Matter was discovered, and *Agrippa* was
 forced to fly into *Germany* for his Se-
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CHAPTER XIV.

Bishop Hall's Discovery of Witches in
Suffolk and Essex.

O Pious and Peaceable Bishop *Jos. Hall*,
faith, *Soliloq.* 15. pag. 53, 54. Satan's
Prevalency in this Age is most clear, in
the marvellous Number of Witches aboun-
ding in all Places: Now Hun- * *Suffolk and*
dreds are Discover'd in one *Essex.*
Shire, * and if Fame deceive
us not, in a Village of 14 Houses in the
North, are found so many of this damned
Brood; Heretofore only barbarous Defarts
had them, but now the Liveliest and Reli-
gious Parts are frequently pester'd with
them: Heretofore some silly ignorant Old
Woman, &c. Now we have known
those of both Sexes, who professed much
Knowledge, Business and Devotion, drawn
into this Damnable Practice.

I have elsewhere divers Passages to this
Use out of holy *Cyprian*; but that in the
Epistle of *Finnicianus* to *Cyprian*, Ep. 75.
Pag. 238. seemeth Strange, (like that of
Magdalena Crucia, and others, among the
Papists)

Papists) A Woman pretending to have the Holy Ghost, proved to be a Witch, and did many Wonders: She had a Gift of Prayer, and did Baptize, and Administer the Lord's Supper in the ordinary Way.

C H A P. XV.

How a Merchant's Wife pass'd for an honest Woman, used to admit one peculiar Concubine; and once her Husband being from Home, her Lover came to her in the Night, and having pleased his Lass, in the Morning he arose, and sat on the top of the Door in the Shape of a Mag-pye. I rather think that this was a Man-Witch than a Devil.

THE *Concubitus* of the Devils with Witches (Males and Females) hath so full Testimonies as is not to be denied. *St. Austin* saith, it is a most common Report, and many whose Credit is not to be doubted of, say and Confirm, that by their own, or other such, they have it that *Sylvani* and *Fauni*, have been naught with Women. And that many Devils which the French call *Ducii*, do daily attempt

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this Uncleanneſs, and ineffect it is reported by ſo many, that 'tis Impudence to Deny it. Yea, ſome Women counted Honelt, defend the Practice.

Near *Weſſenburg*, a Merchant's Wife that paſſ'd for an honeſt Woman, was uſed to admit one peculiar Concubine; and once her Husband being from home, her Lover came to her in the Night; and having pleaſed his Luſt, in the Morning he aroſe, and fat on



the top of the Door. in the Shape of a Mag-
pye, and ſaid to her thus, Farewell: Hither-
to this hath been thy Sweetheart, and va-
niſh'd with the Word. I Rather think that
this was a man-Witch, than a Devil.

C H A P. XVI.

How the Devil had Kept her Company for
Thirty Years, and afterwards mas made
an Abbess of a Monastery, and counted
a Saint.



TH E Story of *Magdalena Crucia* (cited
elsewhere by me, and by *Dr. H. More*)
was, faith *Bodin*, famous thro' the World,
Cited by many, who being Suspected, to
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Save her Life, went to the Pope himself, (Paul III.) as a Penitent, and confessed her Sin; That at Twelve years Old the Devil sollicitated her, and lay with her, and that he had layen with her Thirty Years, yet she was made the Abbess of a Monastery, and counted a Saint; and she confess'd, That the Devil, among all People, brought Christ's Body (the Wafer) to her Mouth, none seeing what carried it; whereby she was taken for a Saint, as done by some good Spirit.

And, saith *Scribonius*, *St. Bernard's* History testifieth, That there was a Witch, with whom the Devil oft was naught, and her Husband never perceived it.

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C H A P. XVII,

How a French Peasant in France was a Travelling, the Devil came Riding by on Horseback askt the Peasant, if he would Ride? So the Peasant, being Glad of the Opportunity, got up behind him, the Devil carried him up in the Air, and let him fall in Turkey; so that he was forced to Walk from Turkey to France again on Foot.

A Country Peasant in France, in his Wooden Shoes, Leather Doublet, and High-crown'd Hat, with his Scythe on his Shoulder, and his Bag and Bottle by his Side; going one Day to a piece of Ground two or three Miles from his Habitation to Mowing; was over-taken by a Man on Horseback (as he thought) in the Shape of a Country-man; who falling into Discourse with him about their Journey, and finding they were both going the same Way, at length offered him the Use of his Horse, if he was willing to ride behind him; the honest Mower glad to ease his Legs, seated himself behind him much at Ease; and thinking now to proceed

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ceed on his Journey, he is carried up into the Air with such swiftness, that his Astonishment gave him no Time to Speak, and



Fear made him hold fast by the Rider ;
Thus they passed over many Countries and
Towns, till at last they came just over a
Market-Place, in a City belonging to the
Great Turk, where seeing a Multitude of
People in strange Habit, he cry'd out, Good
God, what People are these, and whither
am I a going? At that Word, the wicked
Damon let him fall down in the midst
of them ; but by Reason of the Tents and
Clothes that were set up by the Market-
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People to shelter them from the Weather, the Vehemency of his Fall was abated, and at length he came to his Senses; by this Time, a vast Number of *Turks* were



gather'd in a Ring, at a great Distance about him; Some supposed he was a God dropt from Heaven; Others that old Time was come down, with his Scythe on his Shoulder: in short, all were extreamly amazed, as well at his strange and unusual Cloathing, as at the Wonderful coming thither; and their Astonishment was yet more increased, when they heard him speak in a strange Language which

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none of them understood, who thinking they did not hear him, approaches toward them, and they fly as fast away from him; by this Time the News of the rare Accident came to the Grand Seignior, and Interpreters were sent to take a full Account of the Matter, to whom the poor Man gave an exact Relation of Particulars: After which, by the *French* Ambassador's Means, he was sent back again into his own Country.

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C H A P. XVIII.

How a Woman being very Ill, was desirous to go and see her Children, but being so Weak they would not let her; She fell into a Trance, which the People in the Room took her for Dead; While she lay in this Trance she went to see her Children, which the Nurse will affirm to be Truth.

Mr. Thomas Tilson, Minister of Aylesworth in Kent.

Reverend Sir,

BEing inform'd that you are Writing about Witchcraft and Apparitions, I take the Freedom, though a Stranger, to send you this following Relation :

Mary, the Wife of John Goffe of Rochester, being Afflicted with a long Illness, Removed to her Father's House at West-Mulling, which is about Nine Miles distant from her own: There she died, June, the 4th, this present Year, 1691.

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The Day before her Departure, she grew impatiently desirous to see her two Children, whom she had left at Home to the Care of a Nurse; she pray'd her Husband to hire a Horse, for she must go home, and die with the Children. When they persua- ded her to the contrary, telling her, she was not fit to be taken out of her Bed, nor able to sit on Horseback, she intreated them how- ever to try : *If I cannot sit, said she, I will lie all along upon the Horse, for I must go see my poor Babes.*



A Minister who lives in the Town was with her at Ten a Clock that Night, to whom

whom she express'd good Hopes in the Mercies of God, and a willingness to die: But, said she, *It is my Misery that I cannot see my Children.*

Between One and Two a-Clock in the Morning she fell into a Trance. One Widow *Turner*, who watch'd with her this Night, says, That her Eyes were open, and fixed, and her Jaw fallen: She put her Hand upon her Mouth and Nostrils, but could perceive no Breath; she thought her to be in a Fit, and doubted whether she were Alive or Dead.

The next Day, this dying Woman told her Mother, that she had been at home with her Children. That is impossible, said the Mother, for you have been here in Bed all the while. *Yes*, reply'd the other, *but I was with them last Night when I was asleep.*

The Nurse at *Rochester*, Widow *Alexander* by Name, affirms, and says, she will take her Oath on't before a Magistrate, and receive the Sacrament upon it, that a little before Two a-Clock that Morning, she saw the Likeness of the said *Mary Goffe* come out of the next Chamber, (where the Elder Child lay in a Bed by itself, the Door being left open, and stood by her Bed-side for about a Quarter of an Hour; The Younger Child

Child was there lying by her; her Eyes moved, and her Mouth went, but she said nothing. The Nurse moreover says, that she was perfectly Awake; it was then Day-light, being one of the longest Days in the Year. She sat up in her Bed, and looked



Stedfastly upon the Apparition: In that Time she heard the Bridge-Clock strike Two, and a-while after said, In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, what art thou? Thereupon the Appearance removed, and went away; she slipp'd on her Clothes and follow'd, but what became on't she cannot tell; Then, and not before,

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she began to be grievously affrighted, and went out of Doors, and walk'd upon the Wharf (the House is just by the River-side) for some Hours, going in now and then to look to the Children. At Five a-Clock she went to a Neighbour's House, and Knock'd at the Door, but they would not Rise. At Six she went again, then they arose and let her in: She related to them all that had pass'd. They would perswade her she was Mistaken, or Dream't; But she confidently affirm'd, If ever I saw her in all my Life, I saw her this Night.

One of those to whom she made the Relation. (*Mary, the Wife of John Sweet*) had a Messenger came from *Mulling* that Forenoon, to let her know her Neighbour *Goffe* was Dying, and desir'd to speak with her. She went over the same Day, and found her just departing. The Mother, amongst other Discourses, Related to her, how much her Daughter had long'd to see the Children, and said she had seen them. This brought to Mrs. *Sweet's* Mind, what the Nurse had told her that Morning; for till then, she had not thought to mention it, but disguised it, rather as the Woman's disturb'd Imagination.

The Substance of this, I had related to me by *John Carpenter*, the Father of the Deceased,

Deceased, next Day after her Burial, *July*
the Second : I fully discours'd the Mat-
ter with the Nurse and two Neighbours, to
whose House she went that Morning.



Two Days after, I had it from the Mo-
ther, the Minister that was with her in the
Evening, and the Woman who sat up with
her that last Night : They all agree in the
same Story ; and every one helps to Streng-
then the others Testimony.

They appear to be sober, intelligent Per-
sons, far enough off from Desiging to
impose a Cheat upon the World, or to

manage a Lye; and what Temptation they should lie under for so doing, I cannot conceive.

Sir, That God would bless your Pious Endeavours for the Conviction of Atheists and Sadducees, and the true Promoting of true Religion and Godliness; and that this Narrative may conduce somewhat towards the farthering of the great Work, is the hearty Desire and Prayer, &c.

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C H A P. XIX.

How one Hodges, a Conjuror, who could tell People their Fortunes, and shew them the Face of a Thief in a Glass, when they were Robb'd, and Command stoln Goods to be brought Home again; which made him very Useful to the Countrey People for the same.



TO what Sort shall we rank those Men that tell Men of Things Stoln and Lost, and that shew Men the Face of the Thief in a Glass, and cause the Goods to be

brought back, who are commonly called *White Witches*: We have had so many credible Reports of such, as alloweth not Reason to doubt of it. When I liv'd at *Dudley's*, *Hodges* at *Sedgley*, two Miles off (even where famous *William Fenner* preach'd) was living, and commonly accounted such a one: And when I liv'd at *Kederminster*, one of my Neighbours affirm'd, that having his Yarn



stoln, he went to *Hodges* (ten Miles off) and he told him, that at such an Hour he should have it brought Home again, and put in at the Window; and so it was: And, as I Remember,

member, he shewed him the Persons Face in a Glasse; yet I do not think that *Hodges* made any known Contract with the Devil; but thought it was an Effect of Art.

CHAP. XX.

How a Maid being very much Afflicted with Fits, one of the Men who us'd to be there, seeing her lye on the Ground in her Shift, watch'd the Opportunity to Lye with her, which he did, and afterwards was married to her, and lived honestly together, and had several Children by her.

I Will add one sad Story, leaving all to the Reader's Judgment, to warrant the best to avoid Temptation, and to tell them, that Satan hath his Wiles by Mens Sin, to blast the Glory and Comfort of Deliverances.

In *Bewdeley*, a Sanguine strong Maid, fell into strange Hysterical Fits: It began by Stoppage of the *Menstrua*; I gave her *Castory* and *Rad. Ostrutii*, and *Sem. Dauci*, on *Forestus* Commendation, and she began to be better; but I being driven out of the Country by War, and Mr. *Robert Morton*

D. Moreton's Father) their Pastory and Physitian driven after me to Coventry, she was left without Help, and grew worse than ever: till at last, I think, by a *furor uterinus ex corruptione Seminis*, she seemed possess'd by a Devil: In her Fits, many could not hold her; she would be cast off her Bed, and upon it again, by a Force far above her Strength, as the Beholders judged: They shew'd Needles and Pins, and



Cords brought to her, none knew how, to Kill herself: A Papist coming to Cure her their Way; she told them of his coming far off, and laught at his holy Water. In her

Fits

Fits she would Swear, Curse, and Rage against any that were Religious, and Hug those that were Vicious, and be Merry with them: Thus she continued from 1642. till 1646, or 1647. When I return'd Home, I went to see her, and pray'd once by her, and came to her no more. At last my praying Neighbours encourag'd by their Success; for others resolv'd to Joyn with some of *Bewdeley*, to Fast and Pray by her, till she was recover'd: While they were Praying, she was usually in a violent Rage, and after Thankt them; After many Days, in the midst of the Day, while Mr. *Tho. Ware* of *Kederminster* was praying, she fell on the Floor like a Block, and having lain so a while, cry'd out, He is gone, he is gone; the Black Dog is gone: And she never had a Fit after.

But coming to our Lecture, two Miles, she was as uncomfortable as ever; crying to me, Oh, you know not how bad I am! And I ignorantly told her, what Comfort her Deliverance might give her: But she continued her Self-accusing. But hear the worst.

She being Poor, many good People in Charity look'd to her in her Fits; But, above all, one Young Man, as far from being suspected of any Hypocrisy, Error, or Vice, as any in *Bewdeley*, was more with

her than the rest : and seeing her, in her Fits, tost her naked Body about, she being Strong and Comely, his Lust was provoked, which he exercised on her ; but *praterji- ciendo semen* ; which easing her for the Time, enticed him the more to do it often, as an Act of (Wic-ed) Compassion ; which did but more enrage her Disease : When frequency had harden'd him ; at last after her



Deliverance, it was made known : And, O the Advantage that Satan got by it ! the Sadness of those that Prayed for her ; So that we durst not Name it as an Answer of Prayer, lest the mention should serve to

a Reproach; for my part, I think that a Real Possession was added to the *furor uterinus*, in Punishment of their Sin. He married her, and professed deep Repentance.

C H A P. XXI.

How the Arch-Deacon claim'd the Dues of a Parish in Belfast: How he left one of his Servant-men and his Wife to Receive the same, and they took a Lodging at one Charles Loftin, who offered Violence to his Wife, who soon after Died; but being an ailing Woman, it was not minded: But she appeared to him after she was Dead, for which he receiv'd a Tryal and saved his Life; But was Burnt in the Hand for it.

Reverend Sir,

I Have been very uneasie to think that I should so long delay the Answer of your Desire, about the Affair related underneath: The Distance of the Place in which it was transacted, with the Slowness of my Correspondent in Replies, hath made me incapable of giving you so full and quick Satisfaction, as might else have been, all that I can relate at present, is briefly this, *viz.*

This

This having been a long Contest between *Lemuel Mathews*, Archdeacon in the County of *Down*, and *Claudius Gilbert*, Minister of *Belfast*, about their Right to *Drambeg*, a small Parish within four Miles of *Belfast*; it proved very Troublesome to the Parishioners, who generally paid their Dues to Mr. *Gilbert*, the Incumbent in Possession; But the Archdeacon claimed the same to be paid to him also, for which he procur'd a Warrant; and in the Execution of it by his Servant, at the House of one *Charles Loftin*, one of the Parishioners, they offer'd some Violence to his Wife, who refused Entrance to them who died within a few Weeks after the Injury received; but she being otherwise an infirm Woman, little Notice was taken of her Death, till then; some time after, by her strange Appearance to one *Thomas Donelson*, (a Spectator of the Violence done to her) she affrighted him in a Prosecution of *Robert Eccleson*, the Criminal; she appeared divers Times, but chiefly upon one Lord's Day Evening, when she fetch'd him with a strange Force, out of his House into the Yard, and Fields adjacent, before her last Coming (for she did so three Times that Day) several Neighbours were call'd in, to whom he gave Notice that she was again Coming, beckon'd to him to come out; upon

upon which, they went to shut the Door, but he forbad it, saying, That she look'd with a terrible Aspect upon him, when they offer'd it. But his Friends laid hold on him,



and embrac'd him, that he might not again go out; notwithstanding which, (a plain Evidence of some Invincible Power) he was drawn out of their Hands in a surprizing manner, and carried Abroad into the Field and Yard, as before, she charging him to prosecute Justice; which Voice, as also *Donelson's* Reply; the People heard, though they saw no Shape; there are many Witnesses of all this yet alive; particularly,
Sarah,

Sarah, the Wife of *Charles Loftin*, son to the deceased Woman; and one *William Holyday*, and his Wife.

Upon this; the said *Donelson*, deposed what he knew of the aforesaid Violence, before *Mr. Randal Brice*, a Neighbour Justice, and confirmed all at the Assizes at *Down* in the Year 1685. (as I Remember;) where the several Witnesses were Heard and Sworn, and their Examinations were entred into the



Records of that Assizes, to the Amazement and Satisfaction of all the Country, and of the Judges, whom I have heard speak of it at that Time with much Wonder; info-
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to much, that the said *Eccleson* hardly escap'd
ly- with Life: But was Burnt in the Hand.

ted The said *Donelson* is yet Living in the
be- same Place, with the other Witnesses.

ce, I could learn many more Circumstances,
in but that you are in Haste, and all this
ere I heard, spoken of myself with univer-
rn, sal Amazement at that Time when tran-
he sacted, living in *Belfast* at that Time; and
I should not have been beholden to any to
have believed this Relation, that had been
here, and at the Trial at *Down*.

Tho. Emlin.

A DIALOGUE *between Satan and one*
Mr. Robert Balsom, a Minister of the
Gospel.

ent A Bout the Year 1644. My Lord *Grandi-*
of *son*, a *Scottish* Nobleman, took up his
of Habitation for some time at *Berwick* upon
of *Tweed*, and brought his Family with him;
for in which, among others, was the Steward
ch of his House, who was a very Religious
Man,

Man, but was now very much afflicted in Mind: Among others, Mr. *Robert Balsom*, a very Zealous Minister in those Parts, came to Visit him, and for the present somewhat satisfied him; but two or three Days after, being again sorely afflicted, Mr. *Balsom* was sent for, who finding him very much weaken'd by the Violence to him; but perceiving he could fasten nothing upon him, he whisper'd to him in his Ear to this Purpose; I doubt there is something within, which you would



do well to Discover: Hereupon the Man's Tongue swell'd immediately, and came out of his Mouth, so that he was not able
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to Speak: Mr. Balsom continued to discourse with him, till at length, to the Astonishment of all that were in the Room (who were many, and some of them Persons of good Quality) a shrill Voice was heard, as coming out of his Throat, without any Motion of his Tongue, saying, What dost thou Talk to him of Promises, and free Grace? He is mine; Mr. Balsom, apprehending it to be the Voice of the Devil, reply'd, No, Satan, Thou dost not know any Man to be thine while there is Life in him.

Satan. But this is a notorious wicked Wretch, and therefore he is mine.

Balsom. Yet the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all Sin.

Satan. If God would let me loose upon you, I should find enough in the Best of you to make you all mine.

Balsom. But thou art bound, Satan; and so turning himself to the Standers by, he said, with a chearful Countenance, What a gracious God have we, that suffers not Satan to have his will upon us? The Devil hereupon began to Curse, Swear, and to BlaspHEME the Blessed Trinity in a most fearful and forcible Manner. To whom Mr. Balsom said, *The Lord rebuke thee, Satan.*

Satan. But this Man is mine; for he hath given himself to me, and sealed it with his own Blood.

Balsom.

Balsom. *I do not believe that the Father of Lies speaketh Truth; and I do believe, how confident soever thou art, that thou wilt lose thy hold before to Morrow morning.* The Devil then continu'd to Curse and Swear abominably, and said, How canst thou endure to hear thy God thus Blasphemed? I will never give over Blaspheming as long as thou stay'st in the Room.

Balsom. *I will pray for the Man.*

Satan. Wilt thou pray for a Man that is Damned?

Balsom. *I will go Home and pray for him, and get all the force I can in the Town to join with me;* After this there being no Voice any more heard, Mr. Balsom went Home about Eleven of the Clock at Night, where he found in his House divers Christian Friends, which he intended to have sent for, waiting for him; and upon the Sight of them, he spake to this Purpose; Friends, I wonder at the Providence of God in bringing you hither at this Time; for otherwise I must have sent for you; and so declaring to them what had befalln the afflicted Person, he desir'd them to joyn their Prayers with his on his behalf; which they continued for some part of the Night: And the next Morning, Mr. Balsom going to visit him again, found him in a very comfortable

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Condition; and asking him how he hid, he answer'd, *Through the Goodness of God I have overcome Satan, and am now as full of Comfort, as I was before of Trouble.* Thus he continued chearful (tho' very weak) all that Day, and the next Morning died, no Disease being apparent in him.

A Popish Curate undertaking to Cure a Damsel that was Possessed with the Devil, but could not; so that he threw himself in a Passion, and fell a talking of Latin.

IN the Year 1599, there lived at Lovin, in the Dutchy of Gullick, a certain Damsel called *Helena*, that was possessed by the Devil, whom the Popish Curate of the Place undertook to Eject; but when he had used many Charms to cast him out, and all to no Purpose, being in a great Rage, he spoke to the Devil in Latine, saying, *If thou hast any Power to enter into a Christian's Body, Depart out of the Damsel, and enter into me.* To whom the Devil answer'd, *Quid mihi opus est eum tentare quem novissimo die jure optimo possessurus sum.* What need I tempt him, whom, by good right, I shall be sure to enjoy at the Last Day. *Chasson. Loci Commun.*

A Description of a Young Man, hoping to enjoy a Young Lady, he was disappointed by the Devils appearing in her Clothes, who afterwards tore him to Pieces.

THERE was a Young Man at *Friburg* in *Germany*, who by the help of a Magician, hoped to enjoy a Young Lady whom he earnestly loved; the Devil appear'd to him in the likeness of the same Lady, and the Young Man putting forth his Hand



without the enchanted Circle to Embrace her, was presently grasped of the wicked Spirit,

Spirit, who crushed him against a Wall, and made the Pieces of him fly even round about, and cast the Remainder of the Dead Body so torn in Pieces at the Cojurer, who therewith fell down in the Place much bruised, and not able to stir from thence, till some hearing a Cry and Noise ran to him, took him up, and carried him away half dead. *Camerarius Ox. Sub. Bladud* the Son of *Lud*, King of *Britain* (now call'd *England*, who as our late Histories report, built the City of *Bath*, and likewise made the Baths therein) this King addicted himself so much to the devilish Art of *Negromancy*, that he wrought Wonders thereby, insomuch that he made himself Wings, and attempted to fly (as it is related of *Dedalus*) but the Devil, who was always a Deceiver, forsook him in his Flight, so that he fell down, and broke his Neck.

Philip Melancthon reporteth, That he had an Account from two Men of good Credit, and Repute, that a certain young Woman of *Bottonie*, two Years after her Death, returned again in Humane Shape, and went up and down the House, and sat at Meat with them, but eat also; this young Woman being one Time in Company among other Virgins, a Magician came into the Place, who being Skilful in Diabolical Arts,
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He told the People about her, That the Woman was but a dead Carcass carried about by the Devil, and presently he took from under her Arm-pits the Charms; which he had no sooner done, but she fell down a dead Carcass.

An Agreement between two Magicians, to Obey each other.



DElrio in his *Magical Discourses*, gives this Relation. Two Magicians met at the Queen of England's Court, as I have it from unquestion'd Witnesses; These two agreed, that

that in any one Thing they should infallibly obey one another; the one therefore commands the other to thrust his Head out of the Casement of a Window, which he had no sooner done, but a large Pair of Stag's Horns were seen planted on his Forehead, to the great Pleasure of the Spectators, who looked upon him with a Thousand Abuses and Mocks; he resenting the Disgrace, and thirsting after Revenge, when his Turn came to be Obey'd, he, with a Charcoal, drew the Lineaments of a Man upon the Wall, and then commanded the same Magician to stand under that Picture, and that the Wall should immediately give place to receive him: The other apprehensive of the extream Danger he was in, began to beseech him, that he would excuse him, but the other absolutely refused; being therefore compell'd, he stands under it, and then the Wall seemed to open, and he being enter'd therein, was never afterward seen more.

The same Author sets down another Relation as Matter of undoubted Truth: A notable Conjuror, for a Trial of his great Skill, had cut off the Head of the Inn-keeper's Servant, where he Lodged, and when he was about to set it on again, he perceived he was hinder'd by the
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Prefence of another Magician, that chanced to be by at that Time; he therefore besought him that he would not oppose him; but the other not regarding

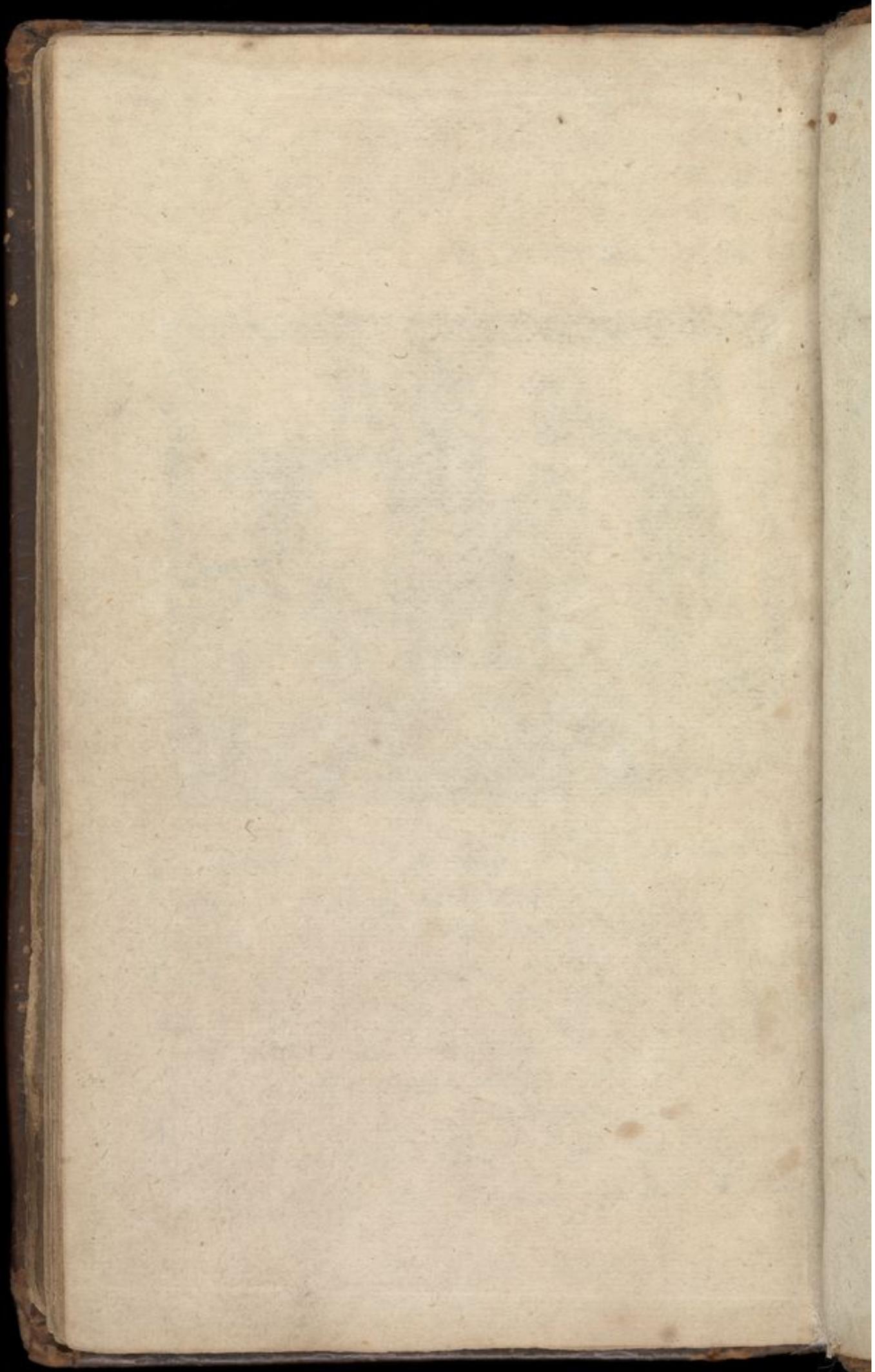


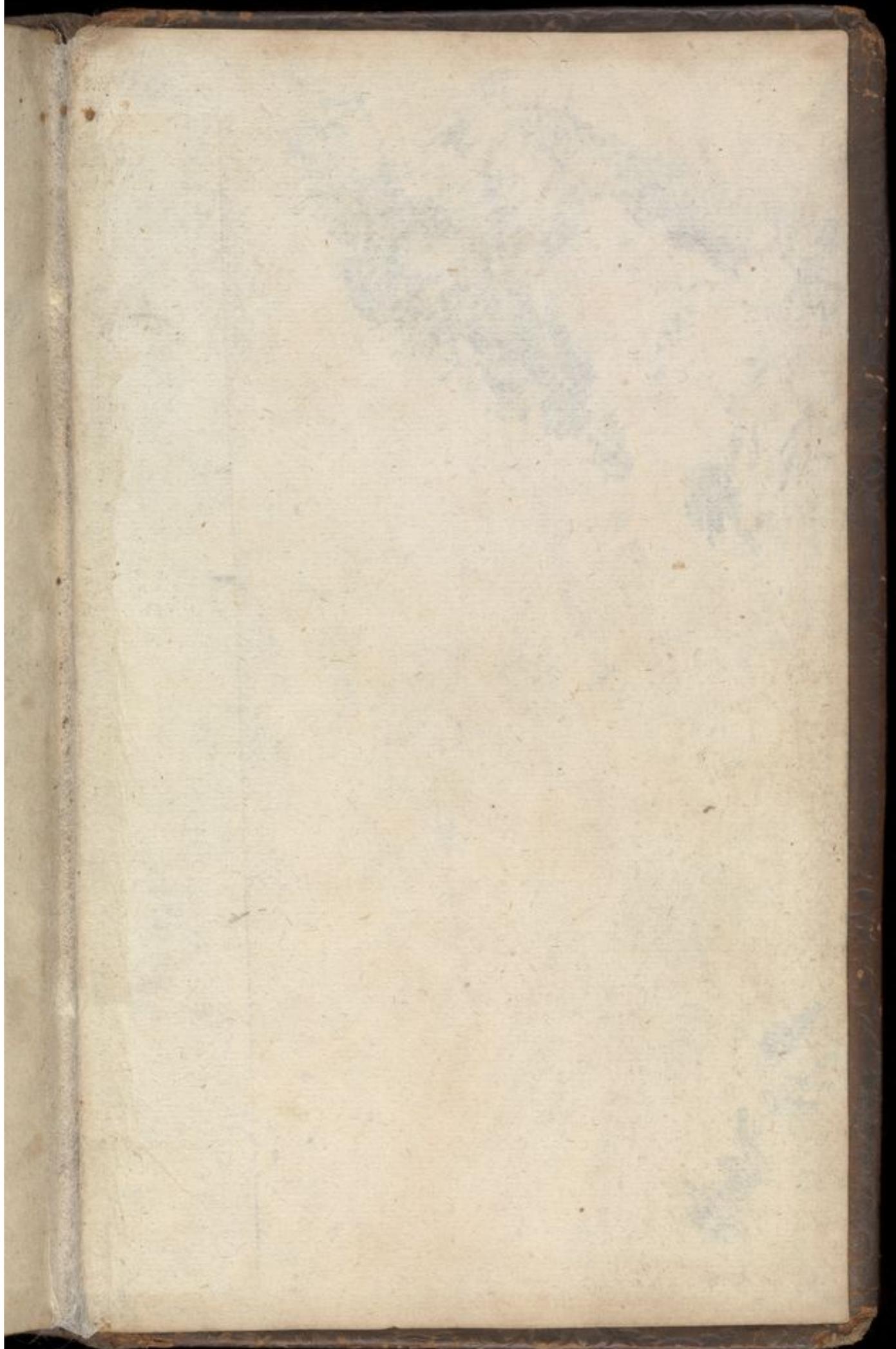
his Request, the first Magician caused Lilly to spring out upon the top of the Table, and when he had chopped off the Head of it, together with the Flower upon the sudden down falls the Magician's that had hinder'd him, headless to the Ground; that done, he sets on the Head of the Servant's again, and speedily conveys himself away, lest he should be question'd for the Murder of his Rival.

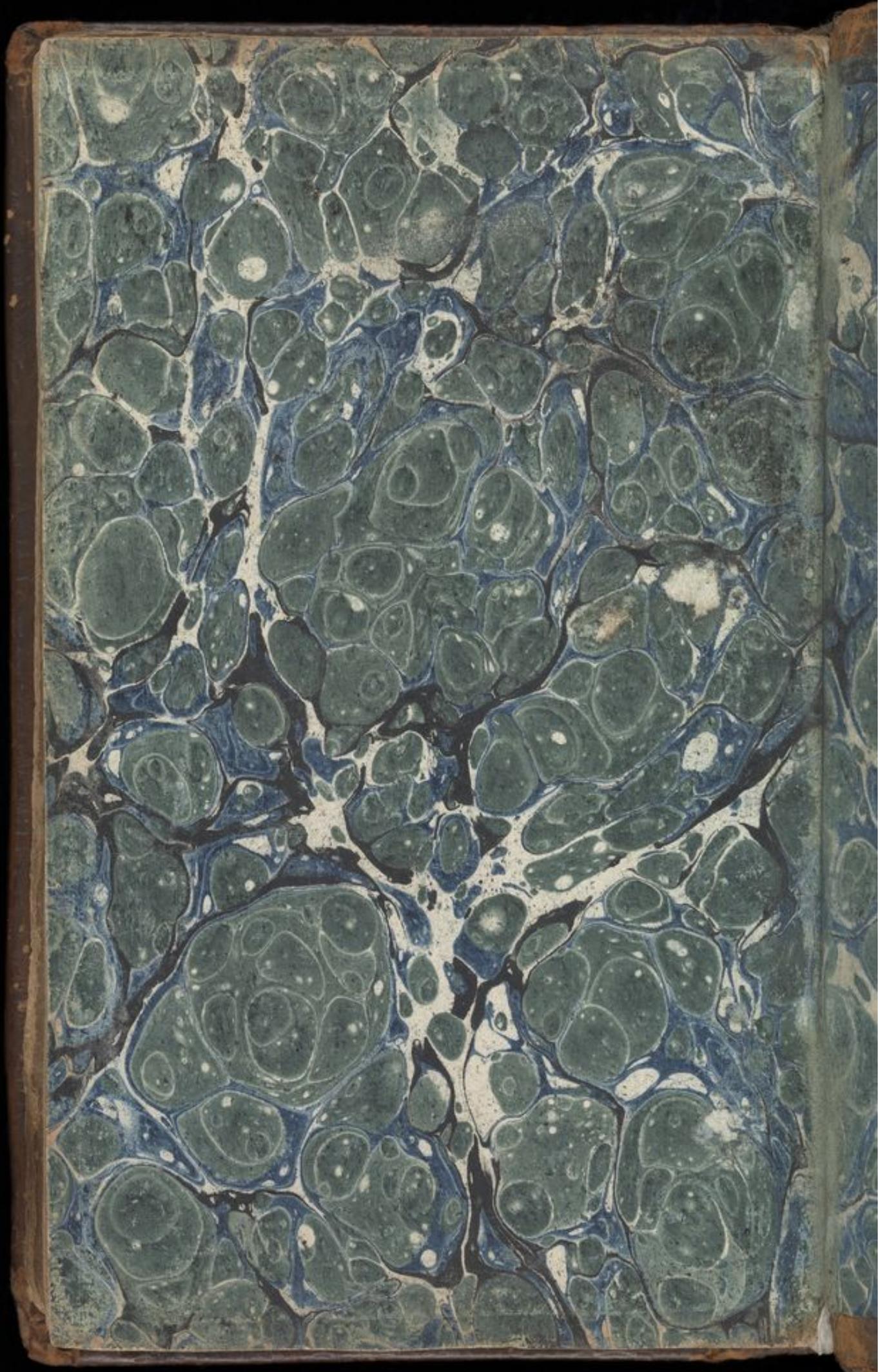
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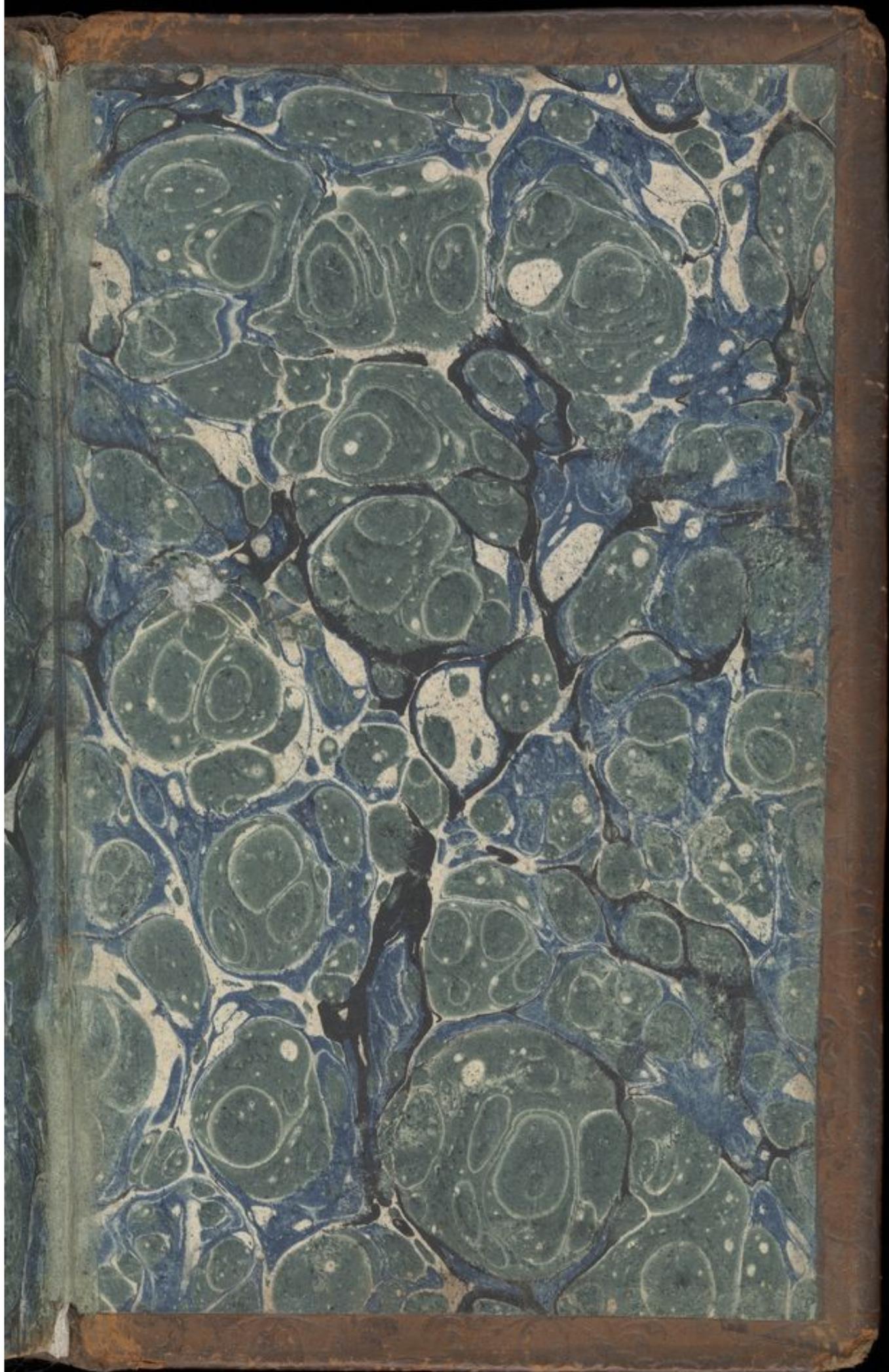
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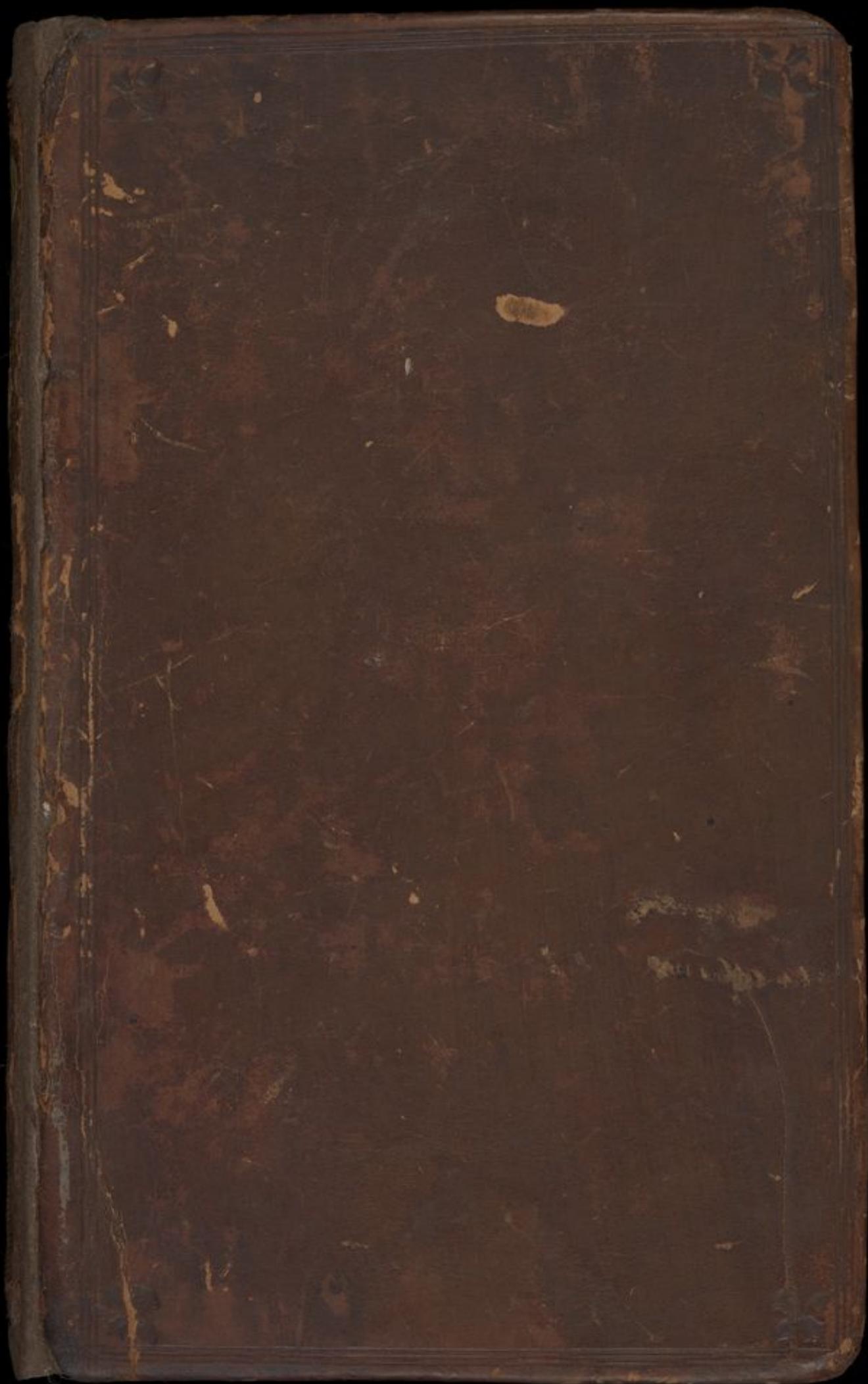
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them too foresees, and foreknows them all; and therefore must needs be the Creator: who, as according to the good Pleasure of his Will, he hath determined, and allotted to several Nations their several Habitations, Dispositions and Conditions, even so (as I suppose) hath he vouchsafed to each of them, some peculiar Signs and Tokens, if none to some, which I cannot believe, and if to some more, and more wonderful than to others, some; for my part, I can give no other Reason for it, but his Will. This with my hearty Prayers for your Self, your Pious and Learned Brethren of the Association.

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