

Kittredge, George Lyman: Witchcraft in Old and New England. Cambridge (Mass.), Harvard University Press, 1929.

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Anne Whittle alias Chattox, one of the Lancashire witches who were hanged in 1612, confessed that when she was sent for "to helpe drinke that was forspoken or bewitched" she successfully
 5 "vused this Prayer for the amending of it, viz.

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"A CHARME.

Three Biters hast thou bitten,

The Hart, ill Eye, ill Tonge:

Three bitter shall be thy Boote, = *Kieff*

Father, Sonne, and Holy Ghost
 a Gods name.

Fiue Pater-nosters, fiue Auies,
 and a Creede,

In worship of fiue woundes
 of our Lord." 138)

Anne's use of this old charm is a very curious circumstance, for she had ignorantly perverted its function from mankind to malt. In 1616 Isobel Harvie at Kirkcaldy admitted using a version of
 20 the charm which she had learned from "ane way-fairing man"; 139) other versions were employed in Scotland for sick horses in 1641 and 1656, 140) and still another is reported from the Orkneys in recent days. 141)

138) The Most Strange and Admirable Discoverie of the Three Witches of Warboys, 1593, sigg. B2 r^o, P v^o.

139) Thomas Potts, The Wonderfull Discoverie of Witches, 1613, sig. S; The Arraignment and Triall of Iennet Preston, of Gisborne in