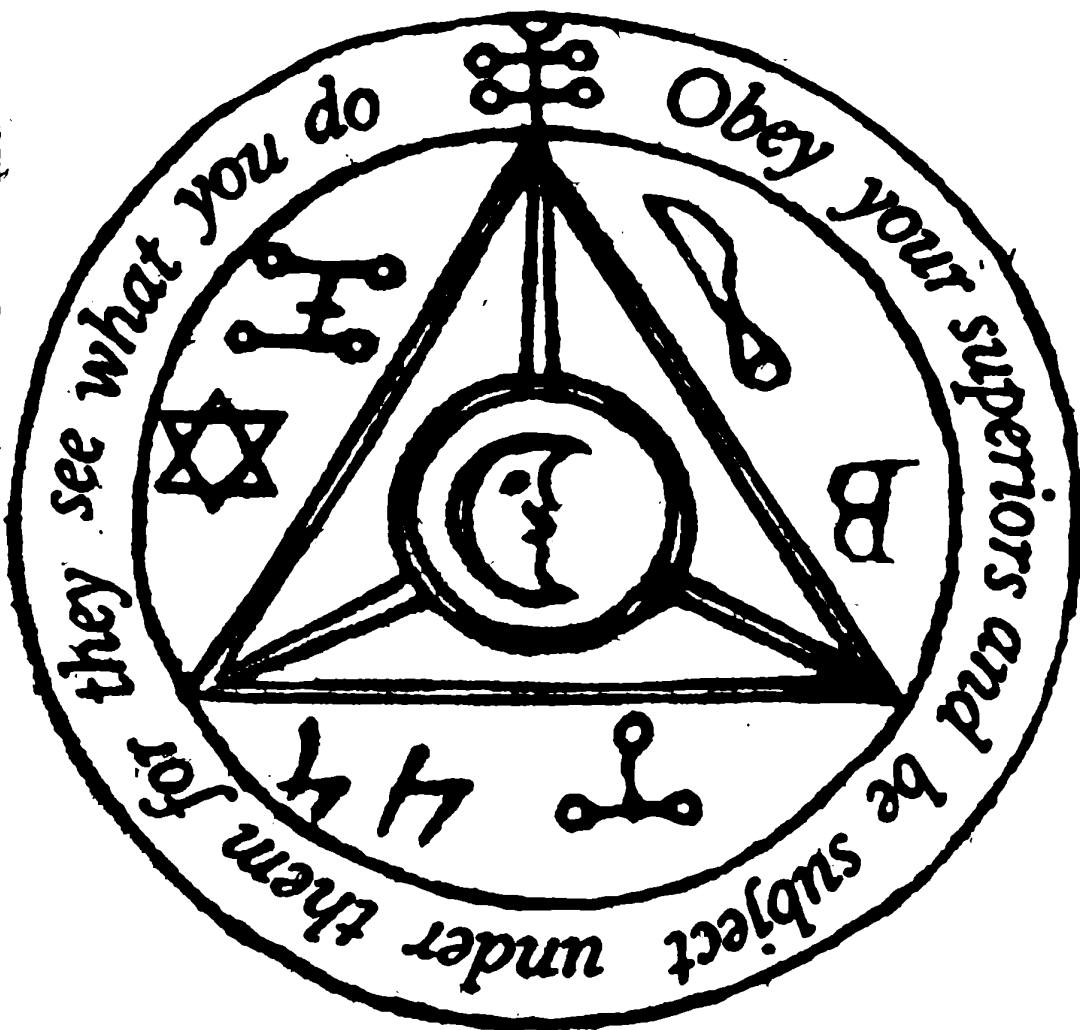


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Practitioner of Healing by
Occult Means

Rome 1670

*Secrets and counter-Charms
of Guidon, Practitioner of
occult healing*

THE following secrets are sure and infallible. Guidon¹, who practised them daily, has used them to effect cures that have been proven effective beyond any shadow of doubt. Everyone in the provinces of Pays de Caux and Normandy are convinced. He performs his operations in public, as well as privately. He is motivated by charity, and heals both rich and poor with equal zeal. Thus, he has acquired the admiration and protection of respectable men. He ceaselessly labours to destroy evil spells and regards the authors of such curses with utter horror.

*The Practice of Guidon, to
destroy a Spell*

THE ancient rituals are a great resource for him. He includes all the conjurations, exorcisms, gospels and prayers. However, when working with possessed animals he will omit the Office of the Dead when he makes the sign of the Cross. He uses Holy Water, usually baptismal water, with which he makes aspersions in the sign of the cross over the one who is possessed, using a branch of palm that has, itself, been blessed. He also uses his thumb to make a cross on the forehead of the one who has been bewitched, using the same water. During the ceremony his head is bare, as are those of his

assistants and also the one who is to be healed.

When exorcising dumb animals, instead of the Holy Water, he uses salted water, prepared in a manner, which will be explained. He uses the orison described on page 43 of the Enchiridion of Pope Leo that was printed in Rome in 1660. He places salt in a bowl with blood that has been drawn from one of the bewitched animals. He mixes them together, saying ;

*Beati tornitis omnes Joannes Baptisantes et agentes.*²

On returning home, he commences a novena, which consists of reciting the orison from the Enchiridion of Pope Leo and fasting for nine days.

To destroy all spells

TAKE a glass in which you have placed some salt ; the amount depends upon the number of bewitched animals. Recite the following over it ;

*Herego gomet hunc gueridans
sesserant deliberant amei.³*

Circle the animals three times, starting from the direction of the sun at dawn and following its course through the sky. When you pass in front of the animals, throw a pinch of salt on each one. At the same time, recite the same words ;

Herego, etc.

*The great exorcism to destroy all
evil spells whether affecting
humans or making animals
unreasonable*

SAY the following words :-
 Demon, leave the body of N.
 (say the name), by the
 commandment of the God
 whom I adore, and make way for
 the Holy Spirit. I trace the sign
 of the holy cross of Our Lord
 Jesus Christ on your forehead. In
 the name of the Father, the Son,
 and the Holy Ghost. I make the
 sign of the cross of Our Lord
 Jesus Christ on your chest. In the
 name of the Father, of the Son,
 and of the Holy Ghost, the
 Eternal and All-Powerful God,
 Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 cast the eye of your mercy on your
 servant N. whom you have



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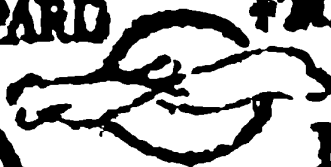


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deigned to call to the side of faith, heal his heart of all kinds of failings and sickness, and break all his hidden chains and ties. Open, Lord, the way of your glory by your goodness, by this seal of your Wisdom, let him be saved from the stench, the attacks, and the desires of the unclean spirit, and be filled with the sublime perfume of your goodness and your grace, he will joyfully obey the commandments of your Church ; and will advance, day by day, towards perfection, until he becomes worthy to have his sins washed away, by your Holy Baptism, by the merits of the Jesus Christ Our Lord and God. Lord, we pray you to grant our prayers, to save and protect those whom you have redeemed

with your charitable love at the price of your precious blood and by the virtue of your Holy Cross, that which has marked us. Jesus, protector of the poor and afflicted, be propitious to the people you have adopted, making us participants in the blessing of New Testament, so that its promise may be granted, and we may receive, by your grace, the promise of salvation provide by you alone, Jesus Christ, Our Lord who is our comforter, who has made the heaven and the earth.

I exorcise you, creature, in the name of God, the All-Powerful Father, and by the love given by Our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the virtue of the Holy Spirit; I exorcise you by the Great Living God, who is the One True God

whom I adore, and by the God who created you, who has saved all his chosen people, who has commanded his servants to bless him, for the benefit of those who believe in him, so that they all will join together to pursue the enemy. It is for this, Lord our God, that we implore you to sanctify this salt by your holy benediction, and make it a perfect remedy for those that who receive it ; that it remain within them, so that they may be incorruptible, in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ who must judge the living and the dead, and by the seal of the God of Abraham, of the God of Isaac, of the God of Jacob, of the God who appeared to his servant Moses on Mount Sinai, who released the children of Israel

from bondage in Egypt the children, giving them an Angel to protect them and to lead them by day and by night.

I pray to you, Lord, to send your holy Angel to protect your servant N. (say his name) and to lead him to life eternal, by virtue of your holy Baptism.

I exorcise you, impure and rebellious Spirit, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I command you to leave the body of N., I adjure you to leave in the name of He who extended his hand to St. Peter when he was about to sink in the water. Obey, cursed demon, your God and the sentence that has been pronounced against you, and give honour to the living God, to the Holy Spirit and to Jesus

Christ, only Son of the Father. Leave, ancient serpent, the body of N., because the great God commands you to do so. Let your pride be confounded and annihilated before the sign of the Holy Cross, that which we are signed by baptism and the grace of Jesus Christ. Think that the day of your agony approaches and that extreme torments await you ; the judgment against you is irrevocable ; and the sentence condemns you and all your companions to eternal flames, for your rebellion against your Creator. This is why, cursed demon, I order you to run away, on behalf of the God whom I adore; go by the Holy God, by the True God, by He who spoke and all was created. Render

honour to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit and to the Most Holy and Most Indivisible Trinity. I command you, filthy Spirit, whoever you are, to leave the body of this creature N., created by God, and that God is the same as Our Lord Jesus Christ. That he deems today, by his infinite goodness, to call you to the grace of sharing in his Holy Sacraments, that he instituted for the salvation of all the faithful, in the name of God, who will judge the whole world by fire.

Here is the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ. + Depart, baleful enemies, here is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the root of David.

*To destroy all spells and to compel
the person who caused the evil to
come to you*

IN cases where an animal that has been cursed to death, first make absolutely sure that there is no sign of life. Then take out the animal's heart and place it upon a clean plate. Then procure nine hawthorn spikes and proceed as follows.⁴

Stick one of your thorns in the heart, saying; *Adibaga, Sabaoth, Adonay, contrà ratout prisons prerunt fini unixio paracle gossun.*⁵

Next, take two other thorns and stick them in the heart, saying: *Qui sussum mediator agros gaviol valax.*⁶

Take two others, and thrust them in, saying: *Landa*

*zazar valoi sator saluxio
paracle gossum.*⁷

Thrust two more thorns,
saying ; *Mortus cum fice sunt et
per flagellationem Domini nostri
Jesu Christi.*⁸

Finally, stick in the last two
thorns with the following words:

Avir sunt before you
*paracletur strator verbonum
offisum fidando.*⁹

Then, say :

I call those who had created the
Missal Abel. Undo the evil you
made, you coward, we are right to
order you to come to us, by sea or
by land, from anywhere, without
delay and without any conditions
or forfeits upon us.

Then, with these final words,
pierce the heart with a nail.

Note. If hawthorn thorns
cannot be procured, one may

use new nails.

The heart having been pierced in the manner indicated, place it in a small bag and hang it in the chimney of a fireplace. The next day, remove the heart from the bag, put it on a plate, and pull out the first thorn. Insert it in a different place, saying the words that we designated above. Remove two others and, thrusting them in again, say the appropriate words. Finally, pull out the others in the same order and reinsert them, as we have said, taking care that none of them are put into the same hole. Carry out this operation for nine days in a row.

However, if you do not wish to give the malefactor an opportunity to obtain release,

you can do all this on the same day, inserting the thorns in the manner described. Thrust a nail into the heart whilst saying the appropriate words for that act. Then light a large fire. Put the heart on a grill to roast it over the burning embers. The malefactor must come then to beg for mercy, or, if it is beyond his power to come in the short time that your actions have allotted him, you will cause him to die.

The castle of Goodness for horses

PUT salt on a plate; then, having your back turned to the rising Sun, the animals being before you, fall to your knees and with your head uncovered, say the following :

Salt that was made and formed in the castle of that beautiful saint, blessed Elizabeth, by the names Disole, Soffée, who bear salt, pure salt, I conjure you in the name of Gloria, of Dorianté and of Galiane her sister. Salt I conjure thee that you help me to keep these horses ; that here present before God and before me, clean and healthy, eating and drinking heartily ; that they grow big and strong and that they will bend to my will. Purest salt, I conjure you by the power of glory, and by the virtue of glory, and my will, always of glory.

This is pronounced towards the rising sun ; go to the next quarter, following the course of that star, and repeat the above. Do likewise at the two other



quarters. Having returned at the start (at the East), speak again the same words observed during the entire ceremony. Take care that the animals are always in front of you, because those that will cross the place where you are working are crazed beasts.

Execute, then, three turns around your horses, throwing salt upon the animals while saying : Salt, I sprinkle you with the hand that God has given me; Grapin,¹⁰ I catch you, I await you.

Take the remaining salt and add blood from the animal, on which you ride, saying ; Horse, I bleed you with the hand that God has given me, Grapin, I catch you, etc.

Bleed the animal with a piece of hard wood, such as boxwood or pearwood. Take the blood

from whichever part you wish, regardless of assertions by some people that assign particular virtues to certain parts of the animal. However, when taking the blood, take care that the animal has its rear behind you. If, rather than a horse, it is a small animal, like a sheep, hold its head in your legs. At last, after having bled the animal, cut a small piece of horn from the right hoof. Divide this into two pieces and make them into a cross. Put this small cross in a piece of new linen, then cover it with salt. Then take some of the wool, if you are treating sheep (otherwise take horsehair) and make again a small cross, putting it in the linen on top the salt. Place upon this cross of wool or horsehair a

second layer of salt. Make another small cross, this time with virgin paschal wax or a blessed candle, then put the rest of your salt on top. Tie it all up in a ball, with string. Rub the animals with this ball upon leaving the stable (if horses) or the sheepfold (if sheep), saying the words already given for sprinkling the salt. Continue this rubbing for a period of 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, or 11 days in a row, depending on the strength and vigour of the animals.

Note. You must never throw the salt until the last word of the formula. When you are working with horses, speak quickly. If sheep are being treated, the more slowly you say the words, the better it will be. Avoid including horsehair or wool

when you sprinkle the salt, it must be pure.

All the ceremonies begin on the Tuesday or Friday of the first quarter of the moon. However, in an urgent case, you do not need to observe this requirement. It is necessary to take special care of the balls so that they stay dry, and do not get damp; because, in that case, the animals will perish. Generally they are kept in the pocket; but rather than ask you to go to unnecessary trouble, do can do the same as expert practitioners and keep them in a dry place in your home, where they are safe so that you do not have to worry about them. We have said above to only cut horn from the right hoof to make the ball. Most people take from the four hooves

and consequently make of them two small crosses as they have four pieces. This is unnecessary and superfluous. If you perform the ceremonies of the four corners starting from the quarter directed towards the rising sun, the herd will be less scattered.

Realise that a bad shepherd, who bears a grudge against the one who replaces him, may well cause afflictions and may make the flock perish. First, he takes one of the balls and cut the contents into pieces and spreads the parts, either on a table or elsewhere, during a novena said upon the rosary, then he wraps up the pieces in the linen, then cuts up the whole of it and disperses the pieces by placing them inside a mole or a weasel,

or a broken pot or cruet ; or, finally, in a frog or toad,¹¹ or a fishes tail and then buries it in an anthill, saying : Curses, perdition etc. They leave it there for nine days, after which he digs it up and saying the same words, grind the parts into a powder which is sprinkled on the ground where the flock grazes. Bad shepherds will also use three pebbles taken from different cemeteries, and by the means of certain words that we will not reveal, they produce diarrhoea, causing mange and the death of any animals that they ill-wish. We give below the procedure for destroying these enchantments and all spells. Concerning this matter, we intend to reprint the Enchiridion of Pope Leo, in

which we will add the procedures that Guidon has developed and practiced with such phenomenal success..

*A charm for protection of
one's will*

A STARIN, Astarot, who is Bahol, I entrust to you my herd. For payment, I will give you a white beast, or a black one, whichever pleases me. I conjure you, Satarin, that you guard them for me everywhere in this place, saying hurlupapin.

Then proceed according to the instructions given before concerning the bastion of Goodness, and cast the salt saying the following :

Gupin struck and the great fell; it is Cain who does that to

you. You should rub the animals while saying these words.¹²

Another protective spell.

BEASTS of wool, I take you under my protection, in the name of God and the Most Sacred Virgin Mary. I pray to God that the blood that I am going to take will compel thee to do my will. I conjure you that you may destroy all spells and enchantments that may be passing through the body of my living herd of woolly beasts here present before God and before me, beasts that are in my charge and my care. In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, of St. John the Baptist and of St. Abraham.

See above for what we have said concerning the working in the castle of Goodness, and you will use the words, when throwing the salt and when rubbing the animals :

Go away, flourish, Jesus is reborn.¹³

Guard, or protection, against mange, scabs and rot.

IT was on a Monday morning that the Saviour of the World passed, the Holy Virgin after Him, and then St. John his shepherd and his friend, who looks after his holy flock. When your flock is afflicted by an extreme case of malignant mange, which can be borne no longer, release can be obtained from these three

shepherds who had worshipped our Saviour Redeemer Jesus Christ in Bethlehem, and who had adored the way of the Infant. Say five *Our Fathers* and five *Hail Marys*.

My flock will be healthy and fine, under my protection. I pray to Lady St. Geneviève that she is my support in this case of mange. Mange be banished by God, abjured by Christ, I command you, in the name of the great Living God, that you depart from here and that you are dissolved and confounded before God and before me, as the dew melts in the sun. By the most glorious Virgin Mary and Holy Spirit, mange, depart from here for God commands you to do so. Just as, on Holy Friday, Joseph of Arimathea brought

the precious body of our Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ from the tree of the Cross. On behalf of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, worthy flock of beasts of wool, come near to God and to me. Here is the divine offering of salt that I present you today, because, without salt, nothing has been done, and with salt, all can be done, as I believe, on behalf of the Father, etc.

O salt ! On behalf of the great Living God, I conjure you, that you serve my will, that you keep me and protect my flock from every illness : scab, mange, itch, heaves, wool balls, and bad water. I command you, as Jesus Christ my Saviour commanded his disciples on the ship when they said to him : Lord, awaken,

for the sea frightens us. Right away, the Lord awoke and commanded the sea to be still, Right away, the sea became calm. You are commanded in the name of the Father, etc.

Before using this protection, say over the salt : *Panem cœlestem accipiat sit nomen Domine invocabis.*¹⁴ Then refer to the castle of Goodness and cast the salt, and rub the animals, saying the following :

*Eum ter ergo docentes omnes gentes baptisantes eos. In nomine Patris, etc.*¹⁵

Protection against scab.

WHEN Our Lord rose to heaven, his sacred power on earth left behind Pasle, Còlet,

and Herve. All that God said was true. Red, white, or black beasts, of whatever colour you are, and of whatever illness, whether mange, or scab, you suffer, even if the spell is buried nine feet below the earth, it will go away and die, as St. John is in his skin and was borne upon his camel, as Joseph, Nicodemus of Arimathea, lowered the body of my sweet Saviour, Redeemer Jesus Christ from the tree of the cross, on Holy Friday.

Use the following words, for the aspersion with salt and the rubbing of the animals, and have recourse to that which we have said concerning the castle of Goodness :

Salt, I cast you with the hand that God gave me. *Volo et vono Baptista Sancta Agala tum est.*¹⁶

*Secret for protecting Sheep
from Wolves.*

STAND facing the rising sun and say the following five times. If you wish only to say it once, then it must be done on five succeeding days.

Come, beast of wool, it is the Lamb of Humility; I protect you, *Ave Maria*. It is the Lamb of the Redeemer who fasted forty days without complaint, without having taken sustenance from the enemy, though he was sorely tempted. Go away, grey and grabbing beast. Go far from here to seek your prey. Wolf, she-wolf, wolf-cub, you don't have to come near this meat which is here. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and

of the blessed St. Cerf. Retreat,
O *Satana*.

Say this in the quarter facing the rising sun, as we have indicated, and this formula or guard must be uttered to the three other quarters ; and, returning to the starting point, be repeated once more. Visualise the castle of Goodness, and then cast salt while pronouncing the following words: *Vanus vanes Christus vaincus*,¹⁷ attack salt *solis*, attack St. Silvain¹⁸ in the name of Jesus.

The Poppet Spell

UNITE them, unite them,
wed us and wed them, untie
us and wed them to Beelzebub.

This charm is both dangerous
and controversial.¹⁹

Protection of Horses

SALT, which was formed in the foam of the sea, I conjure you that you bring me happiness and be beneficial to my master; I conjure you in the name of Crouay; Don, I conjure you in the name of Crouay; Satan, I conjure you in the name of Crouay; Leot, I conjure you in the name of Crouay; Valiot, I conjure you in the name of Crouay; Rou and Rouvayet, come here, I take you for my servants.²⁰ Cast the salt, saying

*Fisti Christi Belial.*²¹

Be careful when saying Rouvayet: it is good, because it is powerful, but also sometimes painful. Refer to what we said earlier concerning the castle of Goodness and destroying spells.

Protection of the Flock.

ALL ravishing beasts, who wish to attack this living flock of woolly beasts, be restrained by virtue of *the hoc est enim Corpus meum.*²² Beasts of wool, come to me, here is an offering of salt that I present to you, and that I will give you, in the name of God and the Virgin, and of my lord St. John : beasts of wool, come to me, and turn towards me ; here is an offering of salt blessed by God, that I give, deliver and cast upon you in the name of God, of the Virgin, and of my lord St. John : that this salt will keep them healthy and clean, drinking well, eating well, large and fat, quiet and meek, in a safe place around me, like the lamb of Lord St. John, and in his honour I believe that this

salt will keep them clean and bright to please everyone, in the name of God and of the Virgin and of Lord St. John. I believe that this salt will preserve them from wolves and wolverines, and from all ravenous beasts that walk by day and by night. Salt blessed by God, I conjure you to do so ; because I am a believer in this, in the name of God, of the Virgin, and of Lord St. John. O great God! I believe that this salt will keep them from itch, mange, pox, and whatever evil that may come to the body of this living flock of beasts of wool. Salt blessed by God, I believe that you will accomplish this in the name of God and of the Virgin, and of Lord St. John. *Amen.*

It is necessary that a Mass of the Holy Spirit has been said

over the salt ; it must begin with the *Confiteor*²³ and continue to the end. You may say it yourself. For the rest, you will proceed as we have spoken concerning the castle of Goodness, and for the sprinkling of the salt, you will use the following words :

*Vamus Jesus Christus et memores,*²⁴ St. Sylvain attack in the name of Jesus.

Another Protection for Sheep.

SALT, that was created by God and blessed by his most worthy hand, I conjure you, by the great living God, and by my Lord St. Requier, who is the adversary of all devils, I conjure you that you will break and corrupt all spells that have

been said, read, and performed on the bodies of this living flock of woolly beasts that are here present before God and before me. Salt that was created by God and blessed by his worthy hand; I conjure, present and apply you to the body of this living flock, here present before God and before me. It is my will and my desire, that you will keep them healthy and clean, large, fat and round; that they will be firmly united around me like the belt of the most sacred Virgin Mary, when she carried the body of our sweet Saviour Redeemer Jesus Christ. *Casta sacravera viva corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi qui tima menta Deus; in nomine Patri, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti.*²⁵ Amen.

For the application, have recourse to what we have said before concerning the castle of Goodness, and use the following words during the casting of the salt, and during the rubbings ; pass away, flourish, Jesus is resurrected.

That which we have given concerning guards should suffice to satisfy both the shepherd and the horseman for the spell of one may be used by the other, changing only the name of the living flock of beasts of wool to that of mounts. In any case, it is good to remark that the more a protection is strong and distasteful, the better it suits the horses, and the more it is sweet and holy, the better it suits the sheep. And in order that the ploughman obtains some

special fruit from our discoveries, we are going to follow with a protection especially for him. It is an infinite resource for those who live near warrens or other places where there are rabbits. These animals will not be able to damage the harvest anymore, being controlled by the guard, which we will give you now. On the contrary, if they pass through the fields that one wishes to protect, they will only eat the weeds growing there.

Protection from rabbits.

TAKE some salt in a dish or a plate: the quantity is not fixed but depends on the size of the area that you wish to protect.

In addition, have some rabbit pellets and five pieces of tile collected along the way of a procession or from a cemetery; then, being at the place where you wish to make this experiment, you will begin by facing the rising sun, head bare, and on your knees. You will then say what follows, and make crosses over the salt : + dant + dant + dant + sant + Heliot, and Valiot ; Rouvayet, come here, I take you on for my servant, to protect this place from these accursed rabbit bucks or rabbit does that pass back and forth over this crop of (name the seed) that is here before God and before me, without harm or injury; that they will be restrained in the name of Reveillot ; for I

command and conjure you, on behalf of the great living God, to obey, you and your companions. That I shall demand of you ; that is to protect for three months and three moons this crop of (name the seed) which is here before God and before me, as so I believe by the faith that I have in you. So I believe that you will do so ; and I also believe so by the power of this salt blessed by God, and of the tiles and the pellets of the said cursed beasts, rabbit bucks and rabbit does ; so I believe by all the forces and strengths that you may have over them ; this, I believe.

Make a hole in the ground, place there a pellet of dung saying : Rou and Rouvayet, come here, I take you on for my servant.

Place a pich of salt on the pellets, saying : Salt, I place you with the hand that God has given me ; Rou and Rouvayet, come here, you are my servant.

Then place a piece of broken tile or brick, saying : Broken tile, I place you with the hand that God has given me.

Knock with your left heel on the broken tile, turning to the right, while saying : Rou and Rouvayet, come here, I take you on for my servant.

Do the same in the three other corners of the area, then go to the centre and do the same, and then return to the first corner and begin sprinkling salt. Throwing the first handful, say : Salt, I cast you with the hand that God has given me, anchor of the Virgin.

Continue casting salt around the area; but only say "anchor of the Virgin" after the first sprinkling. When you are back to where you started, take the rest of your salt and cast it all at once, saying : Rou and Rouvayet, come here, I take you on for my servant.

If the terrain is divided into different parcels or has different crops, it is necessary to perform the same ceremony over each section ; and in the place of the "three months and three moons", you may specify what period you wish.

We intend to give magical protections that are different from those in the French translation of Francis of Agrippa and from the Key of Solomon. To these works, we attach secrets from our own experience.²⁶

To calm an Animal.

TAKE two lengths of straw ;
 make a knot in the middle
 of one ; place the other over it to
 make a cross, and then say
 these words :

Anchor of God, Anchor of the
 Virgin, Anchor of the Devil :
 Satan, go forth to all the devils.

Throw the cross over the
 snout of the animal, saying the
 same words, down on one knee.
 By this means one may carry the
 animal on the shoulders, or
 otherwise, however nasty it may
 be, without risk of being bitten.

To be Hard.

VALANDA jacem rafit
 massif excorbis anter
 valganda zazar,²⁷ brother give me
 your hand; Bourbelet, Barlet,

Amer come to surround me, as Judas betrayed our Lord.

Write this upon a piece of paper which you should always carry around your neck, and when in danger say those words.

By these means Guidon, attacked by two knights in an inn at Fauville, was saved from more than five hundred sword cuts; he returned, after the assault, peacefully to his home.

For discovering Treasure.

BEING in the place where one supposes there is a treasure, striking the ground three times with your left heel, turn to the left and say:-

Sadies satani agir fons toribus; come to me, Seradon, who will be called Sarietur.²⁸

Do this three more times. If there is any treasure in that place, you will know it, for you will hear something whispered in your ear.

To stop a team of horses, or send a rider in the wrong direction.

BLACK or white horse, I am the one who commands you; I conjure you that may move your hooves no more than you can move your ears, just as Beelzebuth cannot break his chains. Brute beast, you will wondrously turn under this curse. It is necessary, for this operation, to have a nail forged during Midnight Mass, and drive it into the hoofprints of the horses. Failing this, take from the horse a scab or suchlike and say :

Scab - I conjure you in the name of Lucifer, Beelzebuth and Satanas, the three princes of all the devils, that you must stop. Repeat the above words for nine successive days and escew all Christian acts during this time.²⁹

Counter-Charm.

HOSTIA *sacra vera corrum*,³⁰ in repelling the great demon of hell, all words, enchantments and-characters that have been said, read, and performed on the body of my living horses, they are now broken and shattered, stand back.

To make Lambs fair and strong.

TAKE the firstborn or, if such is your choice, the one born in the best conditions. Raise it

from the ground, its snout before you. Then say :

*Ecce lignum crucem in quo salu mundi crucem.*³¹

Lower it to the ground, raise it again, and say as before. Do the same three times.

Protection against all firearms.

STAR which guides the weapon today, I bewitch by a jig,³² I say you so, that you obey me : in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of Satanatis.³³

Make the sign of the Cross.

Against soreness of the muzzle and Fevers.

TAKE the first sheep that was attacked by the sickness. Turn towards the sunrise, open its jaws and say, three times :

Brac +, Cabrac +, Carabra +, Cadebrac +, Cabracam +,³⁴ I heal you. Blow into the jaws of the sheep each time, and then set it among the others. They will all be healed. It is necessary to make the sign of the cross when marked above. These same words, written on paper, carried around the neck for nine days, will also cure fevers.

*Against inflammation of the
saliva glands in Horses.*

HORSE that is (name its color), belonging to (name its owner), these red swellings, or whatever colour they may be, or the thirty-six varieties of other sicknesses, may God and the blessed St. Eloy³⁵ heal you; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Then say five *Our Fathers* and five *Hail Marys*, etc., while kneeling.

To heal Sprains.

A TAY de satay suratay avalde,³⁶ walk. It is necessary to repeat three times, striking each time the shoe of the horse. If this is the near side, knock the left hoof. This also works for humans.

To prevent a flock from touching seedlings, so passing between two furrows.

TAKE a piece of silver, hang it from the neck of one of the sheep, saying nine times :

Satan Satourne, speak of Gricacoeur³⁷ incarnate lord of Nazareth ; I request and command you, and humbly conjure you, that you come to

keep and let pass my living flock
of beasts this evening, this day,
and this morning, saying
hurlupupin.³⁸

We wish to say nothing more
concerning these cursed words.³⁹

*To heal a beast suffering soreness
of the Muzzle.*

TAKE the afflicted beast,
and say three times, on his
head, those words :

In tes daleme bouis, vins
Divernas Sathan.⁴⁰

Against the Heaves.⁴¹

OPEN the mouth of the
horse, blow into it three
times, saying :

In tes daleme bouis, vins
Divernas Sathan.⁴²

Against a sore Muzzle.

TAKE holy water with the fingertip and, touching the bottom of the jaws, saying :

+ *Christus Brutus et dutus est Vanum.*⁴³

Against Mange.

MAY the werewolf-farrier's dick rot, because he fucked me.⁴⁴ Take best quality wheat with oil and a pinch of salt. Add blood from three animals ; pound it all together and make a small cake ; wrap it in paper, cook it in hot coals, and rub the animals with it, saying :

+ *Christus Brutus et dutus est Vanum.*⁴⁵

Against Haemorrhoids

WITH the middle finger of your left hand, take saliva from your mouth and touch the hemorrhoids, saying :

Skewers, go away, God curses you ; in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. After that, you'll say for nine days some *Pater Nosters* and *Ave Marias*, nine the first day, eight the second and so on, decreasing each day.⁴⁶

Against Epilepsy or Falling Sickness

SAY into the right ear of he who is afflicted : *Oremus praeceptis salutaribus moniti.*⁴⁷

Add the Lord's Prayer. Before these prayers are finished, the illness will be relieved.

Enchantment to stop Blood

SANGUIS mane in te sicut
 fecit Christus in sanguis
 mane in tua vena sicut Christus in
 sua poenat sanguis mane fixus sicut
 quando fuit crucifixus.⁴⁸

Counter-Charm

ECCE Crucem Domini, fugite
 partes adversae, vicit leo de
 tribu Juda, radix David.⁴⁹

Against Fire

IN te, Domine, speravi, non
 confundar in aeternum.⁵⁰

Against Fevers

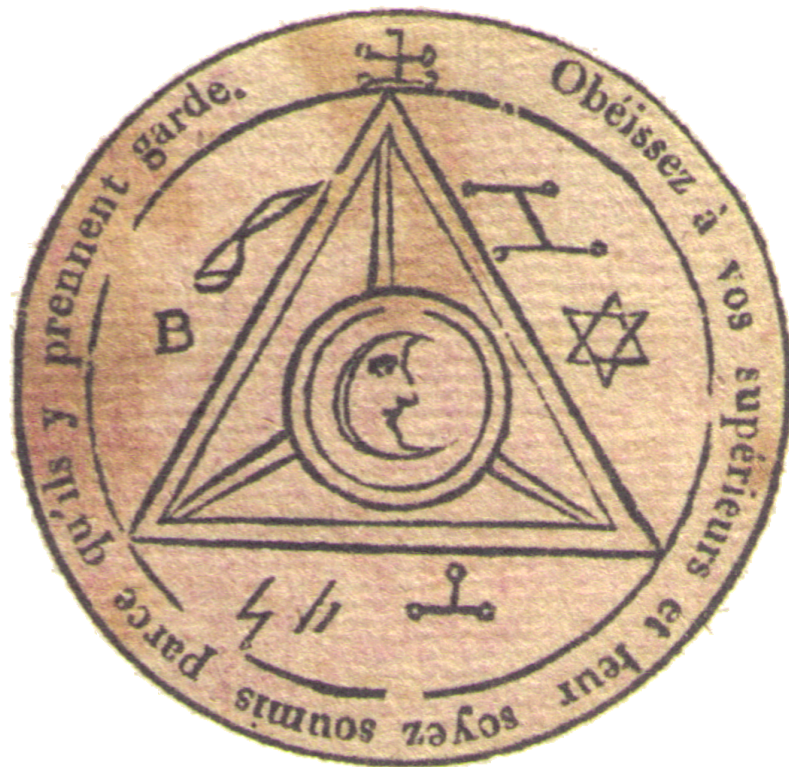
GOD came to the world to deliver us from our sins; he fasted thirty-three years and three days; he was sold to the Jews for thirty pieces of silver. Fever third, Fever fourth, Fever of whatever sort you may be, you are not able to rest in this body; in the name of Jesus, who was nailed to the tree of the Cross, where he spilled his blood for our sins; Holy Mary, pray for me; St. Michael, protect me; Jesus, Maria, St. Joseph, help me; Mary, St. Catherine, protect me.

Write these words, upon a piece of paper, followed by the name of the afflicted. Wear the paper around the neck. Each day, before eating, say five *Pater Nosters* and five *Ave Marias* in front of an image of the Virgin.

Illustrations

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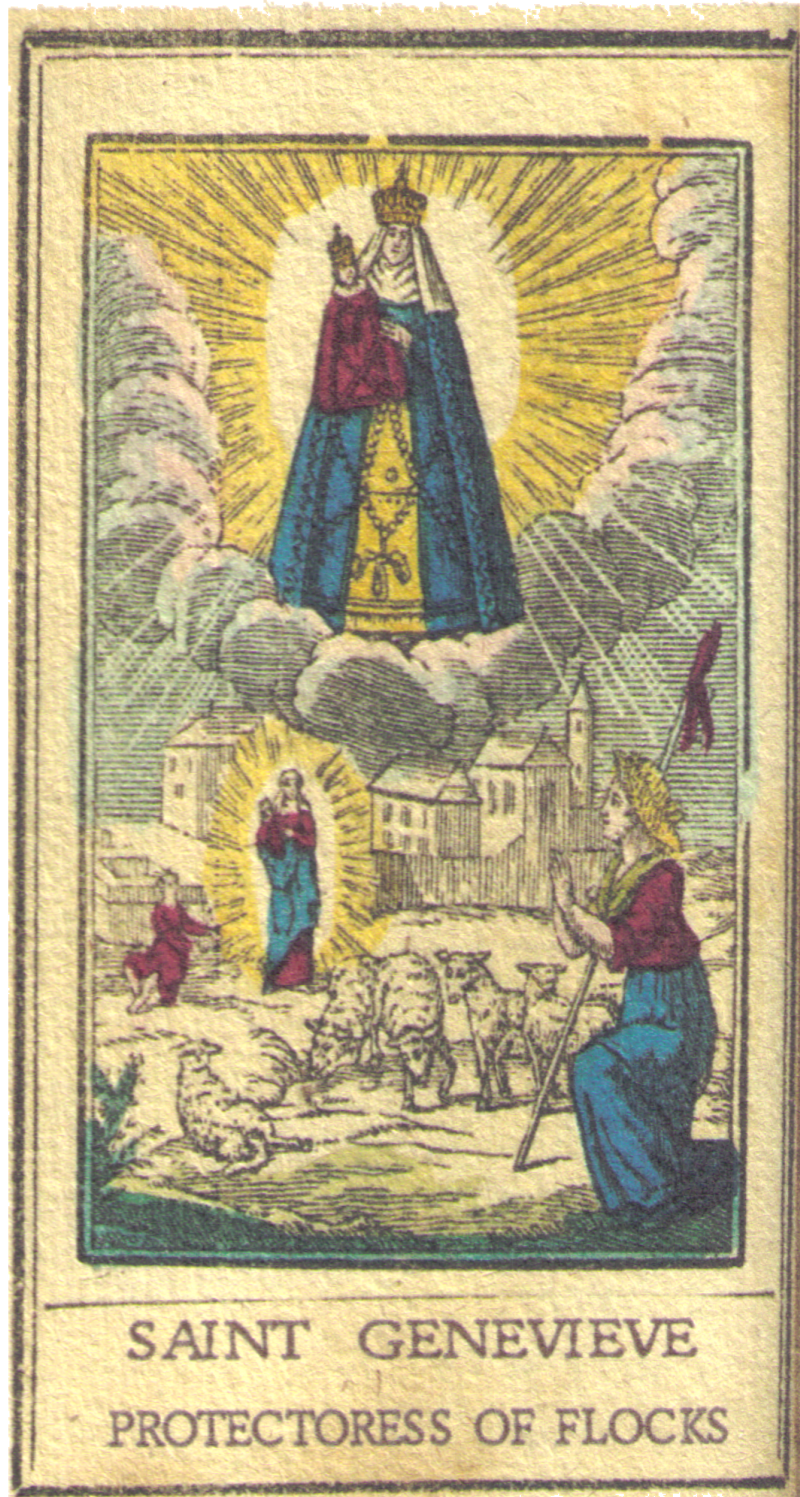


The text reads:-

Obey your superiors and be subject under them, for they will see what you do.



THE PROTECTION OF SHEEP



SAINT GENEVIEVE
PROTECTRESS OF FLOCKS

TALISMAN for stopping horses, that has been constructed according to the instructions given in the edition issued in 1760.



Afterword

THE Magical Secrets of Guidon first appeared as an appendix to the Grimoire of Pope Honorius, the cover of which stated that it was issued in Rome in 1670. The publication details given in grimoires are rarely true; being falsified to either add historical glamour, or mislead the authorities. The book is in French and there is no reason to think it was not issued in France. Guidon is described as being from the Normandy area and remarks in the text concerning a future project implies that he was in contact with the publisher. Philippe Pissier, the translator, identifies the dialect as Norman French;

as spoken at that period and in that region. The typeface used suggests late 17th or early 18th Century. The illustration features clothes of that period. Perhaps, unusually, the printed publication date is correct, whilst the location of the press is deliberately misleading. Maybe, in 17th Century Catholic France, publications from Rome might seem less contentious in the eyes of those who might, it was hoped, judge a book by its cover.

The Grimoire of Pope Honorius was nothing to do with either pope of that name. It is magic of the ecclesiastical underground, using Christian forces to compel demonic agencies to perform morally dubious tasks useful to the

magician. There are other texts of this nature. The Magical Secrets of Guidon are more complex and also, as a viewpoint preserved for the modern reader, very rare. It gives the voice of an actual rural practitioner of magic, who might, in England, have been called a Cunning Man. Aside from the written description, we have a contemporary picture of him working his craft, redrawn for the 1760 edition so as to update his clothing. So, what do we know about Guidon and his practice? The text informs us that, as mentioned, he was active in Normandy and Pays de Caux, the coastal region of France due south of England. He was literate and educated ;

he mentions certain magical texts (the *Enchiridion* of Pope Leo, the *Key of Solomon* and the works of Agrippa) as well as being familiar with Catholic liturgy. It is stated that he worked for both rich and poor, and, it is plausible, he had the protection of the former and the confidence of the latter. His practice was primarily concerned with the healing and protection of animals, particularly horses and sheep. Indeed he records magical workings that are specifically those of shepherds. Also, we know from another source, that he walked a highly dangerous path.

Professor William Monter has written specifically about witchcraft trials in the

Normandy region of France (*Toads and Eucharists, the male Witches of Normandy 1564 - 1664*, French Historical Studies, Vol.20, No.4, Fall 1997). He explains that in Europe generally, four out of five of those executed for witchcraft were women. However, in Normandy, and particularly Pays de Caux, the vast majority of those accused were men. Nearly half of those men were shepherds. It should be noted that these prosecutions were not the result of a witchcraze, but were spread throughout the century; a steady reoccurrence of accusation and trial (sometimes with torture) usually leading to severe punishment or, sometimes, acquittal.

Some of the charges recorded bear no relation to the Guidon material. There were accusations of Sabbats, pacts with the Devil, and the resultant Devil's Mark which are quite alien to Guidon's rituals. Monter notes shepherds were specifically suspected of two practices; the misappropriation of Eucharist and malefic magic involving toads.

Concerning the first, it made no difference if the consecrated host was employed to protect sheep from evil, its use for anything other than consumption at the Mass was considered sacrilegious and was a capital crime. Guidon does not advocate such actions, but he sails close to the wind. He uses Holy Water from the baptismal

font, but only to exorcise humans. When liberating animals from possession, he uses salt that he has consecrated himself. This procedure may be the key to Guidon's work, allowing him to operate legally and, therefore, openly. The process of consecration of the salt varies:- a simple blessing in the name of John the Baptist; a version calling upon St. Elizabeth and obscure female holy characters; and one in the name of the living God and Jesus Christ. One form of consecration uses unfamiliar words of power; namely *Crouay*, under whom rules *Don*, *Satan*, *Valiot* and *Leot*, who in turn cause *Rou* and *Rouvayet* to become the practitioner's servants. Later it is *Heliot* and

Valiot, with mention of a *Reveillot*, that command the same beings to serve the practitioner and a comment by Guidon suggests that he is aware that this hierarchy is quite different from those given in the Key of Solomon or Agrippa. This may be a fragment of an otherwise unrecorded tradition. We may speculate as to the significance of these names:-

Crouay: is most enigmatic, and may relate to romance language roots pertaining to the words for crown, cross or blood.

Don: occurs in romance languages meaning "Gaffer".

Satan: needs no introduction.

Valiot: may relate such to words as "valiant".

Leot: - Leo the lion?

Heliot: - Helios, the sun?

Reveillot: may derive from "King Valiot".

Rou & Rouvayet: may be variations of the romance language words for "king", though this seems incompatible with their role of servants to the practitioners. The romance language words for "red" seems more likely. Of course the intense red of fresh blood soaking into salt would have been a striking visual feature of some of Guidon's rituals, and in Britain red is a colour especially associated with "witchcraft" - or rather, magical defence against malefic spells; the red cap (as in *Old Mother Red Cap*) being a Wise Woman's badge of office. Guidon is shown wearing such a cap in the coloured illustration. It is specifically

stated that Rou and Rouvayet would act as the practitioner's servants and seem to perform the role of magical familiars.

Homage to the sun is a central feature of Guidon's rituals, which mark its passage through the heavens. Of course, churches are orientated to the east, the direction of the rising sun. However, the solar aspect is more overt and conscious for Guidon than it is in Christian orthodoxy. Apt then, that a variation of the word Helios, is one of the names of power.

Monter describes how shepherds were suspected of using toads to curse their flock and possession of toads was considered a sure sign of sorcery, and a number were executed on the basis of such

evidence. We see that Guidon records the magical practice of shepherds, which they used to protect their flock, carefully creating a talismanic ball representing each animal. However he warns that a bad shepherd, one who had been sacked and wishes to curse the flock in revenge, may use these same talismans to effect their destruction. He gives the ritual, which involves ritually destroying the balls and then placing the fragments in a toad, which is buried in an anthill. There it is left for nine days before fragments are recovered and then placed where the flock must pass, thus afflicting the flock. Whilst Guidon records this practice, he is at pains to distance himself from it. Clearly

this relates to the "Waters of the Moon" ceremony by which a talismanic toad bone could be obtained

It was not just the acts described by Guidon that were an issue. Possession of such a book was, in itself, considered evidence of sorcery. However, as might be expected, it was not shepherds who were caught with dubious books. From Monter's account, it would seem that priests were the usual suspects and that occupation, after shepherds, provided more witchcraft suspects than any other. Bibliographical records are minimal:- "a booklet of 12 or 15 pages of recipes for curing spells" ; "a bad book containing many recipes and magical signs" ; "book of diabolical

invocations and incantations” ; “book full of conjurations bought from an Italian... which told him how to cure the plague” ; “magical recipes in Latin for curing horses and seducing women” ; “a grimoire”. Enough though, to indicate that the Guidon text, especially as it was accompanied by the Grimoire of Pope Honorius and other spells, could get one into an awful lot of trouble. No wonder, therefore, that it was published anonymously!

Monter informs us that aside from shepherds and priests, the only other trade to be over represented amongst those accused of witchcraft were blacksmiths. They were particularly suspected of magically healing, or hexing,

horses. Moreover, we find in the Guidon material a ritual for stopping horses that requires the assistance of a friendly blacksmith. Also one enigmatic spell against mange seems to infer that farriers might go as incubi-werewolves to harm an enemy's horse.



Footnotes

1. Guidon is a French surname, but also means "Guide", so may be a pseudonym.

2. *John the Baptist, grant us powerful blessings.*

3. The sense of this garbled Latin is unclear:- ?... *I myself?* .*cure?* *are seated...?....they consider...?*

4. Utilising the magical link between the malevolent witch and the cursed animal, the witch is tortured into begging for mercy. The period of nine days relates to the Catholic novena, a prayer repeated over that period to obtain special graces. Evidence of the use of this ritual is widespread. Animal hearts with nails or thorns inserted have been found up

chimneys in England, the ritual is also known to practitioners of hoodoo in the United States of America. The Sacred Heart, the Catholic symbol of the love of Jesus for humanity, is often depicted as pierced with thorns.

5. The Latin is unclear:- ?...*Lord of Hosts*?...*Holy Spirit*....?

6. The Latin is unclear:- ?.....*Who...? .negotiator fields*....?

7. ?..?..*sower*...?...*Holy Spirit*...?

8. *Death*...?... *by the scourging of our Lord Jesus Christ*.

9. ...?..?... *Holy Spirit*... ?'...?...

10. The significance of *Grabin*, perhaps meaning *claw*, is unclear. It seems to be some malevolent being.

11. This practice is clearly related to the "Waters of the Moon" ritual of the Toadmen.

12. The powers referenced in this spell are either obscure, ambiguous (as in Cain, the first murderer) or demonic as in Astarot, a pre-Christian Semetic Goddess who became a demon (usually spelt Astaroth) in various grimoires. The nature of the spell may be placatory. One of the flock is sacrificed to infernal powers so that they will not attack the rest.

13. Meaning; *Evil spells, go away; animals flourish, by the power of the Resurrection of Jesus.* In contrast to the preceding spell, this charm is quite orthodox.

14. This is Latin from the Mass:- *I will take the Bread of heaven, and will call upon the name of the Lord.*

15. ? *thrice therefore teach all ? noble baptism ? In the name of the Father etc.*

16. *I wish and ? Sacred baptism ? is then ?*

17. ?...*Jesus Christ is powerless...?*

18. This may be a christianisation of *Silvanus*, the Roman God of woods and fields who was, in particular, called upon by shepherds to protect their flocks from wolves. A striking example of pagan survival, especially given the suggestion in the previous line that Christ is powerless in this situation.

19. Guidon acknowledges the demonic nature of this spell.

20. See the Afterword for discussion of these curious names of power.

21. *Fisti* is unclear by may be a corruption of the Latin for 'hammer', or 'pipe', including a shepherd's reed pipe. *Christi* means 'of Christ'; *Belial* is an important demon mentioned in the Bible.

22. *For this is my body*. From the Mass.

23. A confession of sin which precedes the Mass.

24. *Jesus Christ is powerless and (men) are mindful*. St. Sylvain attack in the name of Jesus. It would appear that, again, the

pagan God Sylvanus is invoked to tackle a situation that Christ cannot, though this time he is asked to take action in the name of Jesus.

25. The holy living body of our Lord Jesus Christ has rendered holy, who ... God, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

26. As discussed, this sentence indicates Guidon is literate and familiar with some of the occult literature of his time.

27. No meaning has, as yet, been deduced for these words.

28. ? of Satan ? a spring ?

29. In the 1760 Edition this spell was framed specifically for stopping a team of horses with

the additional instruction that the practitioner should draw the sigil printed on the front cover of the book in white ink on black paper and throw it in the path of the horses. In this case the magical power of the spell is built up over three rather than nine days. This spell is entirely infernal. The horses are identified with demons and controlled as such, but by invoking the superior powers of Hell rather than Christian powers which, in the clerical underground, were utilised to compel infernal beings to do the practitioners bidding. Indeed, another component of the procedure is a nail forged by a blacksmith at midnight, who is working rather than attending Mass. We may note that Monter

found that Normandy blacksmiths were also particularly suspected of performing withcraft. Perhaps, here we have reference to their particular form of practice.

This magical method of horse control commences with a simple assertion of authority:- "It is I who command you" (though the literal translation would be "It is I who does it for you"). This resonates with an English tradition recorded by Nigel Pennick in *The Toadman*. He tells us that some horsemen of Romany stock in East Anglia employed "The Whisper" to control horses which utilising the words *Sic Jubeo*.

This too, is a simple statement of authority, though here with the added power of being in a hieratic language

rather than the vernacular, *Sic Jubeo* being the Latin for "I command it". It is interesting to note that in the *Grimoire Verum* the words *Sic Jubeo* are used in the context of commanding demons, which has an affinity for their usage here, the horse itself being identified with Beelzebub in his chains.

A talisman, made as instructed, with white ink upon black paper - the negative image of that on the cover - is present amongst the illustrations.

In *The History of Magic*, Eliphas Levi says of this talisman:

A pantiicle...gives expression to this doctrine, being passion as predominant over reason, sensualism deified and the woman in priority to the man, a

tendency which recurs in all antichristian mystic systems. The crescent moon of Isis occupies the centre of the figure and it is encompassed by three triangles, one within another. The Triangle is surmounted by the crux ansata with double cross-bar. ...there is on one side the sign of the spirit and the Kabalistic seal of Solomon, on the others the magic knife and the initial letter of the binary, below a reversed cross forming the figure of the lingam and the name of God $\text{⋈} = \text{Al}$, also reversed.

Another version of the same talisman is found in *The Keys of Rabbi Solomon* where it is used for obtaining the service of familiar spirits

30. *Holy, true victim.*

31. *Behold the wood of the cross on which the salvation of the world hung*

32. That is, by a dance to music. These aspects of the spell have, unfortunately, been lost.

33. An obviously ambivalent spell, the Holy Ghost being replaced by a form of Satan.

34. These magic words may derive from a confused memory of this noted talisman:-

ABRACADABRA
ABRACADABR
ABRACADAB
ABRACADA
ABRACAD
ABRACA
ABRAC
ABRA
ABR
AB
A

35. St. Eloy is a patron saint of smiths, having miraculously

shoed a difficult horse by removing its leg, nailing on the shoe, and then re-attaching the leg. *Eloy* occurs as a word of power in grimoires.

36. The meaning of these words is unclear.

37. This obscure word appears as *Cricacoeur* in the text of the Grimoire of Pope Honorius.

38. The meaning of this word is unclear.

39. Guidon acknowledges the demonic nature of this spell.

40. *???? Satan.*

41. Bronchitus in horses

42. *???? Satan.*

43. *Christ is a fool and is powerless.* Perhaps, it was the shocking

nature of this blasphemy was considered effective. Healing through shock or obscenity was not unknown. In Catholic Ireland sheila-na-gigs were apotropaic and in England "toad doctors" thrust the mutilated reptiles writhing in their death throes inside the clothes of the afflicted. The blasphemy, being in Latin, was a secret kept from most.

44. The translation of centuries old obscenity is particularly difficult as few examples are recorded. The original Old French:- "Lupin ferant à filli le grand, car il m'a fait cha." would be literally translated as "Werewolf farrier failed the big (ie to be impotent) because he made me a cunt". The implication may be that the horse's mange is caused by the

evil incubus-like magic of a farrier, so the aggressor's manhood is cursed.

45. Christ is a fool and is powerless.

46. Guidon returns to orthodoxy for the final half dozen spells.

47. Encouraged by salutary commands let us pray.

48. May the blood remain in you as Christ did. May the blood remain in your veins just as Christ's blood remained fixed during his punishment just as when He was crucified.

49. Here is the Cross of Our Lord. Depart, baleful enemies, here is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the root of David.

50. I have hoped in you, Lord, that I shall not be confounded forever.

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