

some something gross : and I made some of little bits, that they might better represent troops of horse, or companies of foot : and so I set my army here and there. The wings were on the right and left, and the main body was in the middle, accompanied with troops of horse : under a smooth table I put a very principal Loadstone with my hand. When this was put there, the left wing marched ; and on the right hand, with another stone, the right wing marched : when they drew neer together, and were more neer the Loadstone, the Sands trembled ; and by degrees, they seemed like those that take up their Spears ; and when the Loadstone was laid down, they laid down their Spears, as if they were ready to fight, and did threaten to kill and slay : and the better the Loadstone was, the higher would these hairs stretch forth themselves : and as I moved my hands by little and little, so the army marched on : and when the stones came neer to one the other, they seemed to fight, and run ope within the other ; so the other wings and troops came on, and shewed the form of a battle ; and you might see them sometimes retreat, sometimes march forward ; sometimes to conquer, and sometimes to be conquered ; sometimes to lift up their Spears, and lay them down again, as the Loadstone was put neer to them, or farther off ; and the more force there was to send forth every way."

The supposition that fighting is done by the help of the devil still holds good, only applying it to real not mimic armies. Again, we copy

"*How a man of wood may row a little boat ; and some other merry conceits.*—The fraud here is notable ; for women shall see a man of wood rowing a little boat well waxed, in a large vessel full of water. The fraud is thus began : the vessel is filled with water, a little ship of wax is put into it, or else of wood ; in the middle sit a little man of wood, fastened through the middle with a hogs-bristle, so equall balanced, that with every light motion he may easily stir himself : let him have oars in his hands, and under his feet a piece of iron. Let the Alphabet be made on the brim of the vessel, round about : wherefore a woman coming to enquire of some doubtful matter, the man of wood, as if he would give a true answer, will row to those letters that may signifie the answer : for he that holds the loadstone in his hand, under the table, can draw the boat which way he will, and so will answer by joyning these letters together."

"*A paper go up a wall, and come down of itself.*—For I glew'd a piece of iron on the backside of the paper, and I gave it my friends to hold to the wall : but behinde stood a boy with a loadstone, and the paper that was left there, stood still : my friend commanded it to go up two foot ; the boy that heard what was commanded, moved the loadstone against it, to that place : and the paper moved thither also, and so downwards, or sideways : they that knew not the reason were astonished at it. But, which exceeds all, when he moved the loadstone over his head, by an arch