dogs, or any other, animal tast their purpose or inclination. The common black witch-had the power of flying through the air mounted on a broomstick, a branch of the hemlock, or according to James Hogg, they sometimes addled their nagson the moonfern leaf. They frequently met in churchyards and one woman confessed that Satan went before them dancing in the shape of a dog, and playing on a pair of bag-pipes. A great number of methods were adopted to prove that a witch was a witch. One plan was to pat her on a pair of scales and weigh her against the church Bible, and if she was heavier, she was immediately found guilty. Asother method, was to make them attempt to repeat the Lord's prayer, which few of them were able to do correctly. But the general plan was to bind them crosswise; manely, the right thumb bound to the left toe, and then to throw them into a pond or river, and if innoceat they would swim. It was also the common belief that a witch could not weep more than three tears, and those only out of the left eye, and this lack of weeping was considered by the seckers out of witchen; and by the ignorant and superstitions judges, as a decided proof of guilt. It is revolting to human nature to read the disabelical accounts of the trial and persecutions that these poor, miserable, weak-minded creatures were niesgue with Satan; but it mattered little whether they made considered or or

her they made confession or ithout-either the "why or the hittle whether tasy mass contessors not, for, without-either the "rhy or the wherefore," they were pronounced guilty. In many places in Scotland the "ritchee' knowe" is pointed out where they were burned to death. In the reign of James I. an Act was passed against witcheraft, one clause of which runs thus: "Any person who shall practice or exercise any witcheraft, enchantment, charm, or sorcery, whereby any person shall be killed, destroyed, wasted, consumed, pined, or lamed in his or her body, or any part thereof, such offenders, duly and lawfully convicted, shall suffer death." And no later tian the reign of George I. was this statute the reign of George I. was this statute repealed. Since the Schoolmaster is repealed. Since the Schooland abroad the bogies; ghosts, water-wrait and kelpies have entirely disappeared

The following tradition illustrates the once common belief in witches in general, and the gray witch is particular. There was a man, and his name was John McCallum, and he resided at Bal a, Island of Islay, Argyleshire. he went to Balligrant for the could not be tightened without a dram, they paid a vinit to the imm kept by Peter Donglas. One glass followed another, and they sat till midnight, singing songs with great glee, telling strange and queer stories, and drinking

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somet, and then go to the house of the witch of Mull. Take these tokens, and then go to the house of the witch of Mull. Take these tokens, and the man desided in grey officially. It was attached to a brief note informing him has this services were no longer required to the door, rattle the horn and cry out, "Resce be here," and the witch will immediately appear." McCallum then proceeded home and made preparations for his journey. He found little rest that night, yet when the sur rose next morning he was ready to start. He launched his boat, and the wind being favorable, he soon crossed the channel and had reached the destination in safety, With little trouble he found the door of the witch's cabin; and he cried "Peace be here," and he rattled the horn, and before the last rattle ceased, the witch appeared, and she said. "I am at your service, McCallum." "How do you know my name is McCallum." "How do yo

estimate to the blackmith, he held it over his head and he cried, "This must be tempered in the hedy of a man or the body of a dog," and McCalling and and staring him in the fine head the head of th

An awful death did thus befall him,
The grey witch came and with wicked art
She plunged a spear through his vital
part;
He is dead! he is gone! he lies at rest,
He died in the field without his west;
If the spear had been out of the witch's
way
His breath would have been in his body
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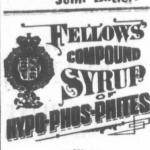
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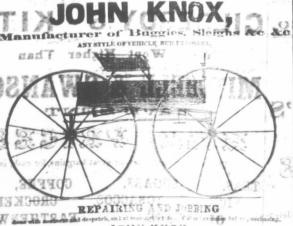
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