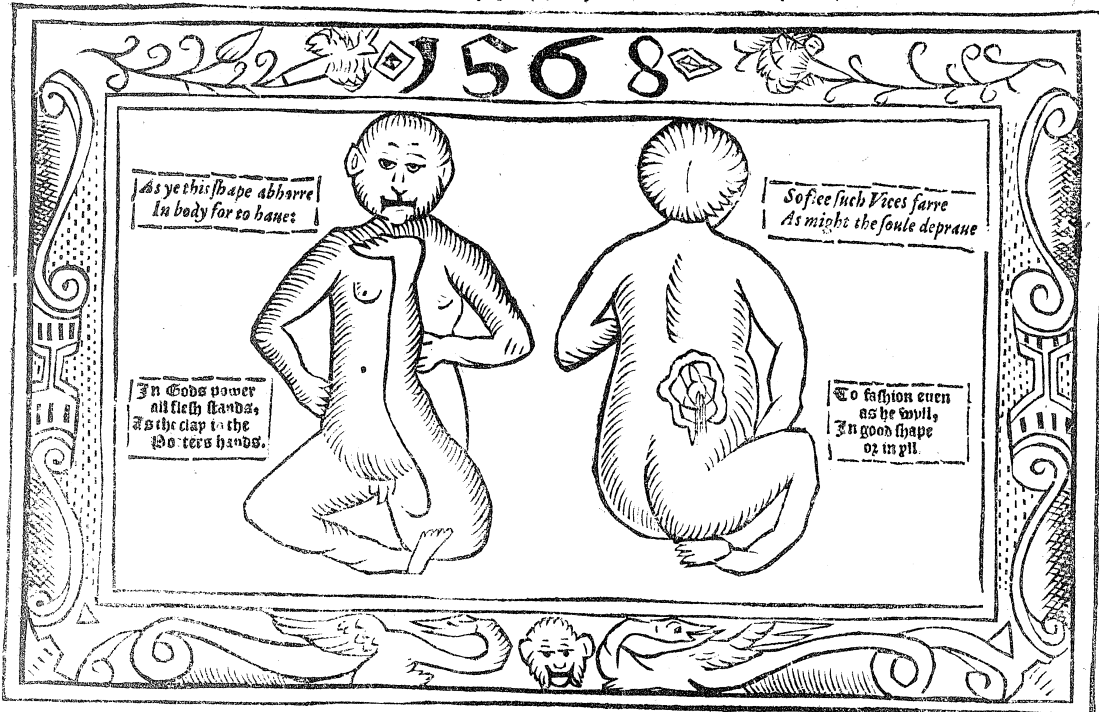


**The forme and shape of a monstrous Child / borne
at Haydstone in Kent, the xxiiij. of October. 1568.**



At Haydstone in Kent there was one Margaret Here, Daughter to Richard Here of the sayd Towne of Haydstone, who being unmarried, played the naughty packe, and was gotten with childe, being deliuered of the same childe the xxiiij. daye of October last past, in the yeare of our Lord. 1568. at .viij. of the clocke in the after noone of the same day being Sunday. which childe being a man child, had first the mouth sitted on the right side like a Libardes mouth, terrible to beholde, the left arme lying vpon the brest, fast therto ioyned, hauing as it were stumps on the handes, the left leg growling vpward toward the head, and the ryght leg bending toward the left leg, the foote therof growling into the buttocke of the sayd left leg. In the myddest of the backe there was a byoade lump of flesh in fashion lyke a Hole, in the myddest whereof was a hole, which voyded like an Issue. Thys sayd Childe was borne alyue, and lyued. xxiiij. houres, and then departed this lyfe. which may be a terrour aswell to all such workers of filthynes & iniquity, as to those vngodly liuers, who (if in them any feare of God be) may moue them to repentance and amendement of lyfe. which God for Christes sake graunt both to them and vs. Amen. witnesses hereof were these, William Plomer, John Squiter Glasier, John Sadler Goldsmith, besides diuers other credible persons both men and women.

A warning to England.

This monstrous shape to thee England
Playn shewes thy monstrous vice.
If thou each part wylt vnderstand,
And take thereby aduice.

For baying first the gaspyng mouth,
It doth full well declare:
What rauine and oppression both
Is bred wth greedy care.

For, for the backe and gorging paunch,
To lyue in wealth and ease:
Such toylmen take that none may launce
Their greedy minde, nor please.

For in such sort, their mouthes they infect,
With lying othes, and slaughters:
Blaspheming God, and Prince reiect,
As they were brutish bestles.

Their filthy talke, and poysoned speech,
Disfigures so the mouth:
That some wold think ther goodly breech
Such filth it breatheth forth.

The handes which haue no fingers right
But stumps sit for no die:
Doth well set forth the idle plight,
Which we in these daies chuse.

For rich and poore, for age and youth,
Eche one would labour flye:
Few seeke to do the deedes of truth,
To helpe others thereby.

The leg to clymyng to the head,
What meaneth it but this:
That some do seeke not to be lead,
But for to leade amis.

And as this makes it most monstrous,
For foote to clyme to head:
So thote Subjects be most vicious,
That refuse to be lead.

The hinder part doth shew vs playne,
Our close and hidden vice,
Which doth behind vs run amayne,
In hyle and shamefull wyse.

Wherefore to eche in England now,
Let this Monster them teach:
To mend the monstrous life they shew,
Least endless death them teach.

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