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## George Sinclair

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George Sinclair became obsessed with witches' evildoings after his daughters died of an illness. His book *Satan's Invisible World Discovered* (1685) consists of stories about how witches make people ill, mostly reproduced from other writers. Here is an example from pp. 164–5 of the reprint published by Paesons Scholars' Facsimiles (Gainsville, Florida: 1969):

### RELATION XXVI.

A Wonderful and Strange Accident which fell out at *Lions* in *France*.

A Lieutenant of a Guard called Jaquette having supped one Night in a rich Merchants house, was passing home and by the way, said, I wonder what I have eaten and drunken at the Merchants house, for I find my self so hot, that if I met with the Devils Dame this night, I could not forbear using of her. Hereupon, a little after, he overtook a young Gentlewoman masked, whom he would needs usher home to her Lodging, but discharged all his Company except two. She brought him as to his apprehension, to a little low house hard by the City wall where there were only two Rooms. After he had enjoyed her he desired that according to the custom of French Gentlemen, his two Comerads might partake also of the same Pleasure. So she admitted them, one after the other. And when all was done, as they sat together, she told them, if they knew well, who she was none of them would have adventured upon her. Thereupon she whistled three times, and all evanished. The next morning, the two Comerads, that had gone with the Lieutenant Jaquette were found dead under the City-wall, among the Odure and Excrements, and Jaquette himself a little way off half dead, who was taken up and coming to himself again confessed all this, and presently dyed. This may verify the preceeding Relation.