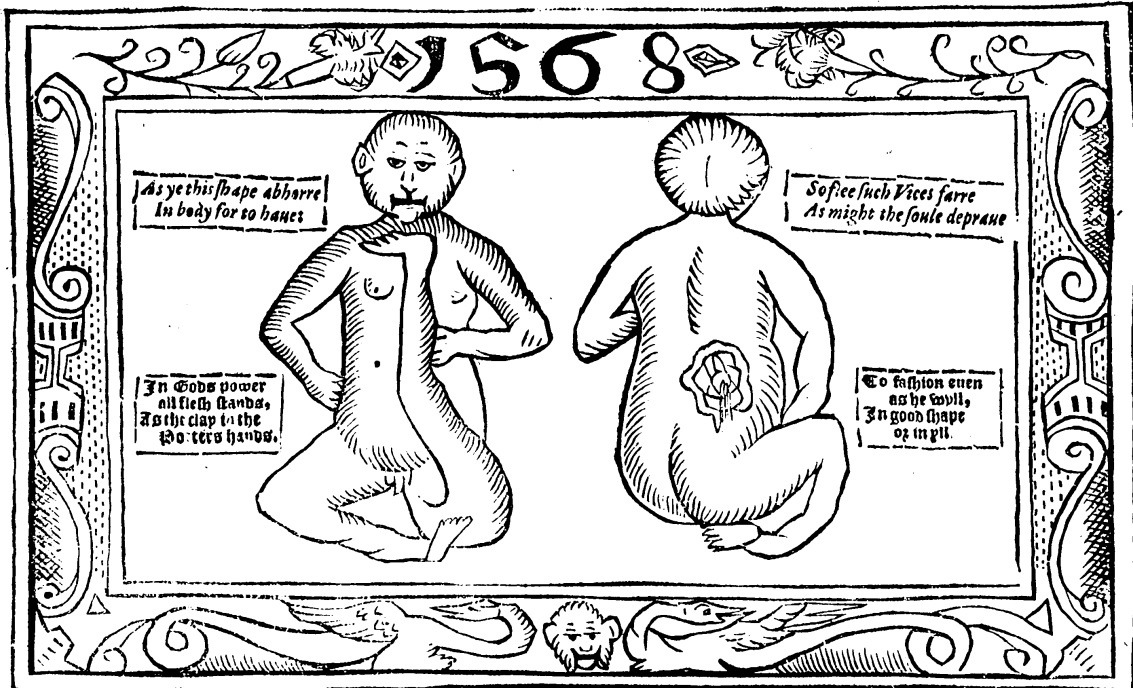


**The forme and shape of a Monstrous Child / bozne**  
 at Maydstone in Kent, the xxiiij. of October. 1568.



As ye this shape abhorre  
 In body for so haues

So seee such Vices farre  
 As might the soule deprave

In Gods power  
 all flesh shalbe  
 As the clay in the  
 poters hands.

To fashion euen  
 as he will,  
 In good shape  
 or in ill.

**A**t Maydstone in Kent there was one Margaret Here, Daughter to Richard Here of the sayd Towne of Maydstone, 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 slitted 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 growing vpward toward the head, and the ryght leg bending toward the left leg, the foote therof growing into the buttocke of the sayd left leg. In the myddest of the backe there was a broad lump of flesh in fashion lyke a Rose, 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 mooue them to repentance and amendement of lyfe, which God for Christes sake graunt both to them and vs. Amen. witnesses hereof were these, William Plomce, John Squiter Glasier, John Sadler Goldsmith, besides diuers other credible persons both men and women.

**A warning to England.**

**T**his monstrous shape to thee England  
 Playn shewes thy monstrous vice.  
 If thou ech part wilt vnderstand,  
 And take thereby aduice.

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

For, for the backe and gorging paunch,  
 To lyue in wealth and ease:  
 Such toyln men take that none may staunch  
 Their greedie minde, nor please.

For in such sort, their mouthes they infect,  
 With lying othes, and slaightes:  
 Blaspheming God, and Prince relect,  
 As they were brutish beastes.

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

The hands which haue no fingers right  
 But stumps fit for no vse:  
 Doth well set forth the tale plight,  
 Which we in these daies chuse.

For rich and poore, for age and youth,  
 Eche one wouid labour fye:  
 few leekes to do the deedes of truth,  
 To helpe others thereby.

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

And as this makes it most monstrous,  
 For foote to clyme to head:  
 So thole subiects 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 ech in England now,  
 Let this Monster them teach:  
 To mend the monstrous life they now,  
 Least endless death them reach.

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