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a vdt warmed in hell

When things go against you, when troubles mount, when you drift alone, unloved, unemployed in a world you didn't invent, then it's time to curse.

Some waste their time on simple invectives. But a few inspired individuals, who have since been burned at the stake, developed curses that not only condemn the world but help change it.

The book *Witchcraft and Demonology* suggests the following curse for those suffering from hate. The curse requires a wax replica of a heart, over which these words should be muttered in low tones:

*"May each pin
Thus stuck in
This imitation heart
In hers go
Who gets my goat
Til she departs."*

This curse dates back to the 14th century and is guaranteed to kill.

Other curses are more complicated. In her book, Sybil Leek offers the following grievance procedure for an unwanted husband.

"Take a black cock under your left arm and go at midnight where four roads meet. Then cry three times 'Poul Noir, Poul Noir, Poul Noir' or else utter Robert nine times." This will cause your husband to die from gangrene.

Pope Clement VI developed the following phrase in the Fourteenth century for those wishing to get rid of a house guest. "Let him be damned in his going out and coming in. The Lord strike him with madness. May the heavens empty on him thunderbolts and the wrath of the omnipotent pour itself on him. May the Universe light against him and may bored graves yawn and swallow him up."

"Thunderbolts and the wrath of Omnipotent" is good. Even if

the house guest doesn't leave, this curse will give the user a sense of accomplishment.

If you wish to kill a friend who is singing, simply utter the words, "I denie God and all religion; I curse, blaspheme and provoke God. I do solemnly vow and promise all my progeny unto the devil if only the devil will put out both his eis and etish in the holes likewise." This will shut the singer up permanently.

Another curse, found in the *Book of Witches* is guaranteed "to make your enemy dance naked." This one should be memorized for handy use. Simply utter the words "Brihaspati of an oblamo espergo hola noa massa beff clemeemati adonai clean florit" and your enemy will strip. There is nothing that disarms enemies so quickly as to have them suddenly possessed with the urge to dance naked across the room.

There are also reverse curses for those interested in love and lust. At midnight, cast a fistful of salt on a fire while chanting:

*"This is not the thing I wish to burn
But Fanny's heart of 118
Alder I wish to turn
Wishing her neither eat,
drink, sleep or rest until
She doeth come to me."*

In case this fails, there is a second version involving a candle, according to *Witchcraft and Demonology*. Stick two pins in a candle and chant, "It's not this candle alone I stick, but Fanny's heart I mean to prick."

No guarantee comes with reverse curses.

Curses also offer solutions to everyday problems. In 1661, Asmole the bricklayer developed a curse to remove his toothache. Asmole describes the process in his diary: "I took in the morning a good dose of elixer and hung three spiders about my neck. They drove my toothache

away." Had Asmole not chanced to hang spiders around his neck, we might never have discovered this cure. It is amazing how inventions come about.

Leek has also discovered several ethnocentric curses.

For example, this Latin phrase is useful in getting rid of England: "Ofano oblamo espergo hola noa mass beff clemeemati adonai clean florit."

According to Leek, the Irish have spent centuries devising curse on their enemies' house:

"Hooray for the Irish, we ain't much, but we're a darn sight better than the Pennsylvania Dutch."

Unlike complaints, these curses produce results. With curses, there is order in the world.

Legislators fill capitol with pies and laughter

SALEM (AP) — Legislators who make up the House Judiciary Committee held a formal but laughter-filled hearing Thursday night as they hurled one-liners at witnesses who proposed that an Oregon State Pie be named.

As 14 pies, ranging from blueberry to the "famous Hershey bar pie," sat on a table in front of them, five Great Oregon Pie Committee members testified.

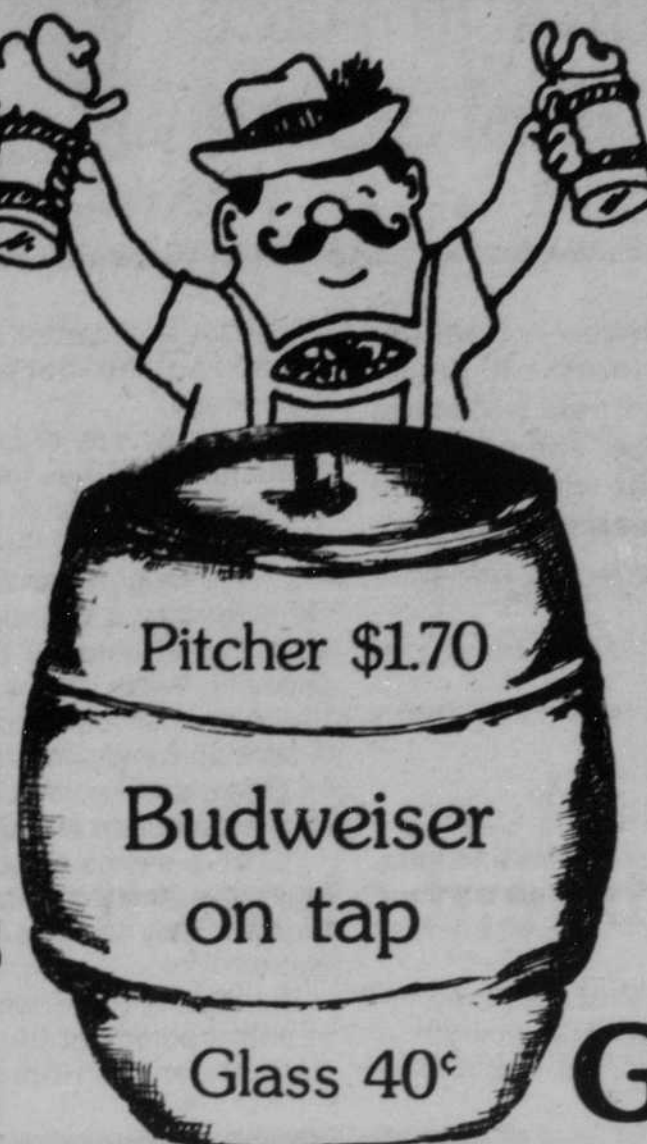
After nearly an hour of give-and-take, the legislators and 30 or so spectators ate the pies and drank coffee.

The Great Oregon Pie Committee was organized by Jack Kane, former executive director of the state Republican Party, and several friends.

The committee raised campaign funds last year by selling "No More B.S." buttons, meaning no more Bob Straub, the former governor.

Kane, a pie lover and now a lobbyist, said the committee did not condone pie-throwing. The notice of the committee hearing was printed in the legislative calendar, and the session was held in the Judiciary Committee's regular meeting room at the Capitol.

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