# The Devil in New England

## Salem "Witch Hysteria"

# Witches Be Trippin'

- European Views of Witchcraft
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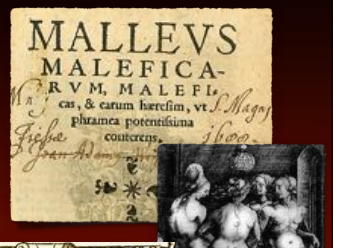
    - "Linked to a fear of the devil was a fear of women." (M. Chambers)
- Prosecution of Witches:
  - (1486) - "The Hammer Against Witches"



# "Witch Hysteria"

- Cotton Mather → New England is "a country… extraordinarily alarum'd by the wrath of the Devil."
- Salem (1692-1693)
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  - Shouting, barking, groveling, twitching
  - Satan's servants = Tituba, Sarah Good, and Sarah Osborne
- Trial
  - Chaos in the courtroom
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# "Witch Hysteria"

- Results:
  - Mass. Bay Gov. intervenes
  - 20 people convicted/executed, over 100 jailed
- Possible Reasons:
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  - Women defied traditional roles
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