But exercise care

Dolls helpful in casting love spells

Witch Watch

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It would be difficult to find someone who had never heard of voodoo dolls. Such dolls are also used by witches from the British Isles and Western Europe, just as they are used by natives of Africa or Haiti.

However, in my particular kind of witchcraft, we refer to them either as "poppets" or "moppets." These are dolls made in the image of the person upon whom you are casting a spell.

For some reason or other, people seem to associate these dolls with evil spells that bring pain, or even death, to the one they represent.

Such is not always the case, however, for these dolls may be used in healing, or in spells to keep someone from leaving home, or make them go away.

They are also used in spells to stop someone from drinking, or to make someone work harder.

I would venture to say, though, that the most common use of these dolls is in a love spell.

These image dolls may be made out of clay, wax, straw, cloth, or any other material. Using cloth from a garment worn by the person the doll represents makes it better, because it strengthens the identification of that doll.

IF YOU cannot obtain such cloth, or if you are making the doll from some other medium, then it helps to add nail clippings, a strand of hair, etc., from the subject of the spell. This is not absolutely necessary, however.

The doll must be clearly identified as male or female. This may be done in the molding of the doll, or by marking it with the male or female symbol.

It is also important that the name of the subject it represents be written on the doll.

Always be aware that the doll itself has no real power. All the power lies within you, and the doll simply acts as a focus for that power. It helps you to concentrate, and imagine more clearly exactly what it is you want to happen.

As in all spell-casting, imagination is one of the three things necessary to make it work. The other two are, of course, emotion and belief. You must **know** (not hope or wish) that you will succeed.

Some witches say that all magic returns upon you threefold. So, be careful to do no one harm, or you may be the one who suffers.

Here are directions for a simple love spell using image dolls:

Make two dolls, one to represent your love object, and one to represent yourself. Place the female doll on the right side of the working area, and the male doll on the left, nine inches apart.

Repeat nine times: "These two are being drawn together with warmth and affection."

LEAVE THE dolls undisturbed for 24 hours, then move them one inch closer together. As you do so, picture in your mind the one you love being drawn closer to you. Repeat this step each day for nine days until the dolls touch.

When the dolls are finally touching, take a piece of red wool thread or red cotton thread (all natural fabric, not synthetic) 21 inches long, and wrap it around the dolls three times, binding them together face to face.

Now, bury these dolls in the ground as close as possible to the front door of the one you desire. As you do so, repeat three times: "As with these images, so be it with those they represent."

In this love spell, as in all others, the magic brings out the love that lies hidden, and awakens fires that are already smoldering.

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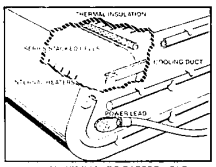

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