

The Malleus Maleficarum and its Psychopathology of Sex

Sir,

The honesty of Kramer was dubious. He used to torture witches in Tyrol and was expelled by the local Bishop. Kramer could win a sympathetic hearing by Pope Innocent VIII. The Bull was issued subsequently. 'Reports' elicited by torture were recorded as 'facts' (Hall and Kingston 1979). Despite such criticism of the man and his method, the Mallens seems to make sense (Somasundaram 1985) and we need it.

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