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| **JUSTICE:** Ann Putnam, doth this woman hurt you? **PUTNAM:** Yes, sir, a good many times. (Then the accused looked upon them and they fell into fits.) **JUSTICE:** She does not bring the book to you, does she? **PUTNAM:** Yes, sir, often, and saith she hath made her maid set her hand to it. **JUSTICE:** Abigail Williams, does this woman hurt you? **WILLIAMS:** Yes, sir, often. **JUSTICE:** Does she bring the book to you? **WILLIAMS:** Yes. **JUSTICE:** What would she have you do with it? **WILLIAMS:** To write in it and I shall be well. **PUTNAM TO MRS. PROCTOR:** Did you not tell me that your maid had written? **MRS. PROCTOR:** Dear child, it is not so. There is another judgment, dear child. (Then Abigail and Ann had fits. By and by they cried out, ' 'look you, there is Goody Proctor upon the beam. " By and by both of them cried out of Goodman Proctor himself, and said he was a wizard. Immediately, many, if not all of the bewitched, had grievous fits.) **JUSTICE:** Ann Putnam, who hurt you? **PUTNAM:** Goodman Proctor and his wife too. (Some of the afflicted cried, ' 'there is Proctor going to take up Mrs. Pope's feet—and her feet were immediately taken up.) **JUSTICE:** What do you say Goodman Proctor to these things? **PROCTOR:** I know not. I am innocent. **WILLIAMS:** There is Goodman Proctor going to Mrs. Pope (and immediately said Pope fell into a fit). **JUSTICE:** You see, the Devil will deceive you. The children could see what you was going to do before the woman was hurt. I would advise you to repentance, for the devil is bringing you out.  |
| **Source:** The examination of Mrs. John Proctor as taken down by the Reverend Samuel Parris, 1692.  |