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One of the most famous witches of non-classical legend is Morgan le Fay, King Arthur’s half-sister and nemesis. She first appears in the twelfth century Life of Merlin by Geoffrey of Monmouth where she is represented as a healer and shapeshifter, possibly one of the faery folk of ancient Britain. She also ruled over the Isle of Avalon with her sisters.

A useful charm against witchcraft is to bind twigs of rowan, ash and birch together with a red thread and carry them on your person. Their combined virtues will turn away any malicious spell.

In Medieval times the broom or besom was a symbol of domesticity, of the woman’s realm. Because most witches were female the broom became their symbol by association.
Witch redirects here. For the etymology of "witch", see Witch (word). For other uses, see Witch (disambiguation) and Witchcraft (disambiguation). Practice of magical skills and abilities. Witches by Hans Baldung (woodcut), 1508. Witchcraft (or witchery) is the practice of magical skills and abilities. Witchcraft is a broad term that varies culturally and societally, and thus can be difficult to define with precision.[1]. A witch is a person, who practices witchcraft or magic. Traditionally, the word was used to accuse someone of bewitching someone, or casting a spell on them to gain control over them by magic. It is now also used by some to refer to those who practice various wise crafts such as Hedge witch. Witches usually used spells for personal gain. Although most indigenous peoples throughout history have had some beliefs about spirits and people believed to have power through herbs or spirits, these were not