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### BINDING “SPELLS” AND THE FOLK TRADITION OF THEIR UNBINDING IN GEORGIA AND TURKEY

In the specialist literature, as well as in the materials recorded by the KSU Dialectology Institute, we find descriptions of examples of witchcraft (binding–releasing of spells, inducing love–hate etc.). The majority of charmers for witch crafting use almost same objects, as: hair, finger-nails, egg, lock, needle, crow’s, feet, frog, cat’s fur etc.).

It should be mentioned here that in these source-materials we cannot find enchantments that should have accompanied with the action of binding spells. According to the Turkish materials they also used reptiles in witchery. The very act of binding the spell is accompanied with chant that is uttered in classical Arabic language. According to the Georgian examples magician treatment is also done by fortune-tellers (sorcerers), while in Turkey there are special magicians for this activity whose name is “Biuju” in Turkish.