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PERIOD _____

THE WORST CRIME

DIRECTIONS: Consider the following social offenses. Rank each in the order of seriousness, with 1 being the most serious and 14 the least serious. Be prepared to defend your decisions in class discussion.

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| _____ Planning to trick someone | _____ Cursing |
| _____ Lying to parents | _____ Killing someone in self-defense |
| _____ Killing someone for revenge | _____ Suicide |
| _____ Advising someone to marry for money | _____ Crashing a party |
| _____ Two families having a feud | _____ Marrying against parents' wishes |
| _____ Selling poison | _____ Giving the finger |
| _____ Killing someone by mistake while fighting | _____ Picking a fight |

What makes one action worse than another action? _____

Which actions should have harsher penalties? _____

What should the penalties be for these actions? _____

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R + J ROMEO JULIET SHAKESPEAREAN PUNISHMENTS

Some Penalties from the Bygone Days

TEACHER DIRECTIONS: Print out the next 8 pages of punishments and perhaps hang them around the room or pass them around to the students.

Bilboes

- * Shakespeare says in Hamlet: "Methought I lay worse than the mutines in the bilboes."
- * for swearing, stealing, being drunk, selling things to the Indians, degrading an official

Ducking Stool

- * for slander by a woman, being a witch

Stocks

- * Shakespeare says in King Lear: "Fetch forth the stocks You stubborn ancient knave!"
- * for petty thieves, unruly servants, wife-beaters, hedge-tearers, vagrants, Sabbath-breakers, revilers, gamblers, drunkards, ballad-singers, fortune-tellers, traveling musicians

Pillory

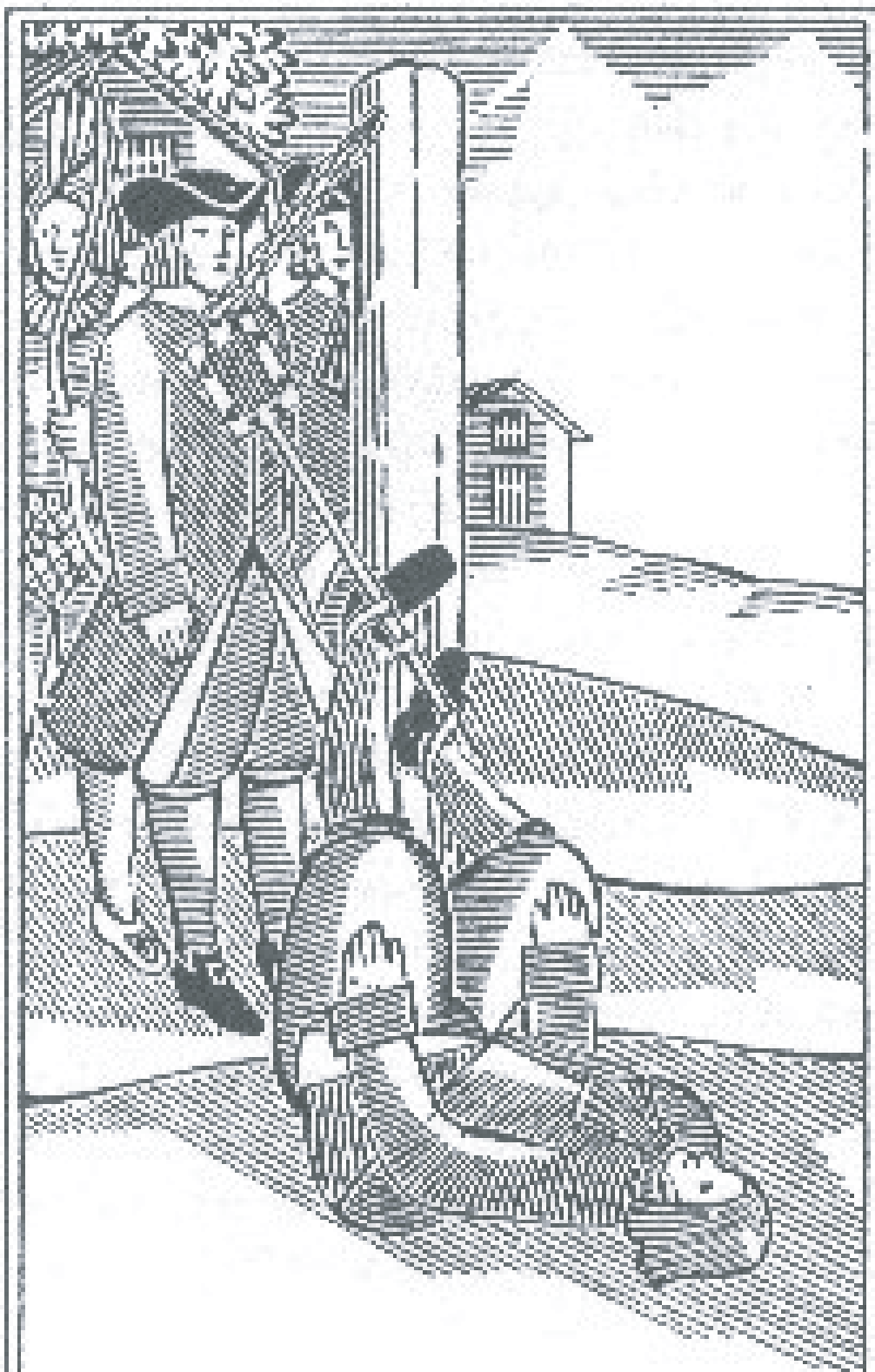
- * for treason, sedition, arson, blasphemy, witch-craft, perjury, wife-beating, cheating, forestalling, forging, coin-clipping, tree-polling, gaming, dice-cogging, quarrelling, lying, libelling, slandering, threatening, conjuring, fortune-telling, "prigging," drunkenness, impudence

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you think of these punishments?
2. If you had to pick one, which would you choose? Why?
3. Which of these seems like it'd be the worst punishment for you. Why?

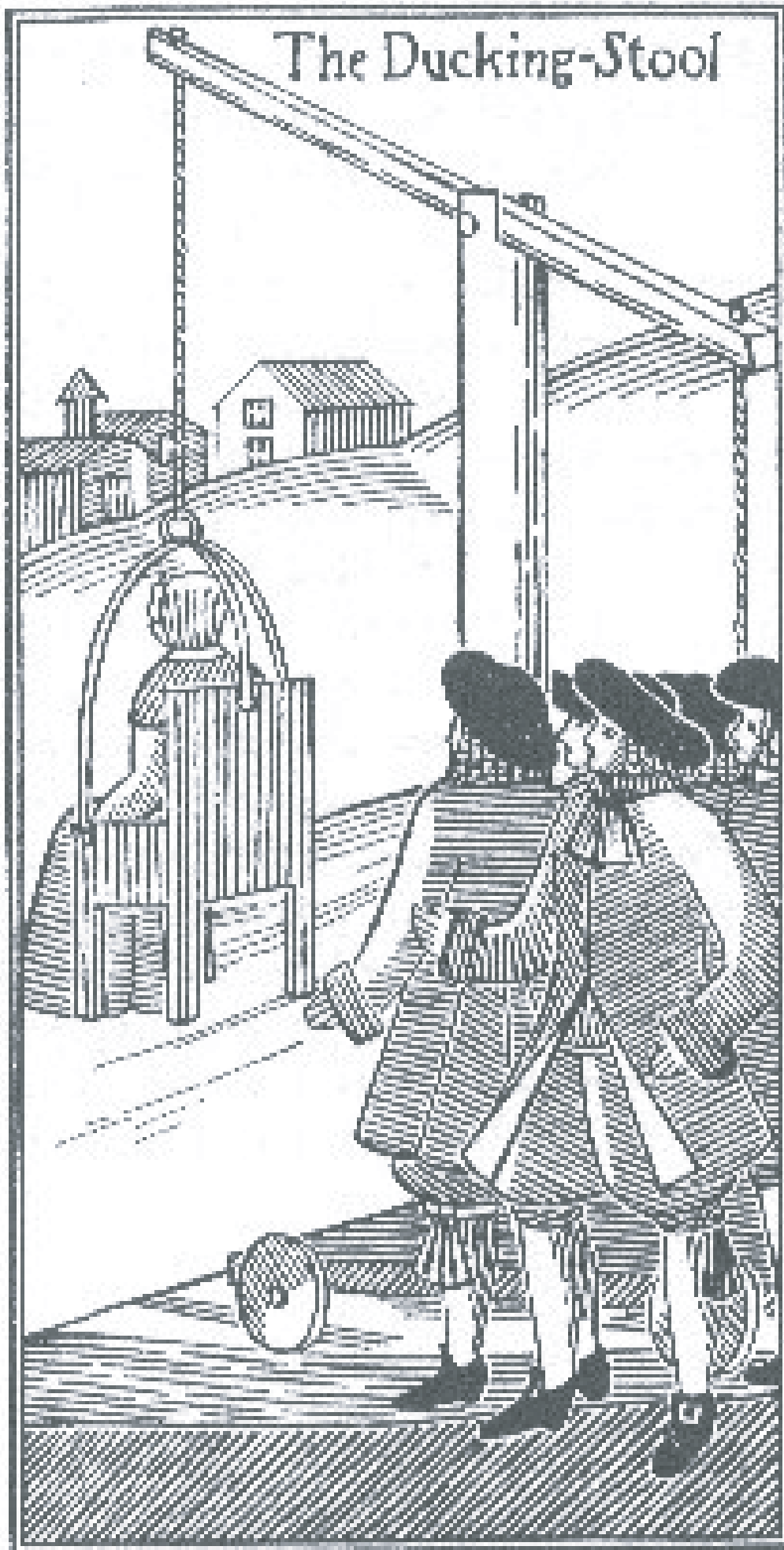


Branding.

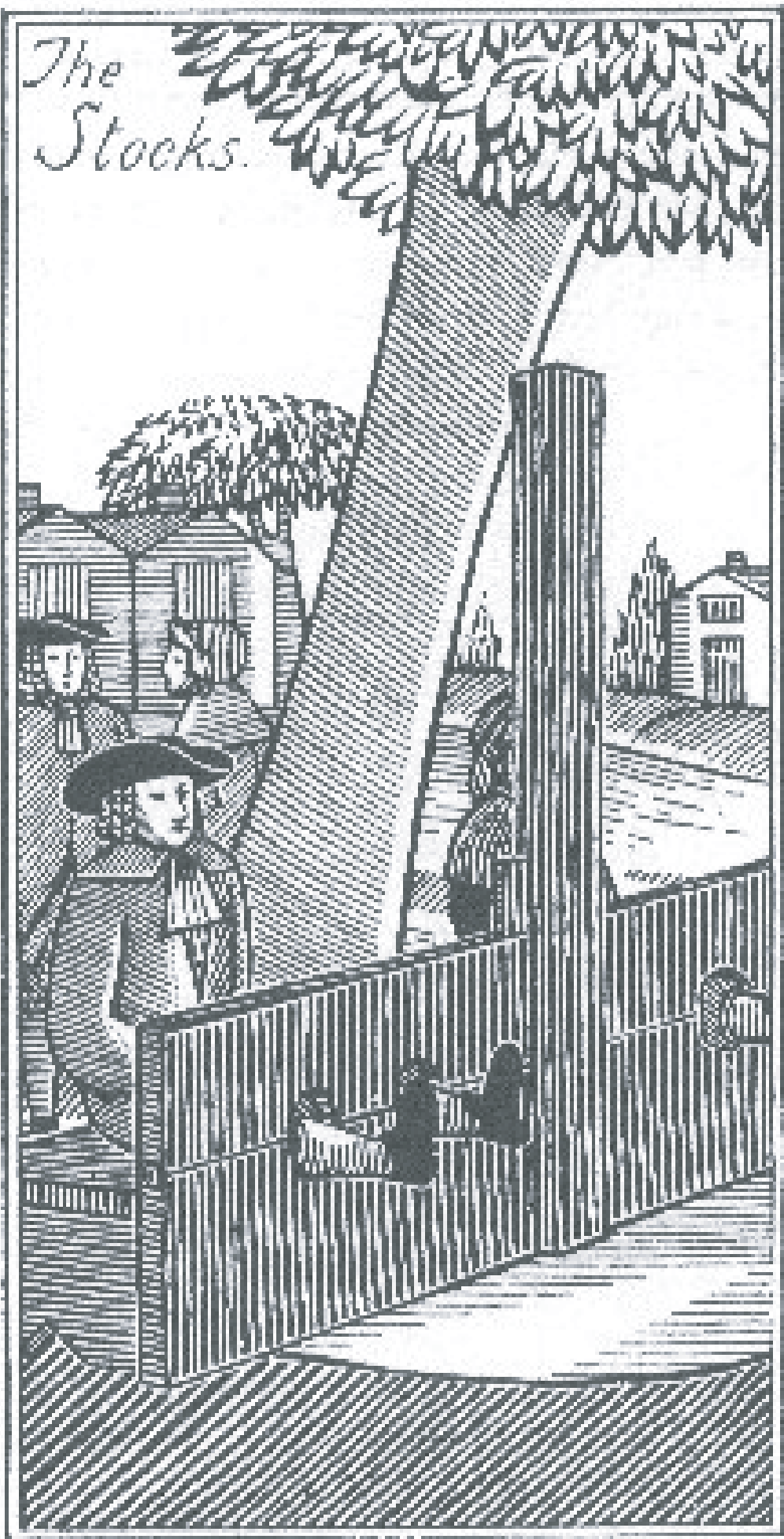


Laying by
the heels
in the Bilboes.

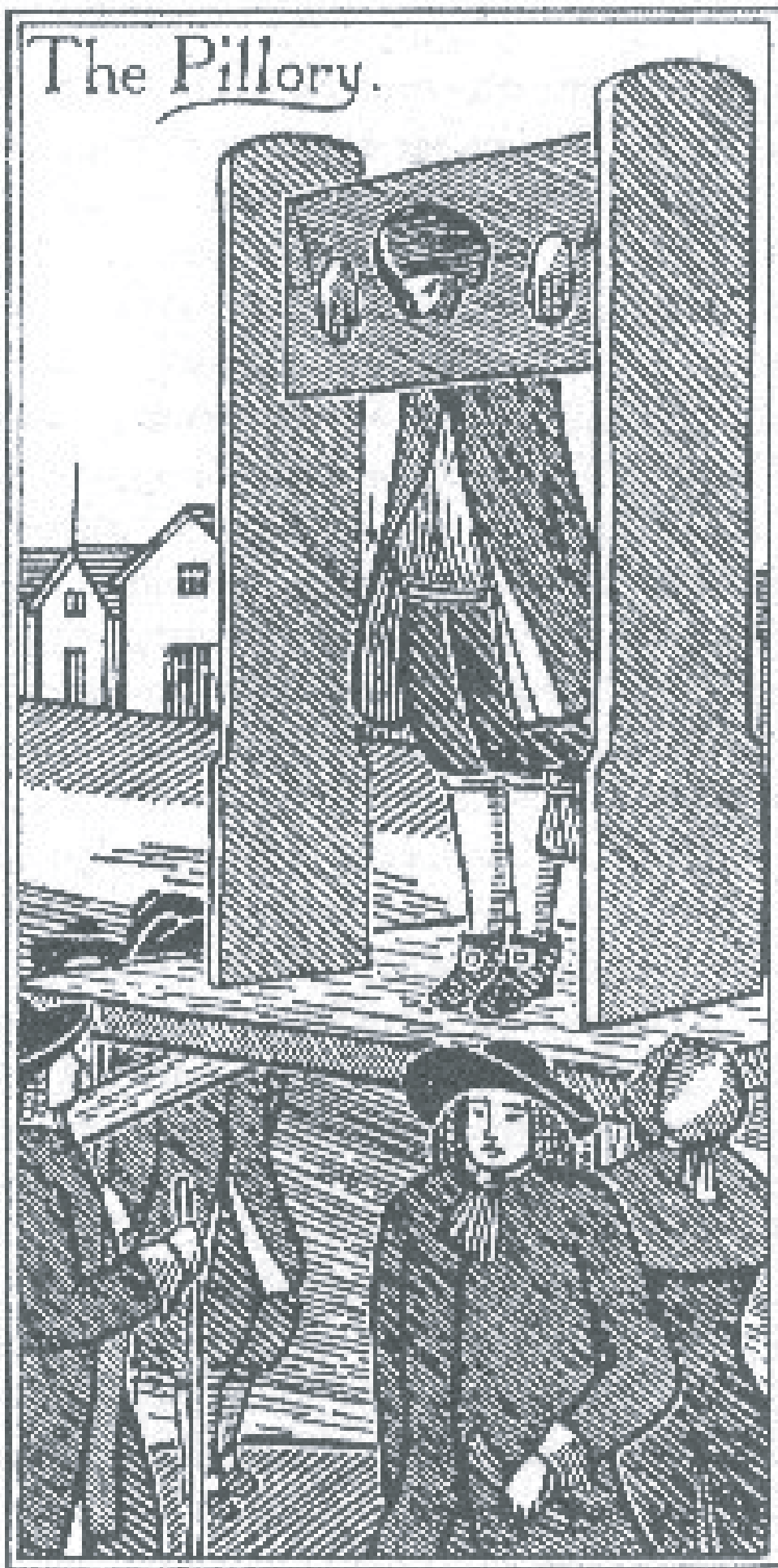
The Ducking-Stool



The
Stocks.



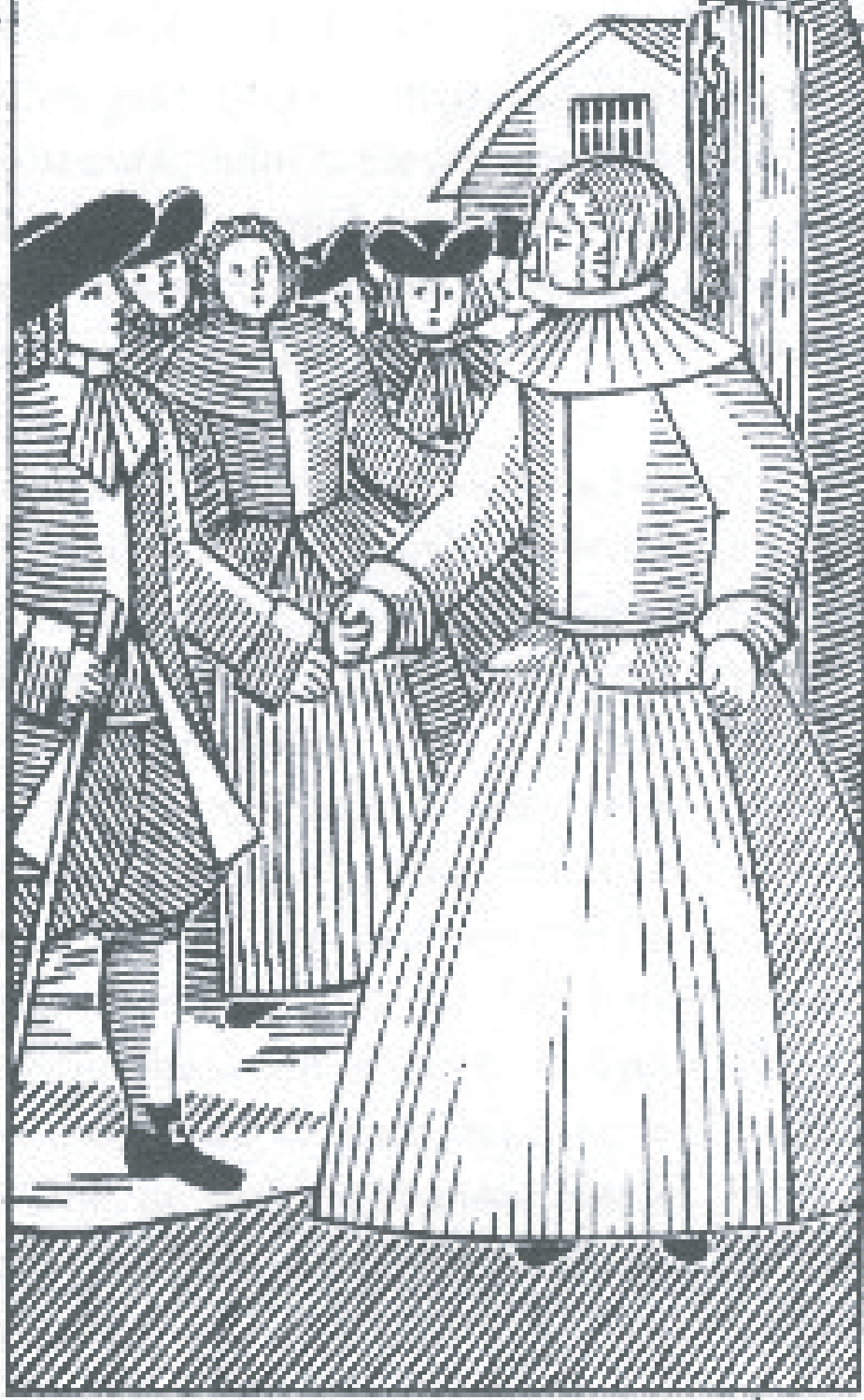
The Pillory.



The Burning of Books



The
Branks.



Public Penance

