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PROTECTIVE (APOTROPAIC) *CHILDREN* APPELLATIONS

(Abstract)

The paper deals with apotropaic (protective, preventive) appellations for small children who have not yet undergone the sacrament of holy baptism and have not received a personal name. Part of the appellations are onomasiologically and derivationally transparent (безѝмче/безѝмка (an unnamed boy/girl), гѝлче/гѝлка (a nude boy/girl), еврѐйче (a Jewish child), others have a distinct derivational structure, but the origin of the root or stem is unclear (кѐжо/кѐжла, пѝже/пижà̀нка, сѝрко), and others have been loaned from other languages (джѝле, пѝрде, фижѝре).

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