I found a reference of Pithy, Pleasaunt and Profitable Workes of Maister Skelton, 1568, Poete Laureate to King Henry the VIIIth as having said: The French men he hath so mated And their courage abated That they are but halfe men Like foxes in their den Like cankerd cowardes all Like heons in a stone wall They kept them in their holdes Like hen herted cuckoldes. Searching back further, Pulcher in the naval battle of Drepana by the Romans in 249 BC was reportedly said to have tried to feed sacred chickens on the day of the battle. The idea was that if the chickens ate, the gods were appeased, an My Books. My Loans. My Reading Log. My Reading Stats. My Lists. More. Add a Book.Â by John Skelton. 0 Ratings. 0 Want to read. 0 Currently reading. 0 Have read. This edition was published in 1736 by printed for C. Davis in London. This edition doesn't have a description yet. Can you add one? Read more. He had been a tutor to King Henry VIII of England and died at Westminster. Education. Skelton is said to have been educated at Oxford. He certainly studied at Cambridge, and he is probably the "one Scheklton" mentioned by William Cole as taking his M.A. degree in 1484. Â â€œSkelton Laureate against the Scottesâ€ is a fierce song of triumph celebrating the victory of Flodden. â€œJemmy is ded And closed in led, That was theyr owne Kyng,â€ says the poem; but there was an earlier version written before the news of James IVâ€™s death had reached London.Â Pithy, plesaunt and profitable works of maister Shelton, Poete Laureate. Nowe collected and newly published was printed in 1568, and reprinted in 1736. A scarce reprint of Filnour Rummin by Samuel Rand appeared in 1624. Pithy, plesaunt and profitable works of maister Shelton, Poete Laureate. Nowe collected and newly published was printed in 1568, and reprinted in 1736. A scarce reprint of Filnour Rummin by Samuel Rand appeared in 1624. Five of Skelton's "Tudor Portraits", including The Tunnyring of Elynour Rummyng were set to music by Ralph Vaughan Williams in or around 1935. (quote-book) chapter=In the Fleete Made by Me William Cornishe otherwise Called Nyswhythe Chapelman with the Most Famose and Noble Kyng VII of England|Henry the VII. His Reygne the XIX. Yere the Moneth of July. A Treatise betwene Trouth, and Information.|mainauthor=(w)|editor=Stow|John Stow| title=Pithy Pleasaunt and Profitable Workes of Maister Skelton, Poete La...