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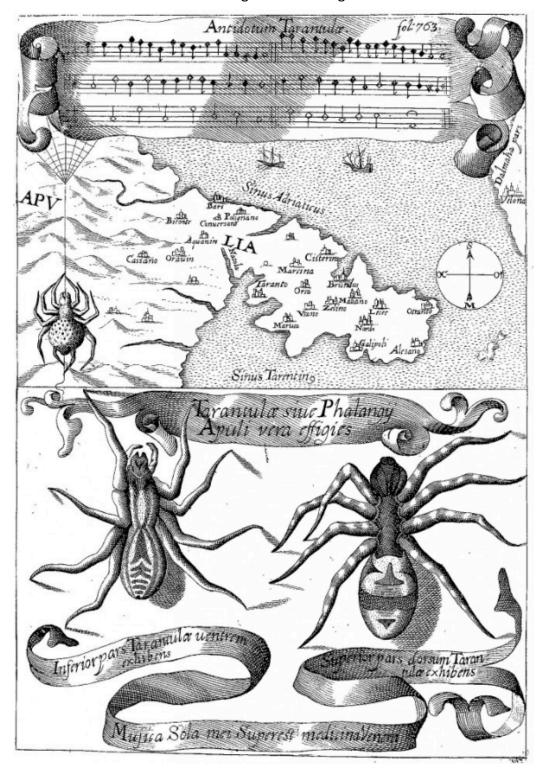


Figure 47. Long before the Christian era, the dance of the tarantella was thought to cure tarantula bites. Kircher, however, was the first to invoke spiritual magnetism in the mechanism.