

her teeth or the like [K550]. (c) A helpful animal takes his place or warns him [B521].

III. *Magic Flight*. He flees, throwing behind magic obstacles.

IV. *Escape on the Tree*. (a) He climbs a tree but the sister gnaws it down. He escapes to another tree [R251]. (b) He calls his dogs who have been imprisoned. They break loose and kill the sister. [B524.1.2].

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**316** *The Nix of the Mill-pond*. The youth promised to the nix is pulled into the water by her.

I. *Promise to the Water-Nix*. A boy is unwittingly promised to a water-nix.

II. *Grateful Animals*. A youth receives from grateful animals the power of transforming himself into their shapes.

III. *Rescue from the Water-Nix*. He falls into the power of the water-nix but is rescued (a) by his wife who received advice from an old woman and (b) through his power to transform himself.

IV. *Recognition*. After many years recognition is brought about, and he is united to his wife.

Motifs:

I. S240. Children unwittingly promised. F420.1.2. Water-spirit as woman (water-nymph, water-nix).

II. B500. Magic power from animals.

III. F420.5.2.2. Water-spirits kidnap mortals and keep them under water. R152. Wife rescues husband. N825.3. Old woman helper. H923.1. Task assigned before wife may rescue husband from supernatural power. D642.2. Transformation to escape death. D659.2. Transformation to animals to fight.

IV. H0. Recognition: identity tests. N730. Accidental reunion of families.

\*BP III 322 (Grimm No. 181). — Lappish 3; Norwegian 1; Danish 1; Scottish 2; Irish 140, Beal XI Suppl. 35ff., VII 47ff., 51ff., IX 66f. No. 7; French 4; Spanish 2; Catalan: Amades No. 17; German: Ranke 10; Polish 1; Russian: Andrejev; Greek 11. — Franco-American 1, French-Antilles 1; Spanish-American: Rael Nos. 16, 251 (U.S.), Hanscn (Dominican Republic) 1; West Indies (Negro) 2, (Jamaica): Beckwith MAFLS XVII 147, 283.

**317** *The Stretching Tree*. A youth climbs on a magic stretching tree into the upper world [F54]. There he rescues a princess from an ogre. Cf. Type 328A.

\*Köhler-Bolte I 437f.; \*Solymossy »Elements Orientaux dans les Contes Populaires Hongroises,» Revue des Etudes Hongroises VI (1928) 16f. — German Archive (317\*) 2; Hungarian: Berze Nagy (530 I\*) 17; Serbocroatian 2.

317A\* *Peasant Girl Seeks Prince*. A prince disappears. Reward offered for rescue (sometimes half a kingdom [Q112] and marriage with prince). A peasant girl goes on