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This tale exists chiefly in two different forms:

(1) A man (woman, child) takes the liver (lung, heart, stomach, backside) of a corpse who has been hanged (other dead person). At home the meat is eaten (often without knowing what it is [G60]). At night the dead person appears, asks for the stolen part of his body, and punishes the perpetrator (eater) by carrying him away (to hell) or by killing him [E235.4].

(2) A child (adult person) who has lost a leg (arm) wears a golden (diamond) one as a substitute. The child dies, and the parents (servants, grave-diggers, etc.) take the golden leg. At night the dead child appears, complains about the loss of his leg [E235.4.1, E235.4.2], and receives it back.