

Suitor test: choosing princess from others identically clad. H162. Recognition of disguised princess by bee lighting on her. H321. Suitor test: hiding from princess. She has magic sight.

BP I 134, II 19, cf. II 451 (Grimm Nos. 17, 62); Coffin 2. — Finnish 11; Finnish-Swedish 1; Estonian 60; Livonian 6; Lithuanian 48, (554 A) 14; Lappish 1; Swedish 11 (Uppsala 2, Göteborg 2, Liungman 4, misc. 3); Danish 15; Norwegian 2; Scottish 2; Irish 55; French 7; Spanish 2; Catalan: Amades Nos. 3, 149, 152, 194; Flemish 10; Walloon 1 (cf. 514A); German 37; Italian: D'Aronco *Fiabe* 24, (Tuscan 554 a, c, [878], [889], [916], cf. [308 a] 7, Friuli 5, Sicilian 6, Gonzenbach Nos. 29, 83); Hungarian 16; Czech: Tille Soupis II (1) 317f., 374—387, II (2) 171ff. FFC XXXIV 207—210, 345f. 16; Slovenian 18; Serbocroatian 5; Polish 24; Russian: Azadovsky *Russkaya Skazka* No. 5, Andrejev *Ukraine* 16, Afanasiev 24; Greek 24, Loukatos No. 16; Turkish: Eberhard-Boratav Nos. 61, 215 III, 253 III 3; India 15; Indonesian: DeVries No. 184. — Franco-American 12; Spanish-American: Hansen (Argentina) 1, (Puerto Rico) (554**A, 554**B, 554**C) 3, (Cuba) 1; West Indies (Negro) 7.

554* *A Youth Rescues Two Sea Birds* [B360]. They provide him with a knife [D1083] and a ring [D1076]. Wooing a bride.
Lappish 1.

554A* *King of Fishes Protects Fisher* who puts him back in the water. Calls fish by whistling. Performs king's tasks, etc. Cf. Type 303.
French 1.

554B* *The Boy in the Eagle's Nest*. Boy is carried off by eagle and raised in nest with eaglets. Eagle helps him woo princess and later rescues her from giant.
Swedish: Liungman (GS 553) 1.

554C* *Dog Warns Master against Buying a Cow*. Cow soon dies.
Polish (666A) 1.

555 *The Fisher and his Wife*. The fish fulfills all the wishes of the wife of a poor fisher.

I. *The Wishes Obtained*. (a) A poor fisher catches a fish who is a transformed monster and puts him back in the water; in gratitude the fish grants all the wishes of the wife; --- or (b) a poor man goes to heaven on a beanstalk and secures in return for his prayers the granting of his wife's wishes.

II. *The Wishes*. The wife's wishes become more and more extravagant (to be duke, king, pope, God) until she finally loses all.

Motifs:

I. B170. Transformation: man to fish. B375.1. Fish returned to water: grateful. D1761.0.1. Wishes granted without limit. F54.2. Plant grows to sky.

II. C773.1. Tabu: making unreasonable requests. Given power of fulfilling all wishes, person oversteps moderation and is punished. J514.

One should not be too greedy. Q338. Immoderate request punished. L420. Overweening ambition punished.

**M. Rommel *Von dem Fischer un syner Fru* (diss. Karlsruhe, 1935); *M. de Meyer *Vlaamsche Sprookjesthemas* 103ff.; *BP I 138 (Grimm No. 19); Coffin 2. — Finnish 16; Finnish-Swedish 5; Estonian 16; Livonian 1; Lithuanian 17, (555A*) 24, (*774) 4; Lappish 2; Swedish 36 (Uppsala 5, Göteborg 16, Lund 1, Liungman 5, misc. 9); Norwegian 2; Danish 1; Icelandic 1; Irish 41, Beal XIV 273ff.; French 32; Catalan: Amades Nos. 3, 74, 166, 167, 777, cf. 168; Dutch 4; Flemish 18; Walloon cf. 779 I, 779 II; German 43; Austrian: Haiding No. 470; Italian 2 (Tuscan [1354] a, cf. [1354] b 2; Rumanian 4, (949B*) 1; Hungarian 2; Czech: Tille Soupis II (2) 455 2; Slovenian 6; Polish 12; Russian: Afanasiev 19; Greek 1, Loukatos No. 14; Turkish: Eberhard-Boratav No. 70, cf. 178; Indonesian: DeVries No. 185. — Franco-American 4; Spanish-American: Hansen (Cuba) 1, (Puerto Rico) 6; West Indies (Negro) 6. — African 11.

556A* *The Good Stepmother*. The hero weeps on his mother's grave and she appears and imposes tasks. His good stepmother helps him. Grateful animals help him when summoned. The stepmother's sister gives magic objects. With these he performs the tasks, disenchants a princess, returns home and rescues his stepmother from the stake.

Icelandic (556 I*) 1, (556 IV*) 1, (556 V*) 1.

556B* *Curse and Countercurse*. The hero wins a chess game from woman clad in red (blue, green). Curse: No rest for him until he performs tasks — go into woods where birds, dogs, and cattle will seize bear. Countercurse. Good stepmother and grateful animals help. Task: to bring corn (feathers) scattered by the wind, to kill ox. He finds the life-egg of giants and kills them. He flees with imprisoned princess on a flying cloak (transformed eggs) and marries her.

Icelandic (556 II*) 1.

556C* *Stepmother and Giantess*. Prince hidden in room where his stepmother sleeps. Every night she is visited by a frightful giantess. When the prince is discovered, the giantess lays a curse on him with tasks to perform. These are cumulative. He is helped by persons and animals. He escapes by a magic flight and disenchants his half-giantess stepmother.

Icelandic (556 III*) 8.

556D* *The Crying Child*. A queen wanting to abandon a child dies instead. The child weeps continually. The king finds a new wife in the house of a large-eyed kindly monster. When the marriage takes place the child stops crying. The new stepmother tells her story. Trolls have abducted her, her sister and her father. The large-eyed monster has saved them. The prince later succeeds with the monster's help.

Icelandic (556 VI*) 2.

556E* *Kind and Unkind Brothers*. Youngest brother gets help of little men or animals who perform his tasks.

Icelandic (556 VIII*) 1.

556F* *The Shepherd in the Service of a Witch*. Is to drive the witch's herd (her daughters) to pasture [H1199.12.2]. Grateful animals give help.

Lithuanian (*557) 4.

559 *Dungbeetle*. The princess made to laugh. Making an absurd parade.