

560 The Magic Ring.

A boy buys a dog, a cat, and a snake in order to save them from death (he rescues a snake from burning). In return he receives a magic ring (stone) from the king of the snakes (father of the rescued snake) which will grant all wishes [D810, D812, D1470.1, D1470.1.15, D817.1, B360, B505, B421, B422] (he finds the ring [D840]). With his wishing ring [D1662.1] he builds a magic castle [D1131.1] and performs impossible tasks (building a castle, a bridge of glass, a church of wax, etc. in one night).

He marries the princess, who has a lover. The wishing ring is stolen from him by the princess [D861.5, K2213] (by her lover [D861. 4], another person) who wishes herself and the castle (with the princess) to be transported to a faraway island [D2136.2]. Her husband finds himself poor again. The grateful dog and cat swim to the castle and recover the ring [D882, B54S.1, D882.1.1] with the help of a mouse [K431].

On their way back they lose the ring in the sea, but a fish (crayfish) gives it back to them. Finally the boy recovers his ring, the castle and his wife. He punishes the lover (his faithless wife). Cf. Types 561, 562.

Combinations: 561.

Remarks: Among its variants the Types 560, 561, and 562 are often mixed with each other or they are not clearly differentiated. Important version see Basile, *Pentamerone* (IV,1).