

566 The Three Magic Objects and the Wonderful Fruits. (Fortunatus.)

(Including the previous Type 580*.)

Three brothers (soldiers, a young man) each receive a magic object from a supernatural being (mannikin, enchanted princess) [D812, N821, D1470.1]: a purse that fills itself [D1451], a coat or cap that takes its owner anywhere [D1520, D1520.11], a horn or whistle that furnishes soldiers or brings power [D1475.1]). The king notices the glamorous life-style of the owner of the purse.

By a ruse (by playing cards [D861.6]) the princess steals the purse (magic objects). Its owner gets the magic objects of his brothers, and they are stolen as well.

He eats magic fruits (apple, fig, nut, vegetables, magic drink) that cause and cure disfigurement (horns grow on the head, and are removed).

He gives (sells) the princess the magic fruits and horns grow on her head [D992.1, D1375.1] (she grows a long nose [D1376.1], is transformed into a donkey [cf. Type 567]). He sells her the healing fruits only when she confesses her theft and promises to return his magic objects [D881.1, D895, D1375.2]. Cf. Type 567.

Combinations: This type is usually combined with episodes of one or more other types, esp. 518, 567, 569, and also 302, 306, 400, 560, 562, 563, 567 A, and 735.

Remarks: The variants of the Types 566, 567, and 567 A are often mixed with each other or they are not clearly differentiated. (Type 567 may originate from a combination with Type 566.) Literary traditions first documented in the Middle Ages (e.g. *Gesta Romanorum*, No. 120). Popular German novel (1509).