571A See Type 571B.

571B Lover Exposed (previously The Himphamp).

(Including the previous Type 571A.) A man falls in love with the wife of a smith (craftsman, farmer). In order to get rid of the husband he denounces him to the master (of the castle), pretending that the husband practices magic.

The master thereupon orders him to perform (three) impossible tasks [H931, H1010], of which the last one is to make a "Himphamp" - a fictional word without any meaning. The husband gets help (from the devil [D812.3], supernatural being) to solve the tasks, the last one by a magic formula that makes things stick together. He surprises the loving couple in bed and makes them stick together (to the chamber pot [D1413.8]).

Or, a man learns that his wife has committed adultery. By means of a magic sticking formula (magician) he makes the loving couple (clergyman and his wife) stick naked to the chamber pot [D1413.8] (basin [D1413.7]) [K1217] (previously Type 571A). Helpful servants get also stuck. The next day the man leads the chain of persons through the streets.

Other people (farmhand, maidservant), animals (cow, bull) and objects (food) get stuck in obcene situations and are mocked by passers-by. The man presents his "Himphamp" to the master. All are released, and the guilty ones are punished, made to pay compensation, or pardoned. They promise to reform, they escape, or they drown themselves.

Combinations: 571, 940, 1358A, 1359C, 1537, and 1829.

Remarks: Classical origin: Homer, Odyssey (VIII, 272££.). Among its variants the Types 571 and 571B are often mixed with each other or they are not clearly differentiated.