

### **577 The King's Tasks.**

The king promises his daughter to whoever is able to perform certain difficult tasks [H335, T68]. Two elder brothers are unkind to a supernatural being (old woman), whereas the youngest is kind. He receives (finds) magic objects (self-chopping axe [D1601. 14], self-digging shovel [D1601.15, D1601.16], self-playing violin [D1601.18.2], etc.). With their help he is able to perform the tasks [D1581, H971.1] (to fell a large oak in one day and in the same time to dig a well at his court, etc.) and win the princess.

Combinations: 313, 328, 513A, 570, and 650A.