

D1400.1.4.3. Magic knife conquers enemy. D1400.1.6. Magic amulet in mouth conquers enemy.  
Finnish.

576B\* *The Magic Knife* [D1083].  
Lappish (576\*) 1.

576C\* *The Magic Saber*. The hero with the help of a wizard [D812.6] forges a magic saber [D1082]. With it he equips the king's army and conquers the enemy [D1400.1.4.2].  
Finnish-Swedish (576\*) 1; Flemish (576\*) 2; Danish 1.

576D\* *A Man Helps an Old Man* [D817]. Gets from him a magic medicine, the drinking of which renders him invisible [D1361.22]. With its help he becomes rich.  
Finnish-Swedish (576\*\*\*) 1.

576E\* *A Girl Receives Drops from a Witch* which render her invisible [D1361.24]. She escapes from many perils.  
Finnish-Swedish (576\*\*\*\*) 1.

577 *The King's Tasks*. The three brothers; the oak in the king's castle yard. The king's daughter is promised to the one who is able to perform certain difficult tasks, usually to cut down a large tree. The three brothers set out, and the youngest is the only one who pays attention to certain things they see on the way, or who shows kindness toward an old woman. Accordingly he receives magic objects. With these and with the information he has he succeeds where the others fail. — Adapted from Christiansen FFC XLVI 25. Cf. Type 550.

Motifs:

H335. Tasks assigned suitors. Bride as prize for accomplishment. T68. Princess offered as prize. H1115.1. Task: cutting down huge tree which magically regrows. D1602.2. Felled tree raises itself again. D950.2. Magic oak tree. H1242. Youngest brother alone succeeds on quest. L13. Compassionate youngest son. Q2. Kind and unkind. H961. Tasks performed by close observation. H971.1. Tasks performed with help of old woman. H821. Magic object received. D1581. Task performed by use of magic object. D1601.14. Self-chopping axe. D1601.18.2. Self-playing violin. D1601.15. Automatic shovel. D1601.16. Self-digging spade. L161. Lowly hero marries princess.

\*\*Christiansen "Displaced Folktales" *Humaniora* (Taylor Festschrift, Locust Valley, N.Y. 1960) 161—171; Christiansen *Norske Eventyr* 87; Coffin 1. — Lappish (577\*) 1; Finnish-Swedish (576\*\*) 1; Swedish 4 (Uppsala 2, misc. 2); Norwegian (577\*\*) 14, Solheim 1; Danish 1; Irish 4; Dutch 1; German: Ranke 1; Austrian: Haiding No. 67; Italian (Tuscan 554 c 1); Slovenian 1; Greek 3. — Franco-American 2; Spanish-American: Hansen (Dominican Republic) 2; West Indies (Negro) 6.

580 *Beloved of Women*. With the youngest of three brothers all women are in love. At the father's death when the elder brothers wish for riches, etc. the youngest [L10], wishes for [L210] and receives the power to make women love him [D1900]. He secures from the hostess of the inn [D856]