

(d) The queen is released, the servant imprisoned, and the hero and his sweetheart are married.

Motifs:

I. N811. Supernatural godfather. A king chooses as godfather of his son the first man he meets. The godfather proves to be supernatural. D1761.0.1. Wishes granted without limit.

II. K2250. Treacherous servants and workmen. K2155.1. Blood smeared on innocent person brings accusation of murder. Q455. Walling up as a punishment.

III. R131.8.5. Forester rescues abandoned child. N856.1. Forester as foster father. T52.1. Prince buys twig (flower) (enchanted girl) from her mother. D141. Transformation: man to dog. D212.1. Transformation: man (woman) to carnation.

IV. K1816. Disguise as menial. D2105. Provisions magically furnished. D630. Transformation and disenchantment at will. H151.7. Hero's power to transform girl to carnation brings about recognition. S451. Outcast wife at last united with family. L162. Lowly heroine marries prince (king).

\*BP II 121 (Grimm No. 76). — Finnish 6; Estonian 11; Lithuanian 20; Swedish (Lund) 1; Danish 1; Irish 1; French 2; Dutch 1; German: Ranke 14; Czech: Tille Soupis II (2) 118—121 4; Slovenian 3; Serbo-croatian 1; Polish 4; Russian: Afanasiev 6. — Franco-American 5; West Indies (Negro) 1.

- 652A** *The Myrtle*. A woman gives birth to a myrtle. A prince falls in love with it. From it comes a beautiful fairy. Departing for a journey, he leaves her in the myrtle with a little bell attached. Evil women touch the myrtle, cause the fairy to appear and tear her to pieces. When the prince returns he nearly dies of grief. The fairy is recovered and the evil women punished. Cf. Type 702B\*.

\*\*BP II 125f.; Köhler-Bolte I 429; \*Lo Nigro p. 131; Basile Pentamerone I No. 2 (\*\*Penzer I 33). — Italian (Sicilian \*651) 1; Serbo-croatian 2; Greek: Dawkins *Modern Greek Folktales* 137, 45 *Stories* 207; Turkish: Eberhard-Boratav 214f.

- 653** *The Four Skillful Brothers*. The father has them trained. Display of their accomplishments. The bird's nest on the tree. The stolen princess recovered. Cf. Type 513, 514.

I. *The Four Brothers Tested*. (a) Four brothers sent to learn trades return home and are tested. (b) The star-gazer sees how many eggs are in a bird's nest on a tree; the thief steals the eggs; the huntsman shoots them although they are scattered about on a table; the tailor sews them up so that they can be returned. Only a red line is around the neck of the birds when hatched.

II. *Rescue of Princess*. (a) A stolen princess is offered in marriage to her rescuer. (b) The astronomer finds her on a rock in a distant sea; the thief

steals her; the huntsman shoots the dragon guardian; the tailor sews together the shattered planks on the boat on which they are returning.

III. *The Reward*. (a) Each claims to be rescuer of the princess and they dispute as to who shall have her. (b) The dispute is still unsettled; or (c) it is proposed that she be divided and thus the true lover is discovered; or (d) they are given half the kingdom instead.

Motifs:

I. P251.6.2. Four brothers. F660.1. Brothers acquire extraordinary skill. Return home and are tested. H504. Test of skill in handiwork. F642. Person of remarkable sight. F642.1. Remarkable star-gazer. Sees birds in nest in distant tree. H1151.12. Task: stealing eggs from under bird. K305.1. Thieving contest: first steals eggs from under bird, etc. F661.4. Skillful marksman shoots eggs scattered over table. F662.1. Skillful tailor sews up broken eggs. F661.1.1. Birds hatched from broken eggs repaired by skillful tailor have red line around neck.

II. R10.1. Princess abducted. T68.1. Princess offered as prize to rescuer. R166. Brothers having extraordinary skill rescue princess. R111.1.3. Rescue of princess from dragon. F662.2. Skillful tailor sews together scattered planks in capsizing boat.

III. H621.2. Girl rescued by skillful companions: to whom does she belong? R111.7. Joint rescuers quarrel over rescued princess. Z16. Tales ending with a question. J1171.2. Solomon's judgment: the divided bride. Q112. Half of kingdom as reward.

\*BP III 45 (Grimm No. 129); \*Anderson in Tauscher *Volksmärchen* 177; \*Basset RTP VII 188; Chauvin VI 133 No. 286, VIII 76 No. 45; \*Cosquin *Revue d'Ethnographie et des Traditions Populaires* I 62, II 41; Espinosa III 83 ff.; Liungman SSF III 438; Coffin 2; \*Beckwith MAFLS XVII 285. — Finnish 14; Estonian 8; Lithuanian 1, (cf. \*467) 3; Swedish 9 (Liungman 1, misc. 8); Norwegian 2; Danish 18, Grundtvig No. 9C; Icelandic 4; Irish 83, Beal II 191ff.; French 5; Spanish 3; Catalan: Amades Nos. 70, 103; Dutch 2; Flemish 4; German: Ranke 11, Meckl. No. 66; Italian 7 (Pentamerone V No. 7, Tuscan 402 r, s, [857] 3, Friuli 2, Sicilian 3, Gonzenbach No. 45); Rumanian (562 II\*) 1; Hungarian 4, Berze Nagy (614\*) 1; Czech: Tille FFC XXXIV 245, Soupis II (1) 66—68, 162ff. 8; Slovenian 1; Serbocroatian 4; Polish 16; Russian: Afanasiev 8; Greek Archive 25, Dawkins 45 *Stories* 103f., *Modern Greek Folktales* No. 48; Turkish: Eberhard-Boratav No. 291 14; India 10; Indonesian: DeVries No. 198; Chinese: Graham No. 142 p. 214; Franco-American 5; Spanish-American: Rael Nos. 222—224 (U.S.), Hansen (Dominican Republic) 2; Cape Verde Islands: \*Parsons MAFLS XV (1) 106 n. 1; Portuguese-American (Brazil): Camara Cascudo 112; West Indies (Negro) 11; African 6.

**653A** *The Rarest Thing in the World*. A princess is offered to the one bringing the rarest thing in the world [T68.1]. Three brothers set out and acquire

magic objects: a telescope which shows all that is happening in the world [D1323.15], a carpet (or the like) which transports one at will [D1520.18], and an apple (or other object) which heals or resuscitates [D1500.1.5.1, E106]. With the telescope it is learned that the princess is dying or dead. With the carpet they go to her immediately and with the apple they cure or restore her to life. Dispute as to who is to marry her [H621.2, Z16].

\*Espinosa III 84. — Icelandic (575) 1; Spanish 1; Hungarian: Berze Nagy (614\*) 1; Serbocroatian 2; cf. Polish (462) 1; Greek: Hahn No. 47. — Spanish-American: Hansen (Dominican Republic) 1, (Puerto Rico) 1, (New Mexico) 4, (Mexico) 1; Cape Verde Islands: Parsons MAFLS XV (1) 39.

**653B** *The Suitors Restore the Maiden to Life* [T92.0.1, T92.14].

I. *Resuscitation*. Three (four) suitors woo a girl who dies. They each perform a different task. (a) One watches her grave or funeral pyre. (b) One takes her ashes to the Ganges, etc. (c) One restores her to life by a charm, etc.

II. *Reward*. Query: Which shall have her? (The problem is usually solved in a clever way. Example: the one who brought the girl back to life is like her father; the one who carried her ashes to the Ganges is like her son; the one who watched the funeral pyre is like her husband: therefore she marries him.)

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**653\*** *The Four Skillful Brothers*. They catch a wild reindeer and a bear [F660].  
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**654** *The Three Brothers*. The father has them trained.

Trial of their handiwork. The fighting master swings his sword so fast that it does not become wet in a heavy rain; the barber shaves a running hare; the blacksmith shoes a horse while it is galloping.

Motifs:

F660.1. Brothers acquire extraordinary skill. Return home and are tested. H504. Test of skill in handiwork. F667.1. Skillful fencer keeps sword dry in rain. Swings it so fast. F664.1. Skillful flayer skins running rabbit. F665.1. Skillful barber shaves running hare. F663.1. Skillful smith shoes running horse. F673. Man can keep together feathers in great wind.

\*BP III 10 (Grimm No. 124). — Finnish 3; Finnish-Swedish 1; Estonian 4; Lithuanian 1; Swedish (Liungman) 1; Norwegian 1; Danish 6; Irish 39; French 3; Catalan: Amades No. 103; Flemish 4; Witteryck (p. 286) 5; German 10 (Archive 9, Henssen Volk No. 138); Hungarian 2; Czech: Tille FFC XXXIV 246; Russian: Andrejev; Turkish: Eberhard-Borataw Anlage A f. — Spanish-American: Hansen (654\*\*A) (Dominican Republic) 1; West Indies (Negro) 1.