

{AT654} 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.

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{AT654A*} The Three Brothers in the King's Service.

Overnight the cobbler makes boots for the whole army; the tailor, clothes; the fool, a regiment of soldiers.

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{AT654B*} The Merchant's Son learns to play the violin and skillful games, and to write.

With the help of this knowledge he obtains wealth and power.

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