

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.)

India 8.

**653\*** *The Four Skillful Brothers*. They catch a wild reindeer and a bear [F660].  
Lappish 1.

**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-Boratav Anlage A f. — Spanish-American: Hansen (654\*\*A) (Dominican Republic) 1; West Indies (Negro) 1.

654A\* *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.  
Lithuanian (\*654A) 2.

654B\* *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.  
Russian: Andrejev (\*654 I) 1.

**655** *The Wise Brothers*. The king is bastard.

Staying at the king's court they are asked to utter three wise words. As a result of extraordinary powers of deduction, they declare that the king is bastard, the roast is dog meat, etc. All proves to be true.

Motifs:

H505. Test of cleverness: uttering three wise words. Youths called on to do so display in their answers extraordinary powers of deduction. H692. Tasks performed by close observation. J1661.1. Deduction from observation. J1661.1.2. Deduction: king is a bastard. F647.5.1. Marvelous sensitiveness: meat is dog's flesh. Animal has been suckled by a dog. J1661.1.1. Deduction: the one-eyed camel. F647.1. Marvelous sensitiveness: meat (wine) tastes of corpse. J1175.1. The cat in the warehouse.

\*\*George A. Megas *Laographia* 1956 p. 1ff.; \*\*Fischer-Bolte; \*Anderson in Tauscher *Volksmärchen* 178; Penzer *Ocean of Story* VI 286. — Estonian (925\*) 3; Norwegian (655\*\*) 3; Danish 2, Kristensen *Jyske Folkeminder* VII 20; French 19; Catalan: Amades No. 367; Serbocroatian 3; Polish 1; Russian: Andrejev (925\*); Greek (925, 955\*) 18, Loukatos Nos. 9, 10; Turkish: Eberhard-Boratav Nos. 347 III, 348 14; India 12; Indonesian: DeVries No. 304. — Spanish-American: Hansen (655B) (Argentina) 1. — African 2. — Literary Treatment: Chauvin VII 159 No. 438, 162f. No. 439, VIII 92 No. 63.

**655A** *The Strayed Camel and the Clever Deductions* [J1661.1.1].

Four men see the track of an animal and are able to deduce: (a) It was a camel (or other animal). (b) It was one-eyed (grass is eaten on one side of the road only). (c) It was lame (because of its tracks). (d) It was carrying oil, etc., (drops of oil, etc., are seen on the ground). (e) It had no tail. (f) Other deductions.

They are overheard and charged with having stolen the animal because of their knowledge, but all is explained satisfactorily.

India 6.

656\* *Abused Soldier Receives Help of the Devil* and avenges himself on his captain.  
Polish 1.

**660** *The Three Doctors*. The hog's heart, the thief's hand, the cat's eye. The three doctors make a trial of their skill [H504]. One removes one of his eyes, one his heart, and the other a hand [F668.1]. They are to replace them without injury the next morning [E782]. During the night they are eaten and others substituted [X1721.2, E780.2], and one of the doctors