

660 The Three Doctors.

Three doctors display their skills [H504]. One removes one of his eyes, the second one his hand (arm, finger) and the third his stomach (heart), intending to replace it later [F668.1]. During the night a cat eats the body parts. A servant substitutes the eye of a cat [E781.3], the hand of a thief [E782.1.1] and the stomach of a hog [E787] (heart [E786]), and the doctors replace them without injury [E780.2, E782].

The one with the cat's eye can see best at night (always looks for mice), the one with the thief's hand steals, and the one with the hog's stomach is always hungry (sniffs and roots at the ground).

Remarks: Documented in the Middle Ages, e.g. *Gesta Romanorum* (Nº. 76).