

fed it [B765.6], a serpent appears at her wedding and leaves a crown of gold and silver [B112]. Cf. Type 285.

*BP II 463. — Serbocroatian 1; Polish 6.

672D *The Stone of the Snake*. (a) A peasant falls into a pit and sees a snake, which licks a stone; he imitates and without food remains alive. (b) A comrade who finds that he is imprisoned, is charged with his murder. The peasant gets out from the pit with the help of the snake, and frees the accused.

Estonian (674*) 10; Czech: Tille Soupis II (2) 379, 387f.; Slovenian 5; Serbocroatian 1; Polish (674) 5; Chinese: Eberhard FFC CXXVIII 142.

672A* *The Snake and the Soldier*. A soldier in his lodgings annoys a snake by giving him salted food. The snake pours water into the mouth of the sleeping soldier and causes his death.

Polish 3.

672B* *Expelling Snakes*. A sorcerer undertakes to expel snakes from a certain region. He succeeds in decoying the king of the snakes, but dies bitten by the snakes, or falls down with them under the earth.

Polish (672D) 11.

672C* *Testimony of the Serpent*. A girl possessing a magic serpent is raped by a prince. The serpent appears at the prince's wedding and compels him to marry the girl.

Italian (Sicilian 2, Gonzenbach No. 46).

672D* *Chernobylnik*. The peasant makes the fish-soup from a snake. The driver tastes it and knows the language of the grass and trees. The master guesses this and forces the driver to name »chernobylnik,» whereupon he loses his knowledge.

Russian: Andrejev (672*B) 1.

673 *The White Serpent's Flesh*. Contrary to warning, the cook eats the flesh of the white serpent. He learns the speech of animals [B217.1.1].

He hears how two ravens converse: »The house will sink in the earth.» Entreats his master to flee and save himself; or he learns where the queen's necklace has been lost [N451].

BP I 131 (Grimm No. 17); Christiansen FFC CLXXV No. 3030. — Finnish (673) 3; Estonian (673*) 1; Swedish 34 (Uppsala 4, Stockholm 13, Göteborg 9, Liungman 1, misc. 7); Danish 19; French 1; German 2; Slovenian 1; Serbocroatian 3; Polish 2; Turkish: Eberhard-Boratav No. 57.

674 *Incest Averted — Talking Animals*. A princess, abandoned by or separated from her husband, gives birth to a son. The son is taken from her by trickery and he grows up without knowing who his true mother is. When grown, he sees his mother, falls in love with her [N365.1.1], and goes to her at night hoping to become her lover. On the way he overhears animals (calves) talking [N451] and learns the truth.

India 4.

675 *The Lazy Boy*. »By the word of the salmon». The princess pregnant. The hero and the princess thrown into the sea in a cask. On the island.