675 The Lazy Boy.

(Including the previous Type 675*).

A lazy stupid boy [L114.1] releases a fish (frog, serpent, supernatural being), which gives him the power of making all his wishes come true [B375.1, D1761.0.1].

The lazy boy then makes an axe cut trees itself [D1601], water carry itself, a wagon move itself [D1523.1], an oven carry him, etc. When the princess laughs at him, he wishes her pregnant [T513] (from eating an apple, etc.). She does not know the father of her beautiful child. The king orders a test of paternity [H486], and the child picks the lazy boy out as father [H481] (by handing him an apple [H481.1], ball, golden ball).

The king orders father and mother (and child) to be abandoned in a cask in the sea [S141] (in the mountains [S1471]. By the power of wishing they reach land. The young man wishes to be beautified and makes a castle appear next to the king's [D1131.1]. When the king comes to visit, the young man wishes that an object (golden apple, golden cup) would appear in his pocket [L175]. The king is accused of stealing. Thus he is shown that the appearance of guilt and innocence (unwitting pregnancy, unwitting theft) is often deceptive.

Combinations: 530, 561, 592, 707, and 1115.

Remarks: Early versions see Straparola, *Piacevoli notti* (III,1) and Basile, *Pentamerone* (I,3).