

{AT700} Tom Thumb.

Plowing. The king buys the boy. In thieves' company. In the belly of the cow and of the wolf. Cf. Type 327B.

I. The Hero's Birth.

A childless couple wish for a child, however small he may be; they have a boy the size of a thumb [F535.1] .

II. His Adventures. [F535.1.1] (a) He drives the wagon by sitting in the horse's ear;

(b) he lets himself be sold and then runs away;

(c) he is carried up the chimney by the steam of food;

(d) he teases the tailor's wife;

(e 1) he helps thieves rob a treasure-house;

(e 2) he betrays the thieves by his cries;

(f) he is swallowed by a cow [F911.3.1] , makes an outcry [F913] , and is rescued when the cow is slaughtered;

(g 1) he persuades the fox who has eaten him to go to his father's house and eat chickens, or

(g 2) the wolf to go to his father's pantry: he then calls for help and is rescued.

— Adapted from BP.

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