

A MOTIF-INDEX OF THE FOLKTALES OF  
CULTURE-AREA V  
WEST AFRICA

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## INTRODUCTION

This dissertation is a motif-index of the published collections of folktales of West Africa. As a device for limiting the extent of the literature consulted for this study, the culture-area concept has been employed. Only works containing tales representative of culture-area 5 (West Africa) have been used.

Various other plans were considered, such as an arbitrary geographical division or division by groups of languages. The culture-area was finally chosen because the distribution of folklore as one factor in the ethnology of an area might be expected to conform in some ways with the distribution of other factors which determine the boundaries of the area. It is hoped that subsequent studies of the folktale by culture-areas will tend to verify this presumption and to more sharply define established area boundaries.

Culture-area 5 was chosen for two reasons: One, it is one of the best represented of the ten culture areas of Africa in collections of printed folktales. Two, the survivals of African tales in the Negro population of the Americas may generally be traced to tribes which inhabited the West Coast of Africa, this coast having been a common source of cargoes of slaves when the slave trade flourished.

Although the sheer bulk of the task made it impossible

to study the whole of Africa for this dissertation, any system of division is likely to create some other kind of problem. In this case, although the boundaries of culture-area 5 are quite clear, various collections of tales made during the past century do not fall neatly within or without the boundaries. Various tribe lists have been consulted in an effort to analyze the tales in certain collections for which the collectors or editors failed to describe the exact geographical areas involved.

An example of the difficulty mentioned above lies in the circumstances of the Hausa, a well collected ethnic group whose readily available tales create a strong temptation to include them in this study on the ground that their geographical range extends into culture-area 5. However, the Hausa live largely northeast of culture-area 5, and if their tales were to be included in this index, a subsequent index of culture-area 6 (West Sudan) would be deprived of one of its best representative collections.

The boundary of culture-area 5 begins on the west coast of Africa just below the tenth parallel north, runs roughly east, cutting across the extreme north portion of Sierra Leona, the northerly sections of the Ivory Coast, the Gold Coast, the Slave Coast, Togo, Dahomey, and enters Nigeria at about the same latitude. It curves sharply south

as it travels east of the Niger River, and ends on the coast at the mouth of the Calabar River (see appendix). This brings roughly one third of Nigeria, including the heavily populated coastal and river delta portions, into culture-area 5. In a more general way, one might describe the area as the south coastal portion of the western bulge of Africa north of the equator. It includes all of Liberia (also known as the Grain Coast) and only a small enclave of French Guiana. This part of Africa includes several relatively densely populated sites of ancient kingdoms of great power and wealth. The culture is strikingly different from that of some of the other areas. It is frequently possible to detect the difference between versions of the same tale if one version is from West Africa and the other is from the East Cattle Area through the difference in the reflection of various aspects of the cultures from which the tales were collected. It is hoped that this general observation may be amplified and documented in future indexing by culture-areas to show that the ethnological basis for distinguishing culture-areas includes even the ubiquitous folktale.

It may be true, as Paul Radin has suggested, that "African folk-literature constitutes a single unit."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Paul Radin, African Folktales and Sculpture (Kingsport, Tenn, 1952), p. 4.

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If so, an index of motifs of one culture-area might not be remarkably different from an index of motifs from any other area. But Radin goes on to summarize his statement as follows:

The subject-matter of myths and folktales is not determined by the psyche of a people, as has so frequently been contended by so many social theorists. There is no such psyche. Nor are matters at all helped by having recourse to pseudo-substitutes for a tribal or national psyche, like culture-patterns or configurations. The subject-matter of myths and folktales is determined by historical circumstances, by the selectivity that a more or less fixed and concrete literary tradition and fixed literary conventions impose upon it, and by the transformations and reinterpretations to which it is subjected by specially gifted individuals. These individuals do not live in a vacuum, nor are they interested in art for art's sake.<sup>2</sup>

Even though we grant, with Radin, that there is no national psyche, we should recognize that historical circumstances in West Africa are not the historical circumstances of South Africa, and that a literary convention of one time and place is not the literary convention of another time and place.

The one historical circumstance that should be mentioned in an introduction to a study of this kind is the fact that collections have been made by Europeans and Americans in Africa. The collectors varied widely as to nationality, profession, training, and motives. Any attempt

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<sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 7.

at analysis based on frequency of occurrence of certain motifs should be undertaken with the realization that missionary collectors may have been highly selective, recording only the tales which seemed innocuous to them; that nationalistic collectors may have been similarly selective, recording tales recognizable as European types; or that racists may have been selective, recording tales calculated to reveal the presumed inferiority of the aboriginal mind.

In this index, no effort has been made to distinguish the terms tribe and linguistic group. A great deal of confusion concerning the names of tribes exists in the literature of West Africa. Ethnologists of various countries have tried to cope with the bewildering complexity of numerous languages and dialects of West Africa during the past century with the result that some ethnic groups are known by several different names. An example of this: The people known as the Kpelle are also known as the Gbeli, Kpess, Pessy, Pessa, and the Gbress. Professor William R. Bascomb has assembled a list of ethnic groups which he has mapped by culture-area.<sup>3</sup> In this list, Professor Bascomb presents some of the synonyms for tribal names. The portion

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<sup>3</sup>William R. Bascomb, One Hundred-eleven Ethnic Groups Listed and Mapped by Culture Area (Northwestern University, unpublished, duplicated, copyright 1949).

of his list which pertains to culture-area 5 is included in the appendix.

A much more comprehensive study of ethnic groups, their names and geographical distribution, is Dietrich Westermann's more-recent book, The Languages of West Africa.<sup>4</sup> This and other works listed in the bibliography have been consulted for guidance in the selection of appropriate tales for this motif-index. A strict adherence to the plan of excluding any group which exists mostly outside the culture-area should make it possible for a future index of either the Sudan or the Congo (adjacent culture-areas) to be constructed without overlapping.

A small amount of general African material was excluded either because there was no evidence as to the area from which it was drawn or because there was adequate internal evidence of a culture-area source other than the one dealt with here.

An index of the motifs of a cluster of ethnic groups is likely to exhibit certain characteristics which will distinguish it from a larger index which has drawn widely from world folklore and which utilizes a classification based on modern Occidental man's understanding of tradition-

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<sup>4</sup>With M. A. Bryan, International Affairs Institute (London, New York, Toronto, 1952).



al European folklore. Bacil Kirtley made this observation in the introduction to his motif-index of Oceanic folklore.<sup>5</sup> He pointed out the relative absence of clever counter-tricks, these, seemingly, lying outside the horizons of Oceanic culture. He also remarked on the matter-of-fact narration of events which, by any European standards, would be considered to be magic or marvels, but which, as he writes, "seldom emphasize the fact that something untoward is happening."<sup>6</sup> This is certainly true of West African folklore, and the disposition of motifs which, taken literally, would place them in the magic or marvel categories poses many problems in classification. For example, speaking fish, trees, or stones would immediately be taken to be marvels or the result of magic in our culture, but such incidents are the very backbone of the African folktale. The case of speaking animals may be cited as an illustration. In Professor Thompson's revised motif-index, speaking animals are classified under the B120 heading.<sup>7</sup> His index presents a rather long list of speaking animals. Such a heading is virtually point-

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<sup>5</sup>Bacil R. Kirtley, A Motif-Index of Polynesian, Melanesian, and Micronesian Narratives (Indiana University Ph.D. Thesis, Microfilm Service, Ann Arbor, 1955).

<sup>6</sup>Ibid., p. 11.

<sup>7</sup>Stith Thompson, Motif-Index of Folk-Literature (Bloomington, 1955, 1956, 1957).

less in an African index, for all animals speak, and they speak in almost every story. Captain R. C. Abraham, in a recent study of the Tiv people of Nigeria, remarks on this characteristic of African tales so succinctly that his statement is worth quoting directly:

The Tiv share with the other Bantu the predilection for the beast epic and here again, whatever his origin, Brer Rabbit reigns supreme as the arch rogue, seldom at a loss to outwit the other animals, whether by ruse or by pitting them against one another, leaving him the solitary survivor. As in the American version of the stories and as seen in the medieval *Reinard de Vos*, the animals are animals in name only, and stories are realistic dramatizations of human beings thinly cloaked in animal form, revealing for the most part, the seamy side of human nature. Captain Ratray has suggested that many of the African stories of this type are in reality satires of the rapacity of chiefs toward their subjects, but this can hardly be so in the present instance where the position of the chief has so little of the autocratic about it.

A feature of these stories which distinguishes them from their counterparts elsewhere is that in several cases the hare is not merely a metamorphosed man, but is on his mother's side descended from the dead, thus attributing his sagacity to the accumulated wisdom of the dead and the living.<sup>8</sup>

The ancestry of Hare, as suggested by Captain Abraham, presents an interesting possibility for further speculation and study. Alice Werner, writing much earlier, pointed out the possibility that the metamorphosed animals in African tales might be a survival of totemistic beliefs. She

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<sup>8</sup>Roy Clive Abraham, *The Tiv People* (London, 1940), p. 64.

supported her suggestion by citing one existing food tabu explained in a folktale which told of an ancestral marriage involving a transformed fish.<sup>9</sup> Whatever the explanation of the predilection for the beast epic may be, the convention of storytelling in an atmosphere of attitudes and beliefs entirely different from those of Europe and America results in many motifs which catalogue literally as marvels, but which need to be explored further if we are to accurately analyze African folktales. This is true of motifs dealing with the dead, with spirits, gods, and with interpersonal relationships as well as with those dealing with animals and magic.

Upon reading hundreds of African folktales, one must inevitably come to the conclusion that some of the brief, seemingly childish or pointless tales would assume much more meaning if one could read beyond the mere words of the translation. A valuable study of African folktales might be one in which the investigator would select some small group of tales which suggest a lack of full communication, then analyze them closely on the basis of all available linguistic and ethnological information to extract their full meaning within the context of the situation in which

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<sup>9</sup>Alice Werner, African Mythology: The Mythology of All Races VII (Boston, 1925), p. 120.

they are ordinarily told. Such an analysis might well contribute much new understanding of the animal tale, the etiological tale, and the fable.

#### THE PLAN OF THIS WORK

This index is presented as a supplement to Stith Thompson's six-volume Motif-Index of Folk-Literature. As such, it follows Professor Thompson's organization in all respects. The definition of "motif" has been given a broad interpretation, following Professor Thompson's suggestion in his introduction that it be made to "include any of the elements of narrative structure."<sup>10</sup>

Where motifs are identical to those in Professor Thompson's revised index, identical numbers have been assigned. Where new motifs occur, they have been assigned to the nearest decimal, followed by a plus (+) sign. This is in accordance with his suggestion that new studies which follow his classification use the plus sign rather than a terminal digit so that any further revision of his index might be facilitated. Thus the plus sign in this index indicates a new motif. Where motifs are essentially the same as those in Professor Thompson's index, differing only

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<sup>10</sup>Thompson, op. cit., p. 19.

in minor detail, they have been assigned his number and have been qualified as necessary in parentheses.

The references in the index fall into three categories:

1. The most general is identified only by author, indicating a general collection of West African stories, the sources not identified by tribe or kingdom (e.g., Courlander and Herzog).
2. Slightly more specific is the source identified by the name of the author and the colony or kingdom from which the story was taken (e.g., Togo: Cardinall).
3. The most specific source identification is by author and tribe (e.g., Ewe: Spieth).

There is some duplication of specific stories because it was felt that the finding-list function of a motif-index might best be served if readily available anthologies and studies were cited. Thus one may occasionally find the same story cited in the original source (Ashanti: Battray), in a published anthology which includes a story from the original publication (Radin: African Folktales and Sculpture), and in a thesis (Klipple: African Folktales With Foreign Analogues).

No special order of citation is suggested by the geography of West Africa. Accordingly, the order of the bibliography is generally followed in the reference for

each motif.

To Professor Stith Thompson, who first showed the way with his characteristic kindly interest in students approaching the vastness and complexity of folklore studies, this supplement is respectfully dedicated.

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### ABBREVIATIONS

CMS	Church Missionary Society
JAI	Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland
JAPL	Journal of the American Folklore Society
JAS	Journal of the African Society
MSOS	Mitteilungen des Seminars für Orientalische Sprachen
RAI	Royal Anthropological Institute: Occasional Papers
RTP	Revue des Traditions Populaires
ZAS	Zeitschrift für Eingeborenen-Sprachen
ZAOS	Zeitschrift für Afrikanische und Ozeanische Sprachen
ZKS	Zeitschrift für Kolonialsprachen
ZOOS	Zeitschrift für Afrikanische, Ozeanische, und Ostasiatische Sprachen
Zs.f.VkSk.	Zeitschrift des Vereins für Volkskunde
ZSES	Zeitschrift für Eingeborenen-Sprachen

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A710. Creation of the sun

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- A1670. Characteristics of various peoples -- in industry and warfare
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- A1790. Creation of animals -- other motifs

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- A1860. Creation of primata
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- A1910. Creation of passeriformes

- A1930. Creation of falconiformes
- A1940. Creation of charidriiformes
- A1950. Creation of coraciiformes
- A1960. Creation of ciconiiformes
- A1970. Creation of miscellaneous birds
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- A2020. Creation of coleoptera
- A2030. Creation of diptera
- A2040. Creation of lepidoptera
- A2050. Creation of hemiptera
- A2060. Creation of orthoptera
- A2070. Creation of miscellaneous insects
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- A2700--A2799. Origin of plant characteristics
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A0--A99. Creator

A1. Identity of creator.

A1.+ . In the beginning there were no men, only God and his younger brother. Himmelheber 13.

A30. Creator's companions.

A32. Creator's family.

A32.+ . God and his wife have many children. Himmelheber 17.

A32.+ . God and his wife have three children. Togo: Funk, ZSES I 294.

A32.+ . Creator's son makes war on father's city. Togo: Einstein 8.

A32.+ . Creator's son more clever than father. Togo: Einstein 9.

A32.+ . Creator's children shed gold and silver dust. Togo: Cardinall 38.

A32.1.+ . God's son, magically grown to full stature, is magically reduced to infant stature. Togo: Einstein 8.

A32.3. Creator's wife.

A32.3+. Creator has two wives. Togo: Einstein 7.

A32.3.+ . God creates wives for self and brother. Himmelheber 13.

- A100. Deity.
- A110. Origin of the gods.
- A120. Nature and appearance of gods.
- A120.+ Inflatable god. God has himself pumped full of wind as he sleeps. When fully inflated, he awakens and stuffs people into anus. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 270.
- A128. Mutilated god.
- A128.2.+ God with one eye, one arm, and his nose eaten away by leprosy. Togo: Cardinal 57.
- A128.3.1. God with only one foot. Himmelheber 15.
- A139.7.+ Goddess emits odor of perfume. Tahi: Ellis 338; Nigeria: Mockler-Ferryman 291.
- A140. Gods as workmen.
- A150. Daily life of the gods.
- A155.7.+ Sky-god keeps warrior cattle. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 89.
- A159.+ God's wife orders bellows attendants to pump wind into him to awaken him. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 270.
- A159.+ God advertises for agent to sell his surplus food. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 88.
- A159.+ God prepares spectacular funeral for mother. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 32.
- A159.+ God sells stories to spider. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 3.

- A160. Mutual relations of gods.
- A161.2.+ King of Heaven and king of earth. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 270.
- A164. Marriage or liason of gods.
- A164.+ God's wife voids on him from heaven while he is on earth. He exchanges places with her. Himmelheber 16f. (Cf. A192.2.).
- A164.6.+ Kingfisher and frog as god's wives. Togo: Einstein 7.
- A165.1. Animals as attendants of god.
- A165.1.+ Grub as god's helper at creation. Togo: Einstein 14.
- A165.1.+ Elephant interprets drums for god. Togo: Cardinall 172.
- A165.1.+ Lizard as linguist for god. Togo: Cardinall 172.
- A165.1.+ Goat as trusted attendant of god. Togo: Cardinall 49.
- A165.2. Messenger of the gods. Himmelheber 25.
- A165.2.+ God's child as messenger. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXV 439.
- A165.2.1. Animals as messengers of the gods.
- A165.2.1.+ Dog as god's messenger. Nigeria: Cotton 194; Nigeria: Dayrell 81; Togo: Einstein 5; Himmelheber 31, 64.
- A165.2.1.+ Cat as god's messenger. Liberia: Bundy, JAFL



XXXII 408; Himmelheber 31, 64.

- A165.2.1.+ Antelope as messenger to god. Ewe: Spieth 588.
- A165.2.1.+ Sheep as god's messenger. Bassett 209; Gold Coast: Christaller, ZAS I 55, 58; Nigeria: Cotton 194; Seidel 293; Gold Coast: Von Held 98.
- A165.2.1.+ Goat as god's messenger. Bassett 209; Gold Coast: Christaller, ZAS I 55, 58; Seidel 292; Gold Coast: Von Held 98.
- A165.2.1.+ Frog as god's messenger. Togo: Einstein 6.
- A165.2.1.+ Mud wasp as god's messenger. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 14.
- A165.2.1.+ Vulture as god's messenger. Ashanti: Rattray 263.
- A165.4. Watchman of the gods.
- A165.4.+ Frog as caretaker of god's well. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 93.
- A167. Assembly of gods.
- A167.+ Gods flock from heaven to partake of man's sacrifices. Nigeria: Dennett 270.
- A170. Deeds of the gods.
- A170.+ Lesser god's wife runs away because she is vexed with her husband for hiccupping. Nigeria: Dennett 225.
- A171.0.2.+ God departs from world because a woman has seen

- a part of him. Yoruba: Dennett 51.
- A171.0.2.+ God leaves earth for heaven, angry because an old woman splashes him while she cooks. Ewe: Toso, ZKS VII 12.
- A179.+ Lesser god asks devil for advice when unable to catch fish. Nigeria: Dennett 270.
- A180. Gods in relation to mortals.
- A182. God reveals himself to mortals.
- A182.+ God gives money to abandoned woman and child. Mende: Migeod 201; Mende: Westermann 449.
- A182.+ When god sees man's troubles on earth, he comes down, sends his wife back to heaven. Himmelheber 16.
- A182.+ God rewards repentant boy, punishes unrepentant one. Ibo: Basden (1938) 432.
- A182.+ God promises each living thing that it may have what it desires. Himmelheber 43.
- A182.3. God (angel) speaks to mortals.
- A182.3.+ God decrees that wicked things will be done at night. Ashanti: Rattray 75.
- A182.3.+ God decrees that children will play by the light of the moon. Ashanti: Rattray 75.
- A182.3.+ God gives luck to man. Togo: Cardinall 221f.
- A185.3.+ God sends lesser god to earth to help instruct man. Himmelheber 16.

- A185.6. Deity particular friend to one mortal.
- A185.6+. God sells songs to spider. Radin (Ashanti-Rattray) 21.
- A185.6+. God gives spider calabash full of wisdom. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 119.
- A187.1. God as judge of men.
- A187.1+. Sky-god called down to award prize. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 62.
- A189. Gods in relation to mortals--miscellaneous.
- A189+. God forbids fruit of first tree to man. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 75.
- A189+. God forbids man to go near fire. Togo: Einstein 6.
- A189+. God forbids salt to mortals. Togo: Einstein 8.
- A189+. God establishes self out of reach of men, forms a court of animals. Togo: Cardinal 15.
- A189+. God shuts gates of mercy on mankind--offended by youth's ingratitude. Eko: Talbot 129. (Cf. A1330+.)
- A189+. God calls on all men and animals to weed the paths to the village. Himmelheber 44.
- A189.9. Early period when gods and men lived together. Nigeria: Dennett 269; Basset 223.
- A189.9+. Men and animals multiply until heaven is crowded. Himmelheber 13.
- A189.13+. God moves further from earth because an old

woman's pestle bumps him when she pounds food. Ga:  
Fleischer and Wilkie, Africa III 361; Ashanti: Werner  
124.

A190. Gods: miscellaneous motifs.

A192.2. Departure of gods.

A192.2.+ . God moves to heaven following quarrel with ele-  
phant. Probenius, Atlantis XI 178.

A192.2.+ . God moves up out of reach of men because they use  
him for towel, cut from his body to make scup, and knock  
him with pestle. Togo: Cardinal 15.

A199. Gods--additional motifs.

A199.+ . Lesser god offers self to hunter to save antelope.  
Ashanti: Rattray 247.

#### A200--A299. GODS OF THE UPPER WORLD

A200. God of the upper world.

A280. Weather god.

A285.1. Lightning weapon of the gods. Himmelheber 17.

A288.+ . Rainbow god. Slave Coast: Trautzmann 100.

#### A400--A499. GODS OF THE EARTH

A400.+ . How lesser gods came to earth. Himmelheber: 16;

Ashanti: Rattray 197.

A400.+ . Earth god and family. Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 192.

- A401.1.+ Earth god's wife bears twins: one white, one black. Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 193f.
- A410. Mother earth: In days of creation, god lay on top of mother earth. Togo: Cardinal 15.
- A410. Local gods.
- A420. God of water.
- A420.+ Goddess marries river. Nigeria: Dennett 225.
- A420.+ God of stream demands sacrifice of woman's son. Yoruba: Ogumefu 16.
- A460. Gods of abstractions.
- A461. God of wisdom. Himmelheber 16.

#### A500--A599. DEMIGODS AND CULTURE HEROES

- A523.2.+ Culture hero's sword cannot be unsheathed by anyone other than himself. Temne: Schlenker 11.
- A524.2. Extraordinary weapons of culture hero.
- A526.7. Culture hero performs remarkable feats of strength and skill.
- A526.7.+ Culture hero's throat cut; he kills ten men before he falls. Temne: Schlenker 11.
- A530. Culture hero establishes law and order.
- A530.+ God's brother brings fire to man. Himmelheber 64.  
(Cf. 1414.4.+).

A565. Dying culture hero.

A565.+ Culture hero's eyes do not stop twinkling after his death. Terms: Schlenker 11.

A600--A899. COSMOGONY AND COSMOLOGY

A600. Creation of the universe.

A610. Creation of universe by creator. Basset 223.

A615. Universe as offspring of creator.

A615.+ God begets three children: Darkness, Sun, and Moon.

Ashanti: Rattray 73; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 87.

A700. The heavens.

A700.+ God makes the sun and moon out of hoes. Probenius, Atlantis XI 120.

A700.+ Origin of sun, moon, and darkness. Ekoi: Talbot 364.

A700.+ Sky-god's eyes are the heavens. Ekoi: Talbot 357.

A700.5. Sun, moon, stars forged by smith. Togo: Einstein 14f; Probenius, Atlantis XI 122f.; Togo: HERTER, ZOOS VI 213.

A700.6. Sun and moon purchased. Togo: Einstein 9.

A702. Nature of the sky.

A702.+ Why sky is red in evening. Himmelheber 18.

A702.+ Origin of red skies: god's wrath--red eyes. Ekoi: Talbot 366.

A705. Origin and nature of clouds.

A705.+ Clouds as god's covers. Himmelheber 19.

A705.+ Coming of clouds signifies that god is contented with man. He will have feast. Himmelheber 20.

A705.1.+ Clouds are white below, red above. Himmelheber 20.

A710--A739. THE SUN

A710. Creation of the sun. Barker and Sinclair 101; Probenius, Atlantis XI 216; Ekoi: Talbot 364.

A711. Sun as man who left the earth. Barker and Sinclair 97; Ekoi: Talbot 357ff.

A714. Sun from object thrown into sky. Probenius, Atlantis XI 120. (Cf. A700.1.).

A714.+ Firmament created from cow's hide thrown up into air. Togo: Cardinall 24f.

A714.+ Firmament created by snake skin thrown up into air. Togo: Cardinall 26.

A714.+ Sun and moon forced into sky by visit from water. Water takes up so much room that boats are crowded out; Nigeria: CMS II 37ff; Nigeria: Dayrell 65; Radin (Efik-Ibibio: Dayrell) 41.

A715.1.+ Sun and moon have same father and mother. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XLIX 283.

A720. Nature and condition of the sun.

A720.+ Cooking was formerly done by heat of sun. Nigeria:  
Talbot (1932) 339.

A720.+ Sun is fire. Himmelheber 18.

A720.+ Why sun moved far from earth. When man acquired  
fire, he had no need for sun for cooking. Nigeria:  
Talbot (1932) 342.

A720.+ Sun formerly lived on earth as friend of water.  
Nigeria: Dayrell 64.

A720.2. Formerly great heat of sun caused distress to man-  
kind. Dahomey: Le Herisse 257.

A721.1. Theft of sun. God offers reward to animal which can  
steal sun from cock. Lizard succeeds. Nigeria: Cotton,  
JAS V 195.

A721.1.+ Theft of sun: Wonder child holds sun prisoner for  
three days. Togo: Cardinall 168.

A726. Daily course of sun across sky.

A726.+ Why sun shines only during day. Ekoi: Talbot 359.

A726.+ Why the sun must light the earth daily while the  
moon frequently rests. Himmelheber 19.

A731.+ Sun as father of all animals. Frobenius, Atlantis  
XI 177.

A731.1.+ Sun as a wicked god. Nigeria: Talbot (1923)  
252.



- A733.2. Mortal cannot look at sun.
- A733.2.+ . Why man cannot see the face of the sun. Meinhof 207; Togo: Spieth 573; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXIX 283.
- A736. Sun as human being.
- A736.1. Sun and moon as man and woman. Meinhof 200; Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 344.
- A736.1.4. Sun and moon married. Togo: Cardinall 21; Nigeria: Dayrell 64.
- A736.1.4.+ . Sun drives moon out when she takes a lover. Togo: Cardinall 22.
- A736.1.4.1.1. Moon kills sun's children. Dahomey: Einstein 29f. (cf. A753.3.1.).
- A736.6. Sun and moon as friends. Togo: Schönherrl 6.
- A736.7. Sun's affections for human girl rouses moon's jealousy.
- A736.7.+ . Sun tries to court human girl, is refused because he is too large. Ekoi: Talbot 358.
- A736.11. Contest between sun and moon. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 89.
- A737.7. Eclipses from quarrels between moon and sun. Togo: Cardinall 22; Himmelheber 18; Dahomey: Le Herisse 257; Togo: Schönherrl 6.
- A739.5. Why sun is red. Himmelheber 18.

## A740--A759. THE MOON

- A740. Origin of the moon. Frobenius, Atlantis II 90, 122f., 216; Togo: H€rtter, ZOOS VI 213; Himmelheber 22f.
- A743. Moon from transformed object.
- A743.+ . God makes sun and moon out of hoas. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 120.
- A743.3.+ . Origin of moon: White mound hit by woman's hoe flies up into sky. Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 193.
- A743.3.+ . Moon is god's son. Himmelheber 17.
- A743.+ . Once two suns. One transformed to moon. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 423f.
- A750. Nature and condition of the moon.
- A751. Man in the moon.
- A751.1.1. Man in moon has punishment for working on Sunday. Sierra Leone: Mudge-Paris, JAPL XLIII 317.
- A753.1.4.+ . Female moon married to sun has stars for offspring. Togo: Cardinall 21.
- A753.3. Moon as a person--miscellaneous.
- A753.3.+ . Moon has son. Himmelheber 17.
- A753.3.+ . Moon as sun's wife. Nigeria: CMS II 38.
- A753.3.+ . Moon punished by its mother because it refused to scrub her back, hence one may look at moon, but may not look at sun. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXIX 283.
- A753.3.1. Moon deceives sun.

- A753.3.1.+ Moon takes lover, is driven out by son. Togo:  
Cardinall 22.
- A753.3.1.+ Moon dupes sun into drowning children. Dahomey:  
Einstein 29f. (Cf. A736.1.4.1.1.).
- A755. Cause of moon's phases. Nigeria: Dayrell 91f.; Ivory  
Coast: Joseph, RTP XIV 439.
- A755.+ Moon's phases reward from god. Ivory Coast:  
Joseph, RTP XXV 439.
- A755.+ Why sun and moon stay apart. Meinhof 200.
- A755.1. Moon's phases caused by its being put in box. Ekoi:  
Talbot 344.
- A759. Condition and nature of the moon--miscellaneous.
- A759.+ Why moon is in heaven instead of on earth. Sky-god  
tired of dispute as to who should have it, went home  
and took it with him. Gold Coast: Courlander and  
Premph 62.
- A759.+ Moon must bathe each morning, is covered at night  
with filth. Himmelheber 18.
- A759.+ Moon once visited earth occasionally. Nigeria:  
Dayrell 91.
- A759.+ Man does not know whether moon is male or female.  
Himmelheber 18.
- A759.+ Moon a fat woman with skin full of fat meat.  
Nigeria: Dayrell 93.

## A760--A789. THE STARS

- A760. Creation and condition of the stars. Ekoi: Talbot 349ff.
- A763. Stars from objects thrown into sky. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 90.
- A763.+ . Stars are god's lamps. Himmelheber 19.
- A763.+ . Boy and father break up mound. Pieces fly into sky and become stars. Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 192.
- A764.1. Stars as children of the moon. Togo: Cardinall 21; Dahomey: Einstein 30.
- A770. Origin of particular stars.
- A770.+ . Origin of two largest stars. Ekoi: Talbot 357.
- A790. The heavenly lights.
- A791.+ . Rainbow messenger of moon to tell star children to stop fighting. Togo: Cardinall 22.
- A791.2. Rainbow as snake. Himmelheber 20.

## A800--A899. THE EARTH

- A800. Creation of the earth.
- A810. Primeval water. Yoruba: Ogumefu 1.
- A814.+ . God creates earth from dust mixed with water. Himmelheber 13. =
- A815.+ . Scratching of cock in handful of soil created earth. Yoruba: Ogumefu 1f.

A827. Earth made by drying up primeval water.

A827.+ In the beginning the earth was a great swamp.

Gradually, land and water separated. Himmelheber 14.

A830. Creation of earth by creator. Temne: Schlenker 13.

A840. Support of earth.

A842.+ World supported on head of giant. Temne: Schlenker 13.

A849.+ God puts earth on a great stump. Himmelheber 14.

#### A900--A999. TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURES

##### OF THE EARTH

A910. Origin of waters on earth. Ekoi: Talbot 366f.

A920.1. Origin of lakes.

A920.1.2. Origin of lake: from pawing of great bull.

Courlander and Herzog 114.

A930. Origin of streams. Ikoni: Deyrell, RAI No. 3, 49.

A934. Various origins of rivers.

A934.1.4. River from furrow made by great bull's horn.

Courlander and Herzog 114.

A960. Origin of mountains. Temne: Thomas 60.

A961. Mountains from primeval animal.

A961.+ Mountains from pieces of rock-tossed by great bull.

Courlander and Herzog 116.

A980. Origin of particular places.

A983.+ Origin of valley: Created when trickster fell from great height. Ashanti: Fetter and Cooper 30.

A989.+ Origin of river Danyi: Springs up in trail of extraordinary serpent, is crooked as result of crooked trail. Ewe: Toso, ZKS VII 13f.

#### A1000--A1099. WORLD CALAMITIES AND RENEWALS

A1000. World catastrophe.

A1010. Deluge. Gold Coast: Christaller, ZAS I 55f.;

Liberia: Cronise 87; Slave Coast: Bouche 222;

Probenius, Atlantis XI 178; Seidel 292.

A1011. Periodic floods from sea almost wipe out people. Ga: Fleischer and Wilkie, Africa III 363.

A1030. World fire.

A1039. World fire--miscellaneous.

A1039.+ God sends hot, suffocating wind which blows seven nights and eight days. Togo: Cardinall 237.

#### A1100--A1199. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATURAL ORDER

A1100. Establishment of natural order.

A1100.+ All living creatures are lice on head of giant.

Texas: Schlenker 13.

A1101.1. Golden age: All people, birds, animals, and fish under one king. Liberia: Cronise 282; Ikoni: Dayrell,

- RAI No. 3, 82, 85; Nigeria: Dayrell 21, 142; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 178; Himmelheber 15, 66.
- All01.1.+ Golden age, when one grain of rice filled the pot. Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 422.
- All01.1.+ In former times men had clairvoyant powers. Himmelheber 110.
- All01.2. Reversal of nature in former age.
- All01.2.+ In former age all beasts could speak like men. Ekoi: Talbot 378.
- All01.2.+ In former age beasts lived in sky, people on earth. Ekoi: Talbot 149.
- All10. Establishment of present order: waters.
- All16. Origin of sea waves.
- All16.+ Why surf beats on coast. Nigeria: Baumann 36.
- All20. Establishment of present order: winds. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 106.
- All20.+ Cause of wind: God's rca rushing around. Togo: Cardinali 23.
- All29.+ Origin of tornadoes: Sky-god's wrath. Ekoi: Talbot 366.
- All29.+ Origin of whirlwinds. Togo: Cardinali 227.
- All29.+ Cause of storms: Battles between sun, moon, stars. Togo: Cardinali 22.

- All30. Establishment of present order: weather phenomena.
- All31. Origin of rain.
- All31.+ Rain is spittle of great serpent. Himmelheber 20.
- All31.1. Rain from tears. Ekoi: Talbot 344.
- All34. Origin of mist. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 52.
- All37.+ Why hot season is so relentless. Tiv: Abraham  
73f.
- All41. Origin of lightning. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII  
423.
- All41.+ Cause of lightning: God's ram shaking tail.  
Togo: Cardinal 23; Nigeria: Dayrell 70.
- All41.+ Traveler produces thunder and lightning with  
magic stick. Dahomey: Delafosse 163.
- All41.7.+ Lightning as stones of fire. Dahomey: Dela-  
fosse 163.
- All42. Origin of thunder.
- All42.+ Why thunder and lightning live in sky: did too  
much damage on earth, and people complained. Nigeria:  
Dayrell 70.
- All42.5.+ Sound of thunder is lightning's mother rebuking  
him for the damage he does. Nigeria: Dayrell 70f.
- All42.6.+ Thunder is stamping of god's ram. Togo:  
Cardinal 32.
- All42.6.+ Thunder is old mother sheep. Nigeria: Dayrell  
70.



All45. Cause of earthquakes.

All45.1.+ Origin of earthquakes. Giant on whose head the earth is sitting moves his head. Texna: Schlenker 15. □

All70. Origin of day and night. Probenius, Atlantis X 294.

All70.+ God does not allow daylight to come because his bird has been killed. Probenius, Atlantis X 315.

All74. Origin of night.

All74.+ God beats darkness gong at close of day. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 9.

#### A1200--A1699. CREATION AND ORDERING

##### OF HUMAN LIFE

A1210. Creation of man by creator. Ibo: Basden 282; Gold Coast: Christaller, ZAS I 55; Dahomey: Einstein 23; Probenius, Atlantis II 123; Himmelheber 13; Seidel 292; Ekoi: Falbot 373; Gold Coast: Von Held 98.

A1210.+ God creates six people: four men and two women.

Nigeria: Dennett 46; Yoruba: □ Parkinson, Man VI 103.

A1210.+ God first created man, then hyena, then goat.

Dahomey: Le Herisse 258.

A1210.+ God creates seven men for earth's first population.

Seidel 293.

A1220. Creation of man through evolution.

A1230. Emergence or descent of first man to earth.

- A1231.+ God sends first people to earth on chain from heaven. Togo: Cardinall 230; Gold Coast: Christaller, ZAS I 55f.; Togo: Einstein 8; Seidel 292; Ekoï: Talbot 366.
- A1270. Primeval human pair. Probenius, Atlantis XI 266; Tenne: Schlenker 15.
- A1275. Creation of first man's (woman's) mate.
- A1275.+ Earth originally peopled by women only. Ekoï: Talbot 98.
- A1275.+ God creates first woman, finds her lonely, creates man. Basset 209; Gold Coast: Christaller, ZAS I 58; Togo: Einstein 8; Gold Coast: Von Held 98.
- A1277. Offspring of first parents.
- A1277.+ First child born to woman a frog. Himmelheber 25.
- A1277.+ First couple produce one black, one white child, then twins--one white and one black. Tenne: Schlenker 21.
- A1277.+ First man's wife bears seven sons, seven daughters. Ekoï: Talbot 367.
- A1279. Primeval human pair--miscellaneous.
- A1279.+ First couple kept apart by creator. Togo: Cardinall 231; Dahomey: Einstein 23; Probenius, Atlantis X 316, XI 74; Ekoï: Talbot 98.
- A1279.+ Sky-god withholds water from first couple for seven days. Ekoï: Talbot 366.

A1280. First man (woman).

A1281.+ First men on earth immortal. Terms: Schlenker 25;

Ewe: Toso, ZKS VII 11; Gold Coast: Von Held 98.

A1300--A1399. ORDERING OF HUMAN LIFE

A1310. Arrangement of bodily attributes.

A1310.+ Origin of stomach, hair, and teeth of man. Etoi:  
Talbot 395.

A1310.+ Creator creates body parts separately, allows them  
to live in garden. Ibo: Basden (1921) 282.

A1311. Origin of hands and feet. Hirmelheber 24.

A1312.1. Origin of knee-caps. Etoi: Talbot 394.

A1313.0.2. Origin of sex differentiation. Probenius,  
Atlantis XI 208.

A1313.1. Origin of male sex organs. Probenius, Atlantis,  
XI 209, 304; Etoi: Talbot 99.

A1313.1.+ Origin of erection of penis. Probenius, Atlan-  
tis XI 200f.

A1313.2. Origin of female sex organs. Probenius, Atlantis  
XI 210.

A1313.2.+ Why clitoris is red. Probenius, Atlantis XI 309.

A1313.4. Origin of women's breasts. Togo: Schönherrl 42.

A1315. Origin of hair and beard.

A1315.1.+ Why old women have white heads. Ashanti:  
Rattray 35.

- Al315.+ . Why women have long hair. Nigeria: Baumann 8f;  
Yoruba: Clarke, Ho. 7; Yoruba: Ogunfeju 7.
- Al315.+ . Why different people have different kinds of hair.  
Spieth 578.
- Al316.3.+ . Origin of sight. Dahomey: Einstein 23; Dahomey:  
Le Herisse 261.
- Al316.6. Origin of teeth. Liberia: Cronise 278.
- Al319.7.+ . Origin of eye pupils. Togo: Cardinal 128;  
Togo: Schönherrl 24.
- Al319.7.+ . Why every man's eye has the reflection of another  
man. Ibo: Basden (1938) 428r.
- Al319.+ . Why some people are handsome and others are not.  
Ashanti: Rattray 51.
- Al319.+ . Origin of cavity between man's shoulder blades.  
Probenius, Atlantis I 214; XI 181.
- Al320. Determination of span of life.
- Al326.+ . After creation, all children born to mortals died.  
Nigeria: Dennett 46.
- Al330. Beginnings of trouble for man.
- Al330.+ . God shuts gates of mercy on mankind--offended by  
youth's ingratitude. Eko: Talbot 129. (Cf. Al89.+.).
- Al331.1. Paradise lost because of forbidden fruit (drink).  
Probenius, Atlantis XI 76.
- Al335. Origin of death. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 408;

- Gold Coast: Christaller, ZAS I 58; Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 194; Togo: Einstein 5; Himmelheber 31, 55, 111; Klipple 494; Seidel 293; Ewe: Speiss 132; Togo: Spieth 593; Tswana: Schlenker 29; Ewe: Toso, ZKS VII 11f.
- A1335.+ Origin of death: God's sons refuse to return from earth visit. He calls their spirits home, leaving bodies on earth. Liberia: Bundy, JAFL XXXIII 407.
- A1335.+ God sees immortal men increasing and crowding earth. Decreases death for men. Gold Coast: Von Held 98.
- A1335.+ Origin of death: God and Death compromise. When a mortal falls ill, he goes to the one who gets there first. Togo: Cardinal 66.
- A1335.+ God decrees that men must die. Sees men hold funeral for dead rat, decides that they must have funerals for themselves. Ewe: Toso, ZKS VII 11f.
- A1335.+ Origin of death: Death, in form of giant, is partially resuscitated by sprinkling medicine in his eye. Each blink of eye is a death for mortal. Togo: Cardinal 32; Radin (Krachi: Talbot) 61.
- A1335.+ Why men must die: Dog entrusted with life-restoring medicine set it aside to worry bones. Goat sprinkles medicine on grass. Togo: Cardinal 28.
- A1335.2. Origin of death from falsified message. Basset 209f.; Togo: Cardinal 29; Gold Coast: Christaller, ZAS I 58; Togo: Schönherrl 83; Gold Coast: Von Held 98;

- Nigeria: Dayrell 81; Togo: Einstein 5; Himmelheber 31.
- A1337. Origin of diseases. Ashanti: Rattray 81; Fenne: Schlenker 27; Eko: Talbot 282f.; Agni: Tauxier 240f.; Ewe: Werner 331.
- A1337.+ . Origin of diseases: Fire is sickness; cold is healing. Togo: Einstein 6.
- A1337.+ . Origin of toothache. Ashanti: Rattray 181.
- A1337.+ . Origin of diseases from corrupting body of giant. Agni: Tauxier 242.
- A1337.0.1. Disease caused by the gods. Togo: Einstein 6. Radin (Ashanti-Rattray) 66.
- A1337.0.1.+ . Origin of diseases: "Pandora" bag given to hunter who danced ineptly with fairies. Bag full of fevers and ills. Togo: Cardinall 92.
- A1337.6. Origin of leprosy. Togo: Einstein 6f.; Eko: Talbot 279.
- A1337.7. Origin of smallpox. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 100.
- A1338. Origin of physical defects.
- A1338.+ . Origin of injuries--spider sets pattern. Togo: Spieth 588.
- A1339.1. Origin of blindness. Togo: Cardinall 21, 169; Frobenius, Atlantis X 348; Radin (Krachi: Cardinall) 32.
- A1341. Origin of war among men.
- A1341.+ . Origin of war: Primitive battle between men and

- beasts. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 410f.; Probenius, Atlantis XI 268.
- A1341.3.+ Origin of so many thieves in the world. Togo: Cardinall 236.
- A1334.+ Origin of weeping. Liberia: Cronise 65.
- A1345. Origin of hunger. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 421f.
- A1345.+ Famine sent by gods to plague people of earth. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 18.
- A1346.2.+ Why men no longer have marvelous power. Himmelheber 30.
- A1346.2.+ Why god has power over men. Found medicine in bottom of pot. Togo: Cardinall 36.
- A1350. Origin of sex functions.
- A1352. Origin of sexual intercourse. Gold Coast: Christaller, ZAS I 56; Probenius, Atlantis I 3, 17; XI 75, 209; 309; Dahomey: Le Herisse 262; Temne: Schlenker 19.
- A1355.1. Origin of menstruation. Probenius, Atlantis XI 70, 178; Temne: Schlenker 19.
- A1370. Origin of mental and moral characteristics.
- A1372.3. Why women are roving. Eko: Talbot 114.
- A1372.9. Why women are subservient to men. Punished by god. Dahomey: Einstein 24; Dahomey: Le Herisse 261. (cf. A1557.+).
- A1372.9.+ Why woman has the stronger sexual desire. Temne:

Schlenker 19.

A1373.+ . Why men must go to women instead of women to men.

Togo: Cardinal 231.

A1375. How jealousy came into the world. Barker and Sinclair  
113; Ashanti: Rattray 137.

A1388.+ . Origin of assertiveness. Original person with this  
trait cut up in many pieces and scattered. Ashanti:  
Rattray 109.

A1390. Ordaining human life--miscellaneous.

A1391. Creator decrees that other members of the body must  
serve the stomach. Ibo: Basden (1921) 283; Togo:  
Schönherrl 79f.

A1391.+ . Quarrel between parts of body. Tiv: Abraham 70.

A1399.2.+ . How awakening from sleep originated. Ashanti:  
Rattray 221.

A1399.2.+ . Death and sleep were once the same thing.

Ashanti: Rattray 221.

#### A1400--A1499. ACQUISITION OF CULTURE

A1400. Acquisition of human culture.

A1410. Acquisition of livable environment.

A1414. Origin of fire. Himmelheber 64; Nigeria: Talbot  
(1932) 251.

A1414.4. Origin of fire: gift from god. Gold Coast:  
Christaller, ZAS I 55; Himmelheber 64; Seidel 292.



- Alh4.4.+ God's brother brings fire to man. Himmelheber  
64. (Cf. A530.+).
- Alh15.2. Theft of fire by dog. Nigeria: Talbot (1932)  
342.
- Alh15.3.+ Theft of fire by Lane Boy. Ekoi: Talbot 371.
- Alh20. Acquisition of food supply for human race.
- Alh20.2. God teaches how to seek and prepare food.
- Alh20.2.+ Spider brings food from heaven to earth. Formerly there was food only in heaven. Probenius, Atlantis XI 214f.
- Alh20.2.+ God instructs first couple in the art of eating and drinking. Ekoi: Talbot 374; Tanne: Schlenker 15f.
- Alh22. Assignment of edible animals. Ekoi: Talbot 78, 149.
- Alh22.+ God gives people permission to eat fish. Joseph, RTP XXV 440.
- Alh23.1. Origin of yams. Probenius, Atlantis XI 266f.
- Alh23.+ Origin of chili pepper. Togo: Cardinall 47.
- Alh25. Origin of seeds. Togo: Cardinall 26, 45.
- Alh28. Acquisition of wine. Basset 20; Tahi: Ellis 337; Tahi: Condrens 207f.
- Alh40. Acquisition of crafts.
- Alh41. Origin of agriculture. Probenius, Atlantis XI 76.
- Alh42.+ Origin of making bedding from grass. Togo: Cardinall 210.

- Al446. Acquisition of tools.
- Al446.+ . Origin of hoe. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 87; Ashanti: Hattray 43.
- Al446.2. Origin of axe. Liberia: Cronise 316.
- Al446.5. Acquisition of household implements.
- Al446.5.+ . Origin of knife. Probenius, Atlantis XI 312f.
- Al458. Origin of hunting. Togo: Cardinall 108.
- Al461.+ . Origin of bullroarer. Yoruba: Parkinson, Man VI 104.
- Al465.+ . Origin of burial mat. Himmelheber 111.
- Al470. \ Beginning of social relationships.
- Al470.+ . Why men live in towns. Himmelheber 44.
- Al470.+ . Origin of debt. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 79.
- Al480. Acquisition of wisdom and learning.
- Al481. Origin of human wisdom. Barker and Sinclair 33f.; Nigeria: Baumann 74; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 30; Probenius, Atlantis XI 119; Himmelheber 95; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 17; Ashanti: Hattray 7.

#### Al500--Al599. ORIGIN OF CUSTOMS

- Al500. Origin of customs--general.
- Al510. Origin of eating customs.
- Al520. Origin of hunting and fishing customs.

- A1520.+ . Why all hunters are friendly toward the red-flanked  
duiker. Togo: Cardinall 123.
- A1520.+ . Origin of the custom of prohibiting women from  
fishing. Ga: Fleischer and Wilkie 361.
- A1520.+ . Why hunters can never be rich. Ashanti: Rattray  
89.
- A1525. Origin of the custom of game division. Ewe: Spieth  
580; Ekoi: Talbot 146, 243f.
- A1530. Origin of social ceremonials.
- A1535.+ . Origin of stories. Ekoi: Talbot 340.
- A1537.+ . Origin of saying, "When you have an elephant, do  
not chase a wren." Ashanti: Rattray 269ff.
- A1537.+ . Origin of custom of saying "Long live the king!"  
following thunder and lightning. Yoruba: Ogumefu 9.
- A1540. Origin of religious ceremonials.
- A1541.1.+ . Origin of custom of burial inside house. Ekoi:  
Talbot 228.
- A1541.1.+ . Origin of funeral rites. Temne: Schlenker 33.
- A1541.4.+ . Origin of Friday as day of rest for farmers.  
Tahi: Ellis 336.
- A1545. Origin of sacrifices.
- A1545.+ . Origin of custom of not sacrificing young sheep.  
Ekoi: Talbot 70.
- A1545.+ . Origin of sacrifices to ghosts. Ekoi: Talbot 7f.

- A1545.1.+ . Why the goat is not sacrificed in Ashanti--goat once aided god's son. Togo: Cardinall 50.
- A1545.3.+ . Origin of custom of sacrificing tortoise. Ikoni: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 39; Eko: Talbot 397.
- A1545.3.+ . Origin of goat sacrifice. Eko: Talbot 226.
- A1545.3.+ . Origin of sacrifice of cock and tortoise. Eko: Talbot 59ff.
- A1545.3.3. Origin of fowl (cock) sacrifice. Togo: Cardinall 39.
- A1545.5.+ . How the "taking of a friend" (suicide of friend) when one dies originated. Ashanti: Rattray 211.
- A1545.5.+ . Origin of slave sacrifice at master's death. Ikoni: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 19.
- A1545.6.+ . Origin of crab's claw sacrifice. Eko: Talbot 198.
- A1549. Origin of religious ceremonies--miscellaneous.
- A1549.+ . Origin of bathing in black water for purification. Eko: Talbot 283.
- A1549.+ . Origin of custom of taking gall of animals for ceremonial purposes. Eko: Talbot 27ff.
- A1550. Origin of customs of courtship and marriage.
- A1551. Why women do not choose husbands for themselves. A girl once chose, got a transformed hyena. Togo: Cardinall 214.
- A1557. Why the woman is master of her husband. Eko:

- Talbot 98.
- A1557.+ God punishes women. She shall always be dependent on man. Dahomey: Einstein 24. (Cf. A1372.9.).
- A1558. Origin of divorce. Klipple 333; Ashanti: Rattray 242ff.; Ekoï: Talbot 116.
- A1559. Origin of customs of courtship and marriage -- miscellaneous.
- A1559.+ God proclaims that men must pay women for gratification of sexual desire. Probenius, Atlantis XI 75.
- A1560. Origin of customs connected with birth.
- A1560.+ Origin of custom of killing twins. Ibibio: Talbot 37.
- A1562.1. Origin of charms for pregnant women. Ekoï: Talbot 181.
- A1566.+ Origin of custom of hanging spider on string around neck of undernourished children. Probenius, Atlantis XI 223.
- A1570. Origin of regulations within the family.
- A1571. Origin of code of conduct between husband and wife.
- A1571.1. Why husband and wife shall not exchange hats. Ekoï: Talbot 117.
- A1575. Origin of relation of mother and children.
- A1575.1. Why a mother has prior claim on her children. Ekoï: Talbot 101.

- A1577. Origin of personal names. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL  
XXXII.422.
- A1579. Origin of regulations within the family -- miscellaneous.
- A1579.+ . Why co-wives use separate cooking pots. Ashanti:  
Rattray 191.
- A1579.+ . God orders new suitors for woman unable to conceive  
by husband. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 155; Ashanti:  
Rattray 113.
- A1579.+ . Origin of avunculate. Gold Coast: Courlander and  
Prempah 100.
- A1579.+ . Origin of crying children's habit of answering  
"nothing" when asked why they cry. Barker and Sinclair  
37; Courlander and Herzog 102; Lee 24; Ewe: Speiss 124.
- A1579.+ . How whipping children began. Ashanti: Rattray 67.
- A1579.+ . Why young men listen to their elders. Togo:  
Cardinall 217.
- A1579.+ . Why children obey their elders. Togo: Cardinall  
214; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXIX 283.
- A1579.1. Why children are not left alone in the house to  
sleep. Ashanti: Rattray 13.
- A1580. Origin of laws.
- A1581.1. Origin of penalty for murder. Ekor: Talbot 313,  
401.

1590. Establishment of other customs.
- Al591. Origin of burial. Nigeria: Dayrell 82; Ekoi: Talbot 226.
- Al591.+ . God gives directions for burial when first death among mankind occurs. Gold Coast: Christaller, ZAS I 56; Seidel 293.
- Al594.1. Establishment of doctor's fees. Ekoi: Talbot 279.
- Al599.+ . Origin of custom of calling tales Ananci stories. Barker and Sinclair 3I; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 8; Himmelheber 72; Lee 25; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 96; Ashanti: Rattray 59; Ewe: Speiss 106.
- Al599.11.+ . Origin of custom of keeping skulls of slain enemies. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 41.
- Al599.11.1. Origin of war. Togo: Einstein 8; Epelle: Westermann 400f.

Al600--Al699. DISTRIBUTION OF  
DIFFERENT PEOPLES

- Al610.+ . Origin of tribes of men: lowered in slings from heaven on long chain, men and animals in pairs. Himmelheber 14f.
- Al611. Origin of particular tribes.
- Al611.+ . Origin of Hausa and Muntschi tribes. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 267.
- Al611.+ . Origin of Ekuna clan (Ashanti). Ashanti: Rattray 207.

- A1614. Origin of white and colored races.
- A1614.+ Origin of white and dark races: First woman bore four children, two white and two black. Ekoi: Talbot 387; Temne: Schlenker 21.
- A1614.2. Some races dark-skinned from bathing after white men. Liberia: Germann 134.
- A1614.9. Origin of white race. Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 194.
- A1620. Distribution of tribes.
- A1620.+ Separation of races: God orders white and black separated. Temne: Schlenker 21.
- A1670. Characteristics of various peoples--in industry and warfare.
- A1671.+ Why white race is superior in force. Ancestor received knowledge from book given by God. Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 194.
- A1671.+ Why white people have superior commerce. God gave them appropriate tools. Temne: Schlenker 23.
- A1680. Characteristics of various peoples--in habits.
- A1687. Tribal characteristics--decorations.
- A1687.+ Origin of tribal marks. Yoruba: Ogunsefu 3.
- A1700--A2199. CREATION OF ANIMAL LIFE
- A1700.+ How beasts and serpents came into the world.



- Barker and Sinclair 94; Himmelheber 14f. (Cf. A1610.+.).
- A1800. Creation of mammals.
- A1831. Creation of dog. Himmelheber 65.
- A1840.+ . Creation of bat. Tennes: Thomas 7.
- A1861.+ . Origin of monkeys and apes: Transformed man, unable to shave or be clothed. Sierra Leone: Mudge-Paris, JAFI XLIII 317.
- A1862.+ . Creation of chimpanzee, transformed man. Himmelheber 63.
- A1862.+ . Origin of drill ape. Lazy people who went into bush rather than work. Etoi: Talbot 79.
- A1872. Creation of hippopotamus. Etoi: Talbot 386.
- A2000. Creation of insects.
- A2091. Spider transformed trickster. Togo: Cardinal 145.
- A2091.+ . Origin of spiders. Man, kicked by king, bursts into thousand pieces. Pieces become spiders. Togo: Cardinal 153.
- A2100. Creation of fish and other animals. Liberia: Cronise 122.
- A2100.+ . Origin of fish--transformed sun's children. Dahomey: Einstein 30; Meinhof 200.
- A2145.+ . Origin of anis (ntoro--a small snake). Ashanti: Rattray 203.
- A2162.+ . Origin of two kinds of frogs (frogs and toads?).

Ibo: Basden (1938) 431.

A2200--A2599. ANIMAL CHARACTERISTICS

- A2220. Animal characteristics as reward.
- A2229.+ . How crow got white neck. Rewarded for services with gift of blue and white cloth. Ashanti: Rattray 37.
- A2230. Animal characteristics as punishment.
- A2232.5. Origin of odor of goats. Goddess punishes them by giving them foul-smelling ointment. Nigeria: CMS III 9; Tshi: Ellis 338.
- A2239.+ . Why fowl must turn head to sky to drink. Togo: Cardinall 39; Radin (Krachi: Cardinall) 35.
- A2239.+ . Why spider has only his pillow (abdomen) for belonging. God irritated by his boasting, burnt his house. Togo: Cardinall 157.
- A2239.2. Why fly is speechless and associated with foul things. Punished for failing to answer questions. Eksi: Talbot 384.
- A2252.2. Origin of baboon's tail. Baboons were once men, sat on hoes, and hoes grew in place. Togo: Cardinall 27.
- A2300. Origin of animal characteristics: body.
- A2305. Origin of animal's flat body.
- A2305.+ . Origin of spider's flat body. Liberia: Cronise

- 109; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 217; Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL  
 XVI 12.
- A2305.1.+ Origin of chameleon's narrow body. Himmelheber  
 86.
- A2310. Origin of animal characteristics: body covering.
- A2311.8. Why frog has rough-skin. Ibo: Basden (1938)  
 430f.
- A2312. Origin of tortoise's shell. Gold Coast: Courlander  
 and Prempeh 37.
- A2312.+ How crab received his shell. Himmelheber 57;  
 Ashanti: Rattray 35.
- A2312.1.1. Why tortoise's shell is dented (bruised, corrugated). Tiv: Abraham 68; Barker and Sinclair 117;  
 Ibo: Basden (1938) 433; Basset 220; Nigeria: Cobham,  
 JAS IV 309; Liberia: Cronise 75; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI  
 No. 3, 7; Yoruba: Ellis 274; Frobenius, Atlantis X  
 254, 285, 316; Yoruba: Ogumefu 70; Ekoi: Talbot 382;  
 Nigeria: Baumann 67; Slave Coast: Bouche-224; Nigeria:  
 CMS III 7.
- A2312.1.1.+ Origin of tortoise's shape. Dog put him to-  
 gether after he was cut apart. Frobenius, Atlantis X  
 256.
- A2313.+ Origin of bright feathers of parrot and greater  
 plantain-eater. Ekoi: Talbot 195.
- A2317. Why certain animals are bare of covering.

- A2317.+ . Why spider is bald. Gold Coast: Courlander and Frempeh 13.
- A2317.+ . Why tortoise is bald. Nigeria: Baumann 167; Nigeria: CMS III 38.
- A2320. Origin of animal characteristics: head.
- A2320.+ . Why spider has big head. Gold Coast: Courlander and Frempeh 12.
- A2320.+ . Why spider's head is small. When it fell off, he replaced it improperly. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 140; Ashanti: Rattray 69.
- A2320.4. Why crab has no head. Ikom: Dayrell RAI No. 3, 49.
- A2326.1. Why rabbit has long ears. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 315.
- A2330. Origin of animal characteristics: face.
- A2332.3.+ . Why elephants have such small eyes. Nigeria: Dayrell 59ff.; Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 343.
- A2332.3.+ . Why eyes of tortoise are small. Ibo: Basden (1938) 430; Ibo: Thomas (III) 152f.
- A2332.4.+ . Why monkey has deep-set eyes. Other animals licked his eyes when he had pepper in them. Ashanti: Rattray 163.
- A2332.6.4. Why worm is blind. Nigeria: Dayrell 59ff.
- A2335. Origin and nature of animal's nasal organ (nose,

- snout, proboscis, etc.).
- A2335.2.+ Origin of dog's black nose. Probenius, Atlantis X 302.
- A2335.3.+ Origin of elephant's trunk. Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 4; Yoruba: Ogunofu 48f.
- A2335.4.1. Why pigs have blunt snouts. Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 193; Himmelheber 58; Meinhof 209; Ashanti: Rattray 163; Ewe: Spieth 584; Ewe: Westermann (2) 221; Ewe: Westermann 149.
- A2341. Origin and nature of animal's mouth.
- A2341.+ Why spider has a crooked mouth. Himmelheber 86.
- A2345.+ How cricket got his teeth burnt. Ashanti: Rattray 251.
- A2345.6. How elephant got its tusks. Liberia: Cronise 59.
- A2345.7.2. Why frog has no teeth. Temne: Thomas 17.
- A2346.+ Where wasp got sting. Swallowed sharp-tongued witch head-first. Togo: Cardinall 177.
- A2350. Origin of animal characteristics: trunk.
- A2351.+ Why spider has no neck. Togo: Cardinall 159.
- A2355.+ Why wasp has small waist. Togo: Cardinall 174, 177; Probenius, Atlantis XI 331; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 14.
- A2355.+ Why praying mantis has small waist. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 48.

- A2355.1.1. Origin of spider's small waist. Gold Coast:  
Courlander and Prempeh 18; Liberia: Cronise 280.
- A2355.1.2. Why ant has small waist. Ibo: Basden (1938)  
433.
- A2362. Origin and nature of animal's buttocks.
- A2362.+ . Why elephant has slender buttocks. Gold Coast:  
Courlander and Prempeh 45; Ashanti: Rattray 187.
- A2362.+ . Origin of ape's red buttocks. Burnt by hot  
dagger in fight. Togo: Einstein 16.
- A2362.1.+ . Why baboon's buttocks are shiny. Togo:  
Cardinal 27.
- A2365.1.+ . Why goat has large scrotum. Frobenius,  
Atlantis X 248.
- A2370. Animal characteristics: extremities.
- A2371.1.+ . Why spider has more than two legs. Liberia:  
Cronise 63.
- A2371.2.+ . Origin of short limbs of tortoise. Ibo: Basden  
(1938) 428.
- A2371.3.1. Why snake has no legs. Ekoi: Talbot 374ff.
- A2375.2.+ . Origin of frog's flat feet. Courlander and  
Herzog 131.
- A2375.2.+ . Origin of elephant's flat feet (mortars).  
Dahomey: Le Herisse 261.
- A2375.2.+ . Why spider has many feet. Sierra Leone: Thomas

- 57, 60; Temne: Schlenker 57.
- A2375.2.+ . Why thousand-foot has so many feet. Himmelheber  
24.
- A2378.2.1.+ . Why the partridge has no tail. Ewe: Toso,  
ZKS VII 12f.
- A2378.2.4. How bear lost tail. Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 6.
- A2378.2.6. How frog lost tail. Gold Coast: Courlander and  
Prempeh 95.
- A2378.4.+ . Why the quail has no tail (short tail). Basset  
217.
- A2378.4.4. Why tortoise has short tail. Ibo: Thomas (III)  
72.
- A2378.8.2. Why tail of West African gray parrot is red.  
Ibo: Basden, (1921) 276; Ashanti: Rattray 153, 173.
- A2378.9.+ . Origin of rabbit's white tail. Ibo: Basden  
(1938) 430.

#### A2400--A2499. ANIMAL CHARACTERISTICS:

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- A2400.+ . Why bush goats are different from domestic goats.  
Liberia: Cronise 73.
- A2410. Animal characteristics: color and smell.
- A2411. Origin of color of animal.
- A2411.5.6.1. Why chameleon can change his color. Togo:  
Einstein 11, 96; Himmelheber 44.

- A2412. Origin of animal markings.
- A2412.1.+ How colobus monkey acquired white on tail and chin. Other animals threw clay at him. Ashanti: Rattray 47.
- A2412.1.+ Origin of white face of monkey. Rubbed with chalk to answer monkey's prayer for mark of distinction. Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 193.
- A2412.1.1. White markings on deer. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 417.
- A2412.1.2. Origin of leopard's spots. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 411f.; Gold Coast: Courlander and Premph 36; Liberia: Cronise 61; Probanus, Atlantis X 214; XI 229; Yoruba: Ogumefu 36; Ashanti: Rattray 27; Ewe: Westermann 18.
- A2412.3.+ Why cricket has black neck. Tiv: Abraham 80.
- A2412.4.+ Why oka fish has red tail, lines down cheeks. Ashanti: Rattray 101.
- A2413. Origin of animal's stripes.
- A2413.+ Why bush rats have white stripes along their backs. Nigeria: Dayrell 97.
- A2413.5. Stripes of alligator. Ikon: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 61.
- A2413.8. Stripes of hyena. Probenius, Atlantis XI 91.
- A2416. Origin and nature of animal's smell.
- A2416.1. Origin of goat's odor. Nigeria: Mockler-Perryman



- 291; Ekoi: Talbot 64, 226; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 23.
- A2416.6.+ . Why the ant smells bad. Himmelheber 43.
- A2420. Animal characteristics: voice and hearing.
- A2421.+ . Why cat cries frequently. Liberia: Cronise 62.
- A2422.+ . Why lizard (chameleon) has no voice. Barker and Sinclair 49; Ibo: Basden (1921) 279; Togo: Cardinall 172; Lee 27; Ekoi: Talbot 380.
- A2422.4. Why tortoise has no voice. Ekoi: Talbot 378.
- A2422.5. Why the black fly is speechless. Ekoi: Talbot 384.
- A2425.+ . How deer got cough. Liberia: Cronise 57.
- A2425.+ . How chameleon got his distinctive cry. Ashanti: Rattray 71. (Cf. A2422.+., A2474.1.).
- A2425.+ . How the tree bear got his distinctive cry. Ashanti: Rattray 71.
- A2426.2.+ . Origin of hornbill's cry. Wenda: Nigeod 240.
- A2426.2.17. Origin of owl's cry. Ashanti: Rattray 71.
- A2426.2.18. Origin of cock's crow. Probenius, Atlantis X 244.
- A2426.3.5. Origin of mosquito's buzz. Tiv: Abraham 70.
- A2426.3.3. Origin of fly's buzz. Tiv: Abraham 69.
- A2426.4.1. Why frogs croak. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 420.
- A2427.2.+ . Why the dog yelps at the ape. Himmelheber 62.
- A2427.+ . Why hyena cries. Ewe: Westermann (2) 221.

- A2430. Animal characteristics: dwelling and food.
- A2430.+ . Why animals all live apart in the forest. Himmelheber 15; Lee 21.
- A2431.3.+ . Why parrots build nests high in trees. Ikoni: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 61.
- A2431.3.+ . Struggle between god and parrot. Parrot builds better house than god's. Frobenius, Atlantis I 296f.
- A2431.3.5. Swallow's nest. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 179.
- A2432.+ . Origin of tiered white ant hill. Ashanti: Rattray 271ff.
- A2432.+ . Origin of dormouse's house in palm trees. Ekoi: Falbot 400.
- A2433. Animal's characteristic haunt.
- A2433.2.2.+ . Why fish live in water. Nigeria: Dayrell 50.
- A2433.2.3. Animals that live alone.
- A2433.2.3.+ . Why wild animals live in bush. Barker and Sinclair 153; Liberia: Cronise 287; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 129, 270; Himmelheber 44.
- A2433.2.4. Animals that live with men.
- A2433.2.4.+ . Why fowls prefer to live with men. Ikoni: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 87; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 128, 227; Ashanti: Rattray 201.
- A2433.2.4.+ . Why lizard lives in men's houses. Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 195.
- A2433.2.4.+ . Why goats live with men. Togo: Cardinall

- 178; Frobenius, Atlantis I 248; Tamms: Schlenker 65.
- A2433.3. Haunts of various animals.
- A2433.3.+ Why dog lives with man. Togo: Gardinall 179;  
Yoruba: Clarke No. 3; Togo: Hürtter, ZOOS VI 137.
- A2433.3.+ Why rat lives in a hole. Meinhof 211.
- A2433.3.+ Why civet-cat must remain in the bush. Himmel-  
heber 45.
- A2433.3.+ Why pythons live in the bush and hide themselves.  
Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 92.
- A2433.3.+ Why worms live underneath the ground. Nigeria:  
Dayrell 56f.
- A2433.3.+ Why worms live on earth (instead of in water as  
formerly). Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP. IXIX 284.
- A2433.3.+ Why bat hides in dark places. Yoruba: Ogumefu  
17.
- A2433.3.+ Why hippopotamus lives in the water. Nigeria:  
Dayrell 79f.; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 231.
- A2433.3.+ Why hare lives on land (instead of in water as  
formerly). Togo: Schönherrl 13.
- A2433.3.3. Why hare lives in bush. Nigeria: Mockler-  
Perryman 289; Slave Coast: Bouche 234.
- A2433.3.4.+ Why hyena lives in bush. Frobenius, Atlantis  
XI 91; Togo: Hürtter, ZOOS VI 137; Himmelheber 101,  
103, 124; Togo: Spieth 590.
- A2433.3.7. Why rana live at home. Barker and Sinclair 143.

- A2433.3.15. Why elephant lives in bush. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 45; Yoruba: Ellis 267; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 231; Ashanti: Rattray 151; Tamas: Schlenker 65.
- A2433.3.16. Why lion lives in remote bush. Togo: Cardinall 176; Himmelheber 124; Ekoi: Talbot 382.
- A2433.3.18. Why leopard lives where he does. Barker and Sinclair 143; Togo: Hürtter, ZOOS VI 137; Himmelheber 67, 124; Ewe: Toso, ZKS VII 20.
- A2433.3.19. Why monkey lives in a tree. Basset 214; Ewe: Cendrars 219; Nigeria: Cotton JAS V 192; Ewe: Ellis 275; Vai: Ellis 232; Nigeria: Mockler-Perryman 287f.; Ekoi: Talbot 401; Slave Coast: Bouche 226.
- A2433.4. Haunts of birds.
- A2433.4.+ . Why turtle dove remains in tall grass country. Ashanti: Rattray 201.
- A2433.4.+ . Why hawk circles over fields. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 85.
- A2433.4.+ . Why hawks are so frequently seen flying in smoke of fires. Barker and Sinclair 128.
- A2433.4.+ . Why vulture sits in filth. Ashanti: Rattray 15.
- A2433.4.1. Why owl lives where he does. Ekoi: Talbot 196.
- A2433.4.7. Why partridge lives in bush. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 338.
- A2433.5. Haunts of insects.

- A2433.5.3. Haunts of spider.
- A2433.5.3.+ Why spider has no home of his own. Himmelheber  
89f.
- A2433.5.3.+ Why men allow spider to live in house. Probenius, Atlantis XI-118.
- A2433.5.3.+ Why spider lives on rafters. Gold Coast:  
Courlander and Prampah 24; Klipple 450; Ashanti: Rat-  
tray 5, 249.
- A2433.5.3.+ Why spiders are found in dark and dusty corners.  
Barker and Sinclair 72; Probenius, Atlantis XI 217.
- A2433.5.3.+ Why spider must remain on wall. Probenius,  
Atlantis XI 219ff.
- A2433.5.3.+ Why we find spider under stones. Barker and  
Sinclair 84; Meinhof 209; Togo: Spieth 584; Ewe:  
Werner 328; Ewe: Westermann 149; Ewe: Westermann (2)  
221.
- A2433.5.3.+ Why spider lives in tall grass. Gold Coast:  
Courlander and Prampah 17.
- A2433.5.3.+ Why spider lives in trees. Meinhof 211.
- A2433.5.3.+ Why spider is always found in banana trees.  
Vai: Dammann, ZSIS IXIII 266, 269.
- A2433.6.1.+ Why tortoise lives half on land, half in  
water. Nigeria: Dayrell 106; Nigeria: Herskovits,  
JAPL XLIV 463; Klipple 426; Lee 13.
- A2433.6.1.+ Why tortoise makes his home under prickly tie-

- tie palm. Nigeria: Dayrell 28.
- 12433.6.4.+ Why iguana lives in bush. Bassett 195.
- 12433.6.6. Why frog lives in water. Ikum: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 47; Togo: Einstein 7.
- 12433.6.6.+ Why frog lives near water. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 95.
- 12433.6.6.+ Why frog dives in water and croaks. Nigeria; Potter and Cooper 63.
- 12434.1. Why certain animals are found everywhere.
- 12434.1.+ Why elephants are found everywhere. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 69.
- 12434.1.+ Why mice are found everywhere. Probenius, Atlantis XI 228.
12435. Food of animal.
- 12435.3.+ Why antelope eats grass. Probenius, Atlantis XI 76.
- 12435.3.1.+ Why dogs eat rats. Himmelsheber 60.
- 12435.3.1.+ Why dogs are scavengers in the market place. Nigeria: Dayrell 32.
- 12435.3.17.+ Why leopards eat gazelles. Himmelsheber 52ff.
- 12435.4.5.+ Why vultures are scavengers in the market place. Nigeria: Dayrell 32.
- 12435.4.6. Food of Hawks. Tiv: Abraham 68; Ibo: Easden 140; Ikum: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 3, 87; Nigeria: Dayrell 62f.; Liberia: Gersam 122; Himmelsheber 50ff.

- A2435.5.+ . Why spider catches flies. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 76.
- A2435.5.+ . Why flies swarm on leaf which has been used as food wrapper. Ashanti: Rattray 27.
- A2435.6.2.+ . Why snakes swallow rats. Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 196.
- A2441. Animal's gait or walk.
- A2441.1.1.+ . How monkey became expert jumper. Ibo: Basden (1938) 433.
- A2441.3.+ . Why spider walks on four or six legs instead of two. Liberia: Cronise 63.
- A2441.4.3. Cause of toad's (frog's) hop. Himmelheber 14, 43.
- A2441.4.4. Why chameleon walks slowly. Liberia: Cronise 111ff.; Himmelheber 14, 42.
- A2450. Animal's daily work.
- A2451.1. Why ants carry large bundles. Barker and Sinclair 67; Lee 23.
- A2452.1. Why dog hunts. Yoruba: Clarke, No. 3.
- A2455.+ . Why dog steals food. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 54.
- A2460. Animal characteristics: attack and defense.
- A2461.+ . Why spider hides from sight of men. Togo: Cardinal 156, 164.

- A2461.+ . Why rabbit (chevrotain) is hard to catch. Liberia: Cronise 63.
- A2463.1. Why leopards catch prey only on left side. Were taking lessons from cat. Lessons discontinued before they got to right side. Barker and Sinclair 146.
- A2463.+ . Why leopard does not catch antelope. Ashanti: Rattray 165.
- A2463.+ . Why bee stings when honey is stolen. Texas: Thomas 55.
- A2464.+ . Why tiger will not attack men unless provoked. Barker and Sinclair 168f.
- A2466.2. Why sea turtle beats breast when caught. Barker and Sinclair 87.
- A2466.+ . Why half of worm goes into ground when worm is cut in two. Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 25.
- A2468.+ . Why sheep die silently and goats shriek when killed. Probenius, Atlantis XI 126.
- A2470. Animal's habitual bodily movements.
- A2471.+ . Why wild animals do their fighting only in the bush. Nigeria: Dayrell 75.
- A2471. Why minnow darts aimlessly about. Nigeria: Potter and Cooper 57; Ashanti: Rattray 3.
- A2474.1. Why lizard bobs head up and down. Barker and Sinclair 49; Ibo: Basden (1921) 279; Togo: Cardinall 172; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 72; Lee 27; Ekoi:



Talbot 380.

- A2474.1.+ Why lizard sits on wall and holds head up. Probenius, Atlantis X 246.
- A2477.1. Why hog roots in ground. Nigeria: Cobham, JAS IV 309.
- A2479.8. Why dog snaps at every fly. Ashanti: Rattray 169.
- A2479.+ Why leopard scratches in hare's path. Ashanti: Rattray 231.
- A2479.+ Why the cow switches her tail. Liberia: Cronise 95.
- A2479.+ Why snail cannot walk straight and why his face is sideways. Togo: Cardinal 233.
- A2480. Periodic habits of animals.
- A2489.+ Why goats always seek shelter when rain falls. Nigeria: Mockler-Ferryman 291f.
- A2489.+ Origin of cattle's habit of frolicking before a storm. Courlander and Herzog 118.
- A2489.1. Why cock wakes man in morning. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 47.
- A2489.1.+ Why bush-fowl calls the dawn. Ekoi: Talbot 385.
- A2490. Other habits of animals.
- A2491. Why certain animals avoid light.
- A2491.1. Why bat flies at night. Nigeria: Dayrell 37;

Klipple 501.

- A2491.1.1. Why bat sleeps by day. Nigeria: Dayrell 54.
- A2491.1.1.+ Why bat hangs with feet up and head down. Him-  
malheber 50.
- A2493. Friendship between animals.
- A2493.+ Snake, leopard, and lion live together and share  
work. Togo: Cardinall 207.
- A2493.+ Friendship between hare and cricket. Tiv: Abra-  
ham 79.
- A2493.+ Friendship between tortoise and pigeon. Nigeria:  
Baumann 1; Yoruba: Ogumefu 77ff.
- A2493.+ Friendship between spider and elephant. Courlander  
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- A2493.+ Friendship between spider and porcupine. Gold  
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- B239.+ Animal council decides to sell dog to hunter because he is too rowdy for wild animal community. Yoruba: Clarke, No. 3.
- B239.+ Convention of fowls to establish secret society. Liberia: Cronise 134.
- B239.+ Assembly of animals to watch races. Tiv: Abraham 68.

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- B239.+ Leopard suggests that other animals bring him their grandmothers to eat so that he will not have to kill indiscriminately. Nigeria: Dayrell 86.
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- B261.1. Bat in war of birds and quadrupeds. Because of  
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- Discredited. Yoruba: Ogumefu 17; Nigeria: Baumann 51f.; Nigeria CMS II 19ff. (Cf. B236.+).
- B263. War between other groups of animals.
- B263.+ War between rats and birds. Nigeria: Baumann 51.
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- B274.+ Wild dog as judge in dispute between snake and man. Togo: Cardinall 197.
- B274.+ Duiker as judge in dispute between crocodile and man. Togo: Cardinall 123.
- B274.+ Lion as judge in contest. Temne: Schlenker 61.
- B274.+ Owl as judge in dispute between ogre and hares. Tiv: Abraham 78.
- B274.+ Mosquito as judge. Togo: Schönherrl 79f.
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- B280. Animal weddings.
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- B290. Other animals with human traits.
- B290.+ Gazelle as frog's slave. Himmelheber 53.
- B291. Dog and hyena messengers for king of the bush. Togo: Cardinall 178.

- B291.1. Bird as messenger. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 12.
- B291.1.10. Hawk as king's messenger. Nigeria: Dayrell 142.
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- B292. Animal as servant to man.
- B292.+ Bird steals child, returns it with treasure. Probenius, Atlantis X 223.
- B292.+ King of animals ransoms own life by delivering other animals to hunter. Liberia: Germann 128.
- B292.2. Animal as domestic servant.
- B292.+ Cat as pet of forest devil. Vai: Dammann, ZSES  
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- B293.+ Animals force boy to play flute while they dance. Probenius, Atlantis X 213.
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- B296.+ Domestic animals set out to seek missing master.  
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- B298.+ Contest of hide-and-seek between quadrupeds and  
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- B299. Other animals with human traits -- miscellaneous.
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- B299.+ Alligator dislikes plain color of children, con-  
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3, 59.
- B299.+ Fowls rule cats, cow them by threatening to burn  
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- B299.+ Lion and man partners, share dwelling. Togo:  
Cardinal 199.
- B299.+ Tortoise and man partners as trappers. Nigeria:

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<sup>1</sup>Tiger and leopard are used interchangeably in a  
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- B299.1.+ Sheep, goat, and hen point out man's ingratitude, advise serpent to bite boy. Tahi: Bellon 22.
- B299.1.+ Serpent appeals to boy to help him escape, when safe, decides to eat boy. Vai: Ellis 220f.
- B299.1.+ Chameleon bites off hand of man who saved its life to teach man not to aid strangers in distress. Togo: Cardinall 196.
- B299.1.+ Bird punishes woman who fails to watch nest as requested. Gola: Westermann 496.
- B299.1.+ Snake punishes hunter for failing to share game. Togo: HÄrtter 2003 VI 109.
- B299.1.+ Daughter of slain buffalo follows hunter home to get revenge. Togo: Cardinall 104.
- B299.1.+ Dogs kill master who fails to set out food. Ashanti: Rattray 169.
- B299.1.+ Lion cub's mother kills mother of cub's human playmate. Cub vows revenge. Togo: Cardinall 190.
- B299.1.+ Man-eating lion has heads of victims hanging from his breast. Ekoi: Talbot 384.
- B299.1.+ Bird steals child, returns its bones. Probenius, Atlantis X 224.
- B299.1.+ Eagle abducts chief's daughter. Ewe: Westermann (2) 232.

- B299.1.+ Predatory bird steals child. Yoruba: Ellis 249.
- B299.1.+ Crocodile keeps child captive. Kpelle: Westermann 410.
- B299.1.+ Snake says he must bite man who befriended him because to do otherwise would be contrary to nature. Togo: Cardinal 197.
- B299.2. Animals dispute.
- B299.1.+ Quarrel between python and elephant as to which is lord of the bush. Ants prove that they are most powerful. Eko: Talbot 400.
- B299.2.+ Fly and ant argue as to which has the better life. Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 9.
- B299.2.+ Butterfly belittles caterpillar. Caterpillar reminds butterfly of its origin. Meinhof 222.
- B299.2.+ Civet-cat refuses to aid in clearing paths, needs little room to run. Himmelheber 44f.
- B299.2.+ Wrestling contest between crab and tortoise. Nigeria: Baumann 26f.
- B299.2.+ Dog as too rowdy for other beasts to tolerate. Yoruba: Clarke No. 3.
- B299.2.+ Bird argues against living twin being buried with dead twin. Himmelheber 48.
- B299.2.+ Contest between serpent and toad to prove which is the more deadly to man. Togo: Cardinal 115.
- B299.5.+ Chimpanzees hold funeral for their dead. Ivory

Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 569.

B299.5.3.+ Soft-hearted crocodile sheds tears. Nigeria:  
Baumann 168.

B299.7. Festival of animals.

B299.7.+ Plantation-robbing birds celebrate apparent  
death of plantation owner. Slave Coast: Trantmann 90.

B299.7.+ Rats use message drums to pass word of civet-  
cat's death. Frobenius, Atlantic: X 345.

B300--B349. FRIENDLY ANIMALS

B300. Helpful animal.

B320. Reward of helpful animal.

B322.+ Man allows pet cock to eat from table with him.  
Nigeria: Dayrell 76.

B330. Death of helpful animal.

B335.2. Life of helpful animal demanded as cure for feigned  
illness. Togo: Cardinal 198; Klipple 502, 586; Agni:  
Tauxier 238.

B360. Animals grateful for rescue from peril of death.

B360.+ Lion grateful for rescue from pursuit. Togo:  
Cardinal 211.

B360.+ Serpent grateful for rescue from pursuit. Togo:  
Cardinal 197.

B370. Animal grateful to captor for release.

- B375. Deer released: grateful. Vai: Ellis 230.
- B375.+ Wart-hog released: grateful. Togo: Cardinall 114.
- B375.3. Bird released: grateful. Sierra Leone: Thomas 55.
- B375.6. Rat released: grateful. Gold Coast: Christaller,  
Zs.f.Vksk. IV 67.
- B375.7. Leopard released: grateful. Gold Coast: Christaller,  
Zs.f.Vksk. IV 67.
- B375.9. Serpent released: grateful. Gold Coast: Christaller,  
Zs.f.Vksk. IV 66; Probenius, Atlantis XI 287;  
Seidel 284.
- B390. Animals grateful for other kind acts.
- B390.+ Wart-hog grateful for medicine to protect him from  
spears and arrows. Togo: Cardinall 114.
- B390.+ Eagle grateful for kindness to its young. Togo:  
Schönhärl 69.
- B390.+ Leopard grateful for kindness to its young. Nigeria:  
CMS II 27.
- B391. Animal grateful for food. Tenne: Schlenker 89ff.
- B391.+ Human child and lion cub play together in absence of  
parents. Togo: Cardinall 190.
- B400. Helpful domestic beasts. Tahiti: Bellon 20ff.; Kpelle:  
Westermann 398ff.
- B412. Helpful sheep. Bassat 209; Gold Coast: Christaller,  
ZAS I 55, 58; Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 194; Seidel 293.

- B413. Helpful goat. Basset 209; Togo: Cardinall 49; Gold Coast: Christaller, ZAS I 55, 58; Probenius, Atlantis XI 286f.; Seidel 292.
- B421. Helpful dog. Basset 208; Togo: Cardinall 42, 178; Tahi: Cendrars 208; Yoruba: Clarke, No. 3; Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 194; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 12; Nigeria: Dayrell 81; Togo: Einstein 5; Tahi: Ellis 337; Probenius, Atlantis X-236; Himmelheber 31, 64; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 136; Ashanti: Rattray 117, 169; Ekoi: Thomas 252; Temne: Thomas 60; Gola: Westermann 492.
- B422. Helpful cat. Barker and Sinclair 145; Probenius, Atlantis XI 95; Himmelheber 31; Klipple 240; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 136; Ashanti: Rattray 117; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 23.
- B430. Helpful wild beasts. Probenius, Atlantis XI 93; Slave Coast: Trautmann 67.
- B431. Helpful wild beasts, felidae.
- B431.+ . Helpful wildcat. Gold Coast: Christaller, Zs.f.Vksk. IV 64.
- B431.1. Helpful leopard. Barker and Sinclair 164; Tahi: Bellon 20ff.; Klipple 264; Nigeria: Mockler-Perryman 283; Ibibio: Talbot 79; Nigeria: CMS II 27; Ibibio: Talbot 79; Togo: Schönherl 31ff.
- B431.2. Helpful lion. Barker and Sinclair 131; Togo:

- Cardinall 176; 191; Togo: H€rtter, ZOOS VI 117.
- B435. Helpful wild beasts, canidae and other carnivora.
- B435+. Helpful wild dog. Togo: Cardinall 197.
- B435.1. Helpful fox. Tahi: Bellon 19; Sierra Leone: Migeod 322.
- B435.6. Helpful hyena. Togo: Cardinall 178, 218; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 93.
- B437. Helpful wild beasts, rodentia.
- B437.1. Helpful rat. Barker and Sinclair 37, 164; Tahi: Bellon 26f.; Togo: Cardinall 129, 185; Ashanti: Rattray 265.
- B437.1+. Helpful water-rat. Yoruba: Ogumefu 21.
- B437.2. Helpful mouse. Togo: Cardinall 46; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 74; Yoruba: Ogumefu 10; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 137; Ashanti: Rattray 117.
- B437.4. Helpful rabbit. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 29f., 47.
- B441. Helpful wild beasts, primata.
- B441.1. Helpful monkey. Togo: Cardinall 209.
- B441.1.1. Helpful ape. Nigeria: Dayrell 46; Sierra Leone: Migeod 322; Ibibio: Talbot 58; Epalle: Westermann 360.
- B443. Helpful wild beasts, ungulata.
- B443.2. Helpful antelope. Togo: Cardinall 47; Ekoi: Talbot 233; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 297.
- B443.3. Helpful elephant. Togo: Cardinall 172, 175; Mein-

hof 208.

- B449. Helpful wild beasts -- miscellaneous.
- B449+. Helpful crocodile. Togo: Cardinall 232; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 93; Meinhof 201; Ashanti: Rattray 139; Temne: Thomas 27.
- B449+. Helpful opossum. Vai: Ellis 231.
- B449+. Helpful ant bear. Temne: Thomas 30.
- B449+. Helpful groundhog. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 202.
- B449.1. Helpful hedgehog (porcupine). Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 26; Ekoi: Talbot 234.
- B449.2. Helpful mole. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP LXVI 11.
- B450. Helpful birds. Ibo: Basden (1921) 279, 432f.; Togo: Cardinall 194; Nigeria: Dayrell 112; Yoruba: Ellis 250f.; Vai: Ellis 210; Frobenius, Atlantis I 274; Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 453; Klipple 236; Meinhof 201; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 28; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 210; Ewe: Spieth 584; Ekoi: Talbot 276, 313; Agni: Tauxier 237f.; Ibo: Thomas (III) 68f.; Slave Coast: Trautmann 89; Gola: Westermann 483; Epelle: Westermann 415f.; Slave Coast: Bouche 227; Nigeria: CMS III 66ff.
- B455. Helpful birds, falconiformes.
- B455.1. Helpful vulture. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 92; Ashanti: Rattray 37, 263; Slave Coast: Trautmann 48.
- B455.3. Helpful eagle. Vai: Ellis 243; Radin (Ashanti:

Rattray) 218; Ashanti: Rattray 83; Slave Coast: Trautmann 64; Kpelle: Westermann 437; Vai: Klingenheben, ZSES XVI 97.

- B455.4. Helpful hawk. Ikom: Dayrell 2; Ashanti: Rattray 37; Temne: Thomas 35, 79.
- B461. Helpful birds, coraciiformes.
- B461.2. Helpful owl. Tiv: Abraham 78.
- B469. Helpful birds -- miscellaneous.
- B469.+ . Helpful partridge. Togo: Schönherl 82.
- B469.+ . Helpful kingfisher. Agni: Fernor, RTP XXVIII 25.
- B469.5. Helpful cock. Barker and Sinclair 98; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 47; Klipple 240, 489; Kpelle: Westermann 414.
- B469.6. Helpful guinea fowl. Frobenius, Atlantis X 205.
- B469.9. Helpful parrot. Yoruba: Lomar, JAPL XXVI 10; Ashanti: Rattray 173; Ekor: Talbot 253.
- B470. Helpful fish. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXV 440; Yoruba: Ogumefu 51.
- B480. Helpful insects.
- B481. Helpful insects, hymenoptera.
- B481.+ . Helpful tsetse fly. Togo: Cardinal 46.
- B481.+ . Helpful butterfly. Liberia: Cronise 252.
- B481.+ . Helpful mosquito. Sierra Leone: Migeod 317.
- B481.1. Helpful ant. Togo: Cardinal 47; Ikom: Dayrell,



RAI No. 3, 1, 29; Yoruba: Ellis 272; Temne: Schlenker 93; Ekoi: Talbot 9; Ibo: Thomas (III) 160f.; Temne: Thomas 25.

B481.2. Helpful termites. Togo: Schönhrri 12.

B481.3. Helpful bee. Temne: Thomas 26.

B481.4. Helpful wasp. Togo: Cardinall 174; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 14.

B482. Helpful insects, coleoptera.

B482.+ . Helpful beetle. Kpelle: Westermann 440.

B482.+ . Helpful cockroach. Yoruba: Ellis 272.

B482.1. Helpful fireflies. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 182.

B483. Helpful insects, diptera.

B483.1. Helpful fly. Ekoi: Talbot 209.

B490. Other helpful animals.

B490.+ . Helpful snail. Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 195; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 85.

B490.+ . Helpful wart-hog. Togo: Cardinall 114.

B491.1. Helpful serpent. Barker and Sinclair 164; Togo: Cardinall 42; Gold Coast: Chistaller, Zs.f.Vksk. 66; Vai: Ellis 196f.; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 200, 319; Himmelheber 39; Klipple 333f.; Ashanti: Rattray 61, 203, 243; Kpelle: Westermann 432ff.

B491.2. Helpful lizard. Togo: Cardinall 212.

B491.3.+ . Helpful alligator. Temne: Schlenker 93.

B491.5. Helpful turtle (tortoise). Barker and Sinclair 87;

- Yoruba: Ellis 268; Ga: Fliescher and Wilkie, Africa  
 III 363; Probenius, Atlantis X 239f.; Ivory Coast:  
 Joseph, RTP XIV 440; Slave Coast: Trautmann 67.
- B493.1. Helpful frog. Togo: Einsteint 6.
- B495.1. Helpful crab. Himmelheber; Ashanti: Rattray 33.

B500--B599. SERVICES OF HELPFUL ANIMALS

- B500. Magic power from animals.
- B505. Magic object received from animal. Probenius,  
 Atlantis XI 200f; Nigeria: CMS III 66ff.
- B505.+ Hyena gives man magic tail which will raise the  
 dead. Togo: Cardinali 218.
- B510. Healing by animals.
- B511.+ Helpful tortoise fabricates hand of gold for cripp-  
 pled woman. Slave Coast: Trautmann 67.
- B511.+ Cat mends woman's crippled hand. Ibo: Thomas,  
Man XVIII 23.
- B511.+ Snail sticks tortoise's broken shell together. (For  
 numerous incidents involving mending shell of tortoise,  
 see A2312.1.1.) Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 195; Ibo:  
 Thomas, Man XVIII 85.
- B511.1.+ Python restores girl's lost hand. Ashanti:  
 Rattray 203.
- B511.1.+ Serpent bites boy, kills him, responds to entreaty  
 to restore his life. Vais: Ellis 196f.

- B511.2.+ Wart-hog gives hunter medicine against all serpents in return for freedom. Togo: Cardinal 114.
- B511.5.+ Eagle cures sore on woman's leg. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 218.
- B511.5.+ Helpful eagle heals man's sores. Via: Klingenberg, ZSES XVI 97.
- B511.3. Serpent gives man antidote for poison. Barker and Sinclair 163; Gold Coast: Christaller, Zs.f.Vksk. IV 66; Temne: Schlenker 89f.; Temne: Thomas 27.
- B515. Resuscitation by animals. (See also A511.1.+). Frobenius, Atlantis XI 286f.; Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 453.
- B516. Animal restores blind person's sight. Togo: Cardinal 170, 194.
- B520. Animals save person's life.
- B521.1.+ Animal warns against poison. Sierra Leone: Migeod 317.
- B521.4. Animal warns wife of husband's danger. Ekoi: Talbot 252.
- B522.+ Helpful serpent informs poor man accused of theft identity of real thief. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 319.
- B522.+ Serpent tells hunter how to escape the judgment of sky-god. Ashanti: Rattray 61.
- B522.1. Serpent shows condemned man how to save prince's life. Gold Coast: Christaller, Zs.f.Vksk. IV 68; Vai:

- Ellis 230; Temne: Schlenker 95. (Cf. A589.+.)
- B522.4.+ Bird rescues abandoned twin. Gola: Westermann 483.
- B523. Animal saves man from pursuer.
- B523.+ Wasp promises to save girl fleeing from her mother.  
Togo: Cardinal 176.
- B523.+ Lion promises to save girl fleeing from her mother.  
Togo: Cardinal 176.
- B523.+ Elephant promises to save girl fleeing from her mother. Togo: Cardinal 175.
- B523.+ Mason wasp hides hunter, seals him up in cell.  
Togo: Cardinal 174.
- B524.+ Helpful wildcat kills snake for traveler. Gold Coast: Christaller, Zs.f.Vksk. IV 64.
- B524.1.+ Goats protect boy fleeing from monster. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 286.
- B524.1.+ Parrot saves princess from python. Ashanti: Rattray 173.
- B524.1.+ Wild dog saves Mohammedan's life by biting head from attacking serpent. Togo: Cardinal 197.
- B524.1.1. Dogs kill attacking cannibal (dragon, ogre, witch). Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 12; Ashanti: Rattray 169; Ekor: Talbot 252; Temne: Thomas 60; Gola: Westermann 492.
- B524.1.2.+ Faithful dog saves children whom mother wishes

to kill. Togo: Cardinall 42.

B524.1.2.+ . Man's dogs save him from serpent. Frobenius, Atlantis X 236.

B529. Animal saves person's life -- miscellaneous.

B529.+ . Crocodile saves spider from dog. Ashanti: Rattray 139.

B529.+ . Man's domestic animals refuse to speak for him and thus save his life. Leopard agrees to speak for him, but demands reward. Tahi: Bellon 20ff.

B529.+ . Frantic woman asks various beasts to eat her. They refuse. Slave Coast: Trautmann 67.

B530. Animals nourish men.

B531. Animals provide food for men. Nigeria: CMS II 27.

B531.+ . Baboon undertakes to supply food for child in return for child being named after him. Ibibio: Talbot 58f.

B531.+ . Grateful panther catches antelope, leaves it at door of woman who saved panther's young from ants. Slave Coast: Trautmann 15.

B531.+ . Grateful antelope allows hunter to take his legs for meat. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 296f.

B531.+ . Leopard brings man meat in return for release from trap. Barker and Sinclair 164; Gold Coast: Christaller, Zs.f.Vksk. IV 67; Seidel 285.

B531.+ . Python offers to share dead antelope with hunter.

- Ashanti: Rattray 243.
- B535. Animal nurse. (Nigeria: Mockler-Ferryman 283; Ashanti: Rattray 207; Togo: Schömherr 31ff. (See also A529.+).)
- B535.+ Ape cares for child while mother works in field.  
Nigeria: Dayrell 46; Kpelle: Westermann 380.
- B535.+ Ape aids woman in labor. Ibibio: Talbot 58.
- B535.+ Leopardess rears abandoned human child. Nigeria: Mockler-Ferryman 283.
- B535.+ Hawk rears abandoned human child. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 2.
- B535.+ Leopard, cutting up woman for meat, saves living foetus, hides it away and rears child. Ashanti: Rattray 207.
- B535.2. Hawk as foster parent demands custody of child.  
Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 2.
- B540. Animal rescuer or retriever.
- B542.+ Helpful antelope diverts attention of pursuers from boy to self. Togo: Cardinal 47.
- B542.+ Helpful driver ants multiply to attract attention of boy's pursuers. They stop to eat ants. Togo: Cardinal 47.
- B544.+ Helpful groundhog digs tunnel to help girl escape from snake-husband. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 202.
- B544.+ Helpful bird leads people to trapped boy. Kpelle:

Westermann 415f.

- B544.+ Ant bear digs escape tunnel for hero. Temne:  
Thomas 30.
- B544.+ Ants devour hut in which benefactor is confined.  
Yoruba: Ogumefu 26.
- B544.+ Grateful mouse rescues imprisoned king. Yoruba:  
Ogumefu 10.
- B545.2. Rat frees man from chains. Tahi: Bellon 27.
- B546.+ Hawk agrees to recover drowned woman. Ashanti:  
Rattray 37.
- B548.+ Grateful alligator finds king's cymbal in sea to  
aid suitor in performance of task. Temne: Schlenker 93.
- B548.+ Helpful crocodile finds bell sunk in deep water to  
aid hero in performance of task. Temne: Thomas 27.
- B548.+ Alligator, ants, serpent recover lost objects for  
suitor. Temne: Schlenker 93.
- B548.1. Cat, dog, and mouse work as team to recover master's  
stolen ring. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 137; Ashanti:  
Rattray 117; Epelle: Westermann 398ff.
- B548.2.+ King of fish helpful to fisherman who lost har-  
poon. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXV 440.
- B549.+ Helpful fox gives hunter directions for escape from  
leopard. Tahi: Bellon 19.
- B549.+ Helpful rats dig hole for boy. Togo: Cardinali  
129.

B549.+ Lion captures chief's daughter so that human friend can rescue her and thus win her as reward. Togo: Cardinall 191.

B549.+ Dukier saves child from witch. Sends witch on foolish errand. Ekoi: Talbot 233.

B549.+ Bites of driver ants cause abandoned child to cry, attracting attention of hawk; hawk rescues child.

Ikoni: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 1.

B550. Animals carry men.

B551.3. Crocodile carries man across ocean (river). Togo: Cardinall 232; Frobenius, Atlantis X 193; Meinhof 201.

B551.5. Tortoise carries man across river (ocean). Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXV 440.

B552. Man carried by bird. Togo: Cardinall 194; Vai: Ellis 243; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 92; Ekoi: Talbot 276; Temne: Thomas 35; Slave Coast: Trautmann 64.

B552.+ Birds lend feathers to man (animal) who wishes to fly. Ibo: Basden (1938) 432f.; Meinhof 201; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 28.

B557.3. Man carried by deer. Vai: Ellis 230.

B560. Animals advise men.

B560.+ Helpful porcupine gives woman advice for success on quest. Ekoi: Talbot 234.

B562.+ Helpful tortoise tells hunter where to find leopards.



- Probenius, Atlantis I 239.
- B562.+ Sea turtle tells men how to prevent floods. Barker and Sinclair 87; Ga: Fleischer and Wilkie, Africa III 363.
- B562.1.+ Dog leads man to palm containing naturally fermented palm wine. Basset 208; Cendrara 208; Tahi: Ellis 337.
- B563.+ Helpful mouse directs boy in securing objects of quest. Togo: Cardinall 46.
- B563.+ Helpful tsetse fly aids boy in securing objects of quest. Togo: Cardinall 46.
- B563.+ Red fly acts as guide. Ekoi: Talbot 209.
- B563.4.+ Helpful hyena takes lost boy home, entertains him. Probenius, Atlantis II 93.
- B563.4.+ Cat directs lost boy. Probenius, Atlantis II 95.
- B563.4.+ Fireflies show lost girl path at night. Probenius, Atlantis II 182.
- B569.+ Guinea fowl tells child who his real mother is. (Child stolen as infant.) Probenius, Atlantis I 205.
- B569.+ Bird identifies thief in song. Ewe: Spieth 584.
- B569.+ Singing fish tells of murder. Yoruba: Ogumofu 35.
- B569.+ Helpful parrot tells woman of husband's trouble. Ekoi: Talbot 253.
- B569.+ Rabbit as spy for woman, hides under husband's bed, reports what he hears to wife. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No.

- 3, 29f.
- B569.+ Bird tells girl's parents how daughter has been captured by river spirit. Nigeria: Dayrell 112.
- B569.+ Helpful bird warns king's wife that she is to be slain. Probenius, Atlantis X 274.
- B569.+ Helpful bird tells woman of daughter's death.  
Slaves Coast: Trautmann 89.
- B569.+ Helpful bird tells parents who murdered their child.  
Ekoi: Talbot 313.
- B569.+ Bird's song tells woman of loss of family. Agni: Tauxier 237f.
- B569.+ Helpful crab gives boy secret name of grandmother.  
Himmelheber 56.
- B569.+ Beetle as sand-cutter (diviner). Kpelle: Westermann 440.
- B569.+ Bird instructs hunter in marriage. Ibo: Thomas (III) 68f.
- B569.+ Crab gives girl secret name of old woman. Ashanti: Rattray 33.
- B569.3.+ Cock's crow indicates correct choice of chests.  
Kpelle: Westermann 414.
- B569.3.+ Butterfly aids boy in making correct choice of cow. Liberia: Cronise 252.
- B569.3.+ Bee sits on the black cow a boy must select from herd. Teme: Thomas 26.

- B570. Animals serve men.
- B571. Animals perform tasks for man. Toms: Schlenker 93.  
(Cf. H1091.1.).
- B571.+ Ants help boy clear land with piece of iron. They bite through grass and roots. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 29.
- B576.1.+ Tortoise as guard. Yoruba: Ellis 268.
- B576.1.+ Serpents guard garden: hide among pumpkins and bite intruders. Togo: Cardinall 42.
- B576.1.+ White cock as sentinel for dragon. Barker and Sinclair 98.
- B576.1.+ Parrot guards house for owner. Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 10.
- B576.2.+ Snail guards forbidden fruit. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 417.
- B576.3.+ Lion undertakes to stop thefts of sheep, substitutes self for sheep in fold. Barker and Sinclair 131; Togo: HÄrtter, ZOOS VI 117.
- B579.+ Fox and ape make boat to ferry other animals across river. Sierra Leone: Migeod 322.
- B579.+ Tortoise distracts two leopards so that hunter may kill them. Frobenius, Atlantis X 240.
- B579.+ Frog as ferryman at river. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 413.
- B579.+ Monkey volunteers to help young man perform difficult

- task. Togo: Cardinall 209.
- B579.+ Rat offers to recruit white ants to help young man perform task. Togo: Cardinall 185.
- B579.+ Rats dig pitfall for spider, who wishes to trap rich man. Barker and Sinclair 37; Ashanti: Rattray 265. (Cf. B582.2.2.).
- B579.+ Helpful ants pick up boy's burden. Temne: Thomas 25.
- B579.+ Helpful mouse steals arrow poison from ogre. Frobenius, Atlantis XI-74.
- B580. Animal helps men to wealth and greatness.
- B581. Animals bring wealth to man. Kpelle: Westermann 434ff.; Vai: Klingenheben ZSES XVI 96.
- B581.+ Helpful bird throws riches to poverty-stricken woman. Slave Coast: Bouche 227.
- B582.2.2. Rat digs underground passage to woman's chamber for hero. Barker and Sinclair 37; Tahi: Bellon 26; Ashanti: Rattray 265. (Cf. B579.+).
- B583. Animal gives treasure to man.
- B583.+ Grateful rat brings gold. Gold Coast: Christaller, Zs.f.Vksk. IV 67; Seidel 285.
- B583.+ Grateful rat gives hunter cloth, gold dust, and ivory. Barker and Sinclair 164.
- B583.+ Grateful ants steal miser's gold for benefactor. Yoruba: Ogumefu 23.

- B583.+ Grateful serpent gives boy riches. Frobenius, *Atlantia* XI 287.
- B583.+ Helpful eagle makes poor person rich. Kpelle: Westermann 436.
- B589.+ Goat aids younger son in cheating elder son out of birthright. Togo: Cardinal 49.
- B589.+ Grateful fish rewards fisherman with full fish traps. Yoruba: Ogunsefu 51.
- B589.+ Opossum arranges for man to be captured by king, serpent will bite prince, and captive may use antidote. Vai: Ellis 231.
- B589.+ Bird which captured child returns child plus treasure on hearing mother's entreaty. Yoruba: Ellis 250f.
- B589.+ Serpent bites king's wife, gives boy an antidote so that boy may save woman's life and become rich. Vai: Ellis 231. (Cf. A522.1.).
- B590. Miscellaneous services of helpful animals.
- B590.+ Kingfisher tells woman who killed her children. Agni: Ferner RTP XXVIII 25.
- B590.+ Bird tells yam-child of broken tabu. Ewe: Toso, ZES VII 21.
- B590.+ Antelope bargains with god for rain, offers self as sacrifice. Ewe: Toso, ZES VII 17.
- B591.+ Rabbit and cock capture giant frog which has slain

- family. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 47.
- B599.+ Snake reads hunter's thoughts, gives him daughter to sleep with. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 200.
- B599.+ Black ants as helpers of ghost. Ekoi: Talbot 9.
- B599.+ Hawk helps ogre capture spider. Temne: Thomas 79f.
- B599.+ Helpful bird restores family and friends to old woman. Vai: Ellis 210.
- B600. Marriage of person to animal.
- B602. Marriage to bird. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 192.
- B603. Marriage to fish. Ewe: Spieth 576.
- B610. Animal paramour.
- B610.+ Antelope paramour. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 302.
- B610.+ Ape paramour. Yoruba: Dennett 35.
- B610.+ Scorpion paramour. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 210.
- B613.+ Tortoise paramour. Nigeria: Dayrell 2.
- B613.1. Snake paramour. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 200, 203,
- B613.1.1. Snake-woman paramour. Frobenius, Atlantis X 235; XI 203.
- B614. Bird paramour. Ewe: Spieth 596; Ewe: Westerman 149.
- B620. Animal suitor.
- B623. Dove becomes enamoured of young man in heaven, begs him to speak. He is thunder and lightning. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 423.

- B630. Human offspring from marriage to animal. Yoruba:  
Dennett 35.
- B650. Marriage to animal in human form.
- B651.11. Marriage to leopard in human form. Ewe: Ellis  
272.
- B654. Marriage to fish in human form. Ewe: Spieth 576.
- B656.2. Marriage to serpent in human form. Togo: Cardin-  
all 204; Ikoni: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 90; Frobenius,  
Atlantis XI 201; Agni: Tauxier 236; Temne: Thomas 83;  
Slave Coast: Trautmann 43.
- B659.+ . Marriage to ape in human form. Yoruba: Dennett 35.
- B659.+ . Marriage to hyena in human form. Slave Coast:  
Trautmann 40.
- B659.+ . Marriage to antelope in human form. Slave Coast:  
Trautmann 44.
- B659.+ . Marriage to elephant in human form. Liberia:  
Germann 128.
- B700. Fanciful traits of animals.
- B710. Fanciful origin of animals.
- B710.+ . Origin of chimpanzees: People too lazy to work went  
to bush, put on animal skins. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP  
XXVII 568.
- B710.+ . Locust once like men (physically), lived in city.  
Ewe: Toso: ZES VII 15.

- B722.+ . Sacred crocodile's back covered with cowries. Togo: Cardinall 99.
- B722.3.+ . Precious stones in python's head. Ekoi: Talbot 346.
- B722.3.+ . Chevrotain has four eyes: two of glass which shine in the dark for night vision. Ekoi: Talbot 352.
- B739.+ . Dog unable to eat spider because it is too bitter. Agni: Tauxier 232.
- B752. Pencil behavior of animal.
- B755. Bush fowl calls the dawn. Ekoi: Talbot 384.
- B770.+ . Saddled roan antelope carries chief away. Neither is seen again. Togo: Cardinall 36.
- B800. Miscellaneous animal motifs.
- B811.3.3.+ . Warrior cattle of sky-god. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 89.
- B841.1. Animal debate as to which is elder. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 9.
- B843.+ . Immortal frog. Himmelheber 54. (Cf. B98.+).
- B846.+ . Chimpanzees imitate men putting up roof, do not know what it is for and sleep on top of it in rain. Tanna: Thomas 16.
- B846.+ . Ape as soldier in animal community. Probenius, Atlantis XI232.
- B870. Giant animals.



- B871.1.1.2. Giant bull. Courlander and Herzog 113.
- B871.2.1. Giant elephant. Agni: Fernor, RTP XXVIII 24.
- B872. Giant birds. Courlander and Herzog 42; Nigeria:  
Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 451; Ewe: Spieth 586; Ewe:  
Werner 330.
- B874.+. Giant fish. Vai: Ellis 186f.
- B875.1. Giant serpent. Ewe: Westermann 16; Togo: Cardin-  
all, 143; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 24.
- B876.1. Giant frog. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 46; Vai:  
Danmann, ZSES XXIII 277.

## C. TABU

### Detailed Synopsis

- CO --C99. Tabu connected with supernatural beings
- C0. Tabu: contact with supernatural
- C10. Tabu: profanely calling up spirit (devil, etc.)
- C20. Tabu: calling on ogre or destructive animal
- C30. Tabu: offending supernatural relative
- C40. Tabu: offending spirits of water, mountain, etc.
- C50. Tabu: offending the gods
- C70. Tabu: offending other sacred beings
- C90. Other tabus in connection with sacred beings
- C100--C199. Sex tabu
- C100. Sex tabu
- C110. Tabu: sexual intercourse
- C120. Tabu: kissing
- C130. Tabu connected with puberty
- C140. Tabu connected with menses
- C150. Tabu connected with childbirth
- C160. Tabu connected with marriage
- C170. Tabu connected with husband's or wife's relatives
- C180. Tabu confined to one sex
- C190. Sex tabu -- miscellaneous
- C200--C299. Eating and drinking tabu

C200--C249. Eating tabus

- C200. Tabu: eating (general)
- C210. Tabu: eating in certain place
- C220. Tabu: eating certain things
- C230. Tabu: eating at certain time
- C240. Tabu: eating food of certain person

C250--C279. Drinking tabus

- C250. Tabu: drinking
- C260. Tabu: drinking at certain place
- C270. Tabu: drinking certain things
- C280. Miscellaneous eating and drinking tabus

C300--C399. Looking tabu

- C300. Looking tabu
- C310. Tabu: looking at certain person or thing
- C320. Tabu: looking into certain receptacle
- C330. Tabu: looking in certain direction

C400--C499. Speaking tabu

- C400. Speaking tabu
- C410. Tabu: asking questions
- C420. Tabu: uttering secrets
- C430. Name tabu
- C440. Origin tabu
- C450. Tabu: boasting
- C460. Laughing tabu

- C480. Tabu: other vocal expressions
- C490. Other speaking tabus.
- C500--C549. Tabu: touching
- C500. Tabu: touching
- C510. Tabu: touching tree (plant)
- C520. Tabu: touching ground
- C530. Tabu: touching (miscellaneous)
- C550--C599. Class tabu
- C550. Class tabu
- C560. Tabu: things not to be done by certain class
- C600--C699. Unique prohibitions and compulsions
- C600--C649. The one forbidden thing
- C600. Unique prohibition
- C610. The one forbidden place
- C620. Tabu: partaking of the one forbidden object
- C630. Tabu: the one forbidden time
- C640. Unique prohibition -- miscellaneous
- C650--C699. The one compulsory thing
- C650. The one compulsory thing
- C680. Other compulsions
- C700--C899. Miscellaneous tabus
- C700. Miscellaneous tabus
- C710. Tabus connected with other-world journeys

- C720. Tabu: attending toilet needs
- C730. Tabu: resting
- C740. Tabu: doing deed of mercy or courtesy
- C750. Time tabus
- C770. Tabu: overweening pride
- C780. Tabu: buying, selling, etc.
- C810. Tabu: heeding persuasive person or thing
- C820. Tabu: finding certain secret
- C830--C899. Unclassified tabus
- C830. Unclassified tabus
- C900--C999. Punishment for breaking tabu
- C900. Punishment for breaking tabu
- C910. Permanent sign of disobedience for breaking tabu
- C920. Death for breaking tabu
- C930. Loss of fortune for breaking tabu
- C940. Sickness or weakness for breaking tabu
- C950. Person carried to other world for breaking tabu
- C960. Transformation for breaking tabu
- C980. Miscellaneous punishments for breaking tabu

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C0--C99. TABU CONNECTED WITH SUPERNATURAL BEINGS

- C0. Tabu: contact with supernatural.
- C20. Tabu: calling on ogre or destructive animal.
- C30. Tabu: offending supernatural relative.
- C33.1. Tabu: mentioning origin of supernatural child.  
Barker and Sinclair 77; Ekoi: Talbot 134; Sierra Leone:  
Thomas 57f.; Slave Coast: Trautmann 46, 49; Ewe: Westermann 16.
- C35.+ . Tabu: Blood of fowl staining stool of serpent-wife.  
Slave Coast: Trautmann 43.
- C35.1. Tabu: mentioning origin of animal wife. Klipple  
505; Slave Coast: Trautmann 42, 45; Ewe: Westermann  
16f.
- C50. Tabu: offending the gods.
- C51.1.10.+ . Tabu: presence of woman at ritual. Yoruba:  
Dennett 49.
- C51.2.3. Tabu: stealing wife of god. Ekoi: Talbot 129.
- C51.7.+ . Tabu: spreading legs in presence of sacred image.  
Ikoni: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 71.
- C90. Tabus in connection with sacred beings.
- C93.+ . Tabu: cultivating devil's land. Mende: Westermann  
450.

- C99.+ Tabu: divulging song learned from spirits. Gold Coast: Werner 209.

## C100--C199. SEX TABU

- C119.1.+ Tabu: sexual intercourse for eight days after injunction. Mende: Migeod 266; Mende: Westermann 458.  
C169.+ Tabu: taking second wife.

## C200--C299. EATING AND DRINKING TABU

- C211.2.1. Tabu: eating in ghost-land. Ekoi: Talbot 210, 240, 280f.  
C219.+ Tabu: eating in a monster's house. Ekoi: Talbot 248.  
C221.1.3. Tabu: eating fish. Kpelle: Westermann 379.  
C221.1.3.1. Tabu: eating catfish. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 92f.  
C221.1.3.+ Tabu: eating fish head. Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 84.  
C221.4.+ Tabu: eating any animal caught by leopard. Ashanti: Rattray 275.  
C224.2. Tabu: eating forbidden herbs. Tshi: Ellis 211; Ekoi: Talbot 137.  
C225. Tabu: eating certain fruit. Frobenius: Atlantis II 75; Temne: Thomas 59.  
C225.+ Tabu: eating palm nuts. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP

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C229.+ Tabu: eating any flesh other than sheep liver.

Ashanti: Rattray 99.

C229.+ Tabu: eating eggs of helpful eagle. Kpelle:

Westermann 437.

C229.6. Tabu: eating salt. Togo: Einstein 8f.

C230. Tabu: eating at a certain time.

C231.+ Tabu: eating fish during hunting season. Ikou:

Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 93.

C231.+ Tabu: eating before crossing water. Kpelle:

Westermann 410.

C300--C399. LOOKING TABU

C311.2.+ Tabu: looking at holy objects. Yoruba: Parkin-  
son, Man VI 104.

C315.2.2.+ Tabu: looking at sun when it is removed from  
bag. Togo: Cardinal 169.

C324.1. Tabu: looking into magic calabash. Probenius,  
Atlantis I 232f.

C400--C499. SPEAKING TABU

C421.+ Tabu: revealing secret of supernatural husband  
(wife, child). Liberia: Cronise 295; Himmelheber 27;  
Mende: Migeod 243; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 205;  
Ashanti: Rattray 127; Ibo: Thomas (III) 77.



- Ch23.1. Tabu: disclosing source of magic power. Togo: Cardinall 108; Ibibio: Talbot 153.
- Ch23.2. Tabu: speaking of extraordinary sight. Courlander: and Herzog 69f.; Liberia: Cronise 167; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 73; Mende: Migeod 263; Temne: Schlenker 67; Agni: Tauxier 231; Gola: Westermann 503f.; Mende: Westermann 457.
- Ch23.3. Tabu: revealing experiences in other world. Nigeria: Talbot (1923) 84f.
- Ch25. Tabu: revealing knowledge of animal languages. Barker and Sinclair 109; Nigeria: CMS III 28; Himmelheber 117; Klipple 334; Lee 17; Ashanti: Rattray 243; Ekoï: Talbot 100; Slave Coast: Trautmann 48.
- Ch26. Tabu: revealing secret song. Barker and Sinclair 120; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 140; Ashanti: Rattray 69.
- Ch27. Tabu: revealing help of grateful animal. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 297.
- Ch29.+ . Tabu: revealing source of wealth. Liberia: Germann 136.
- Ch29.+ . Tabu: revealing spell learned from spirits. Basset 204.
- Ch29.+ . Tabu: telling of intercourse with ogre. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 271.
- Ch33.+ . Tabu: naming object owned by king. Val: Ellis 257.

Ch40. Origin Tabu.

Ch40+. Tabu against telling of supernatural origin of magic wand. Nigeria: CMS III 59.

Ch41. Tabu: mentioning original form of transformed person.

Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 567; Ewe: Toso, ZKS VII 20; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 569.

Ch450+. Tabu: boasting of possession of extraordinary object.

Barker and Sinclair 120f.; Courlander and Herzog 67.

Ch480+. Tabu: making noise when eating pepper. Nigeria:

Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 450.

Ch499+. Tabu: speaking to calabash plant. Frobenius, Atlantis X 299.

Ch499+. Tabu: calling a certain girl a friend. Ibo:

Thomas (III) 70.

Ch499+. Tabu: answering magic bird. Frobenius, Atlantis

X 315.

Ch499+. Tabu: answering fairies. Barker and Sinclair 183f.

C500--C549. TABU: TOUCHING

C512. Tabu: plucking ear of grain. Barker and Sinclair 181.

C533.1. Tabu: touching magic box. Vai: Ellis 187; Ekoi:

Talbot 18.

C537+. Tabu: touching king's sheep. Togo: Cardinall 151.

C549+. Tabu: touching anyone else's property. Liberia:

Bundy, JAPL XXXII 420f.

## C600--C699. UNIQUE PROHIBITIONS AND COMPULSIONS

- C610. The one forbidden place.
- C611.1. Forbidden door. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 459; Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 459.
- C612.+ . Forbidden forest. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 184.
- C614. Forbidden road (trail). Ewe: Werner 332.
- C614.1.0.2.+ . Tabu: setting traps on specific area. Liberia: Cronise 160.
- C619.+ . Tabu: clearing certain bush area. Mende: Higeod 203.
- C619.+ . Tabu: going in vicinity of fire. Togo: Einstein 6.
- C620. Partaking of the one forbidden object.
- C620.+ . Forbidden game: hunter must let first two buffalo pass, shoot only the third. Togo: Cardinal 107.
- C620.+ . Tabu: carrying wood tied with rope. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 449.
- C621. Forbidden tree.
- C621.+ . Tabu: picking fruit from a certain tree. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 417.
- C621.+ . Tabu: cutting limbs from magic tree. Nigeria: Baumann 8.
- C621.+ . Tabu: climbing a certain palm tree. Ashanti: Rattray 49.

- C622.+ Tabu: bringing water in a calabash. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAFPL XLIV 450.
- C630. The one forbidden time.
- C630.+ Tabu: wearing beautiful skin in daytime. Nigeria: Dayrell 12.
- C630.+ Tabu: visiting traps on particular day. Ibo: Basden (1938) 427.
- C640. Unique prohibitions -- miscellaneous.
- C640.+ Tabu: aiding a person emerging from grave. Liberia: Cronise 272; Mende: Westermann 457.
- C640.+ Tabu: stepping over stick. Nigeria: Dayrell 20.
- C640.+ Tabu: killing certain bird. Vai: Ellis 210.
- C650. The one compulsory thing.
- C680.+ Injunction: give rams water when they are encountered. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 288.
- C680.+ Injunction: tread firmly when walking over reclining elephants. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 82; Ashanti: Rattray 93.
- C680.+ Injunction: sell beads only to person who says "May god help you." Togo: Cardinal 209.
- C680.+ Injunction: keep beautiful wife away from sun and fire. Ibo: Basden (1921).276.
- C680.+ Injunction: let all men eat parrot. Togo: Cardinal 42.

C680.+ Injunction: hunter must save some blood from every animal he kills. (Probenius, Atlantis XI 68, 177.

C700--C899. MISCELLANEOUS TABUS

C716.+ Tabu: hairdressing in ghost-land. Ekoi: Talbot 281.

C721.+ Tabu: bathing in sacred water. Ibibio: Talbot 29.

C721.2.1. Tabu: bathing in clear stream. Ekoi: Talbot 281.

C751.+ Tabu: fetching water on specific day. Ibibio: Talbot 78.

C752.1.+ Tabu: going out at night. Vai: Ellis 215.

C752.1.+ Tabu: speaking at night. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 450f.

C762.1. Tabu: using magic power too often. Nigeria: Dayrell 26.

C784. Tabu: lending. Ekoi: Talbot 27.

C899.+ Tabu: allowing secret society mask to become wet. Tanne: Thomas 76f.

C900--C999. PUNISHMENT FOR BREAKING TABU

C905.+ Tree spirit blocks woman's path when she sets out to bring water on tabu day. Ibibio: Talbot 78.

C920.1. Death of children for breaking tabu.

C921. Immediate death for breaking tabu. Barker and Sinclair

- 113; Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 420; Togo: Cardinall  
 109; Nigeria: CMS III 30; Liberia: Cronise 167, 291;  
 Vai: Ellis 257; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 73, 297; Him-  
 melheber 120; Klipple 331ff.; Lee 19; Mende: Migeod  
 263; Temne: Schlenker 67; Ekoi: Talbot 21, 101;  
 Ibibio: Talbot-154; Nigeria: Talbot (1923) 85; Agni:  
 Tauxier 231; Slave Coast: Trautmann 49; Ewe: Werner  
 332; Gola: Westermann 503f.; Epelle: Westermann 379;  
 Mende: Westermann 457.
- C925.+ Death by poison for breaking tabu. Mende: Migeod  
 204.
- C927.+ Woman melts when exposed to sun (tabu). Ibo:  
 Basden (1921) 276.
- C927.+ Child melts when name (tabu) is spoken. Ewe: Wes-  
 termann 16f.
- C927.+ Woman destroys daughter by trying to help her  
 emerge from grave (tabu). Mende: Westermann 457.
- C927.+ Yam-child drowns self when tabu is broken. Ewe: To-  
 so, ZKS VII 22.
- C929.3. Beheading for breaking tabu. Barker and Sinclair  
 120f.; Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 84.
- C929.3.+ Spider's head falls off when he sings forbidden  
 song. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 140; Ashanti: Rattray  
 69.
- C929.5. Death by being swallowed for breaking tabu. Nigeria:

- Herakovits, JAPL XLIV 450f.
- C930. Loss of fortune for breaking tabu. Togo: Cardinali 170; Vai: Ellis 211; Liberia: Germann 136; Nigeria: Herakovits, JAPL XLIV 459; Vai: Kl ingenheben, ZSES XVI 101; Probenius, Atlantis XI 288; Slave Coast: Trautmann 43; Kpelle: Westermann 438; Mende: Westermann 458; Nigeria: CMS III 59f.; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 569.
- C930.+ Both supernatural child and accompanying riches disappear because of breaking tabu. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 569.
- C933.1. Luck in hunting lost for breaking tabu. Probenius, Atlantis XI 68; Ekoi: Talbot 409.
- C934.1. Loss of crops because tabu is broken. Barker and Sinclair 183f.
- C935.+ Hunter's dogs die because of broken tabu. Ikoni: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 13.
- C937.+ Image refuses to speak in presence of woman (tabu). Yoruba: Dennett 47, 50; Yoruba: Parkinson, Man VI 104.
- C939.1.+ Stream sinks underground when woman profanes sacred water. Ibibio: Talbot 29.
- C940. Sickness or weakness for breaking tabu. Ekoi: Talbot 282.
- C941.+ Elephantiasis for breaking tabu. Ikoni: Dayrell,

RAI No. 3, 72.

- C943. Loss of sight for breaking tabu. Togo: Cardinall 169.
- C962. Transformation to animal for breaking tabu. Gae: Fleischer and Wilkie, Africa III 361; Mende: Migeod 244.
- C963.1. Person returns to original animal form when tabu is broken. Slave Coast: Trautmann 44, 46; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 569; Togo: Schönherl 17.
- C963.3. Person returns to original vegetable form when tabu is broken. Barker and Sinclair 79; Ekoi: Talbot 133, 134, 135; Ibo: Thomas 80; Sierra Leone: Thomas 57f.; Slave Coast: Trautmann 50.
- C967. Magic medicine loses power from breaking tabu. Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 420f.; Nigeria: Dayrell 27; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 210; Ashanti: Rattray 65.
- C980.+. Man denied food for trapping in forbidden area. Liberia: Cronise 163.
- C980.+. Dissention in tribe caused by broken tabu. Ashanti: Rattray 129.
- C980.+. Tortoise sold as slave for breaking tabu. Nigeria: Herakovits, JAFI XLIV 449, 450.
- C980.+. Boy caught in cleft of tree for breaking tabu. Ashanti: Rattray 49.
- C980.+. Tortoise forced to carry fairy on back for breaking



- tabu. Ibo: Basden (1938) 427.
- C980.+ Tabu broken without penalty. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 92f.
- C980.+ First woman breaks god's law, eats salt. Togo: Einstein 8.
- C980.+ Serpent suggests that man break tabu on fruit. Probenius, Atlantis XI 76.
- C980.+ Person given permission to break tabu. Ibibio: Talbot 79.
- C982. Person beaten with whips (club) for breaking tabu. Courlander and Herzog 59f.; Nigeria: Dayrell 24.
- C986. Abduction by animal for breaking tabu. Probenius, Atlantis I 315; Kpelle: Westermann 410.
- C996.+ Earth opens up and swallows person who breaks tabu. Nigeria: Baumann 8.

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DC--D599. TRANSFORMATION

- D10 --D99. Transformation of man to different man
- D10. Transformation to person of different sex
- D20. Transformation to person of different social class.
- D30. Transformation to person of different race
- D40. Transformation to likeness of another person
- D50. Magic changes in man himself
- D90. Transformation: man to different man -- miscellaneous
- D100 --D199. Transformation: man to animal
- D110--D149. Transformation: man to mammal
- D110. Transformation: man to wild beast (mammal)
- D130. Transformation: man to domestic beast (mammal)
- D150. Transformation: man to bird
- D170. Transformation: man to fish
- D180. Transformation: man to insect
- D190. Transformation: man to reptiles and miscellaneous animals
- D200 --D299. Transformation: man to object

- D210. Transformation: man to vegetable form
- D230. Transformation: man to mineral form
- D250. Transformation: man to manufactured object
- D270. Transformation: man to object -- miscellaneous
- D300 --D399. Transformation: animal to person
- D310--D349. Transformation: mammal to person
- D310. Transformation: wild-beast (mammal) to person
- D330. Transformation: domestic beast (mammal) to person
- D350. Transformation: bird to person
- D370. Transformation: fish to man
- D380. Transformation: insect to person
- D390. Transformation: reptiles and miscellaneous animals to persons
- D400 --D499. Other forms of transformation
- D410. Transformation: one animal to another
- D420. Transformation: animal to object
- D430. Transformation: object to person
- D440. Transformation: object to animal
- D450--D499. Transformation: object to object
- D450. Transformation: object to another object
- D470. Transformation: material of object changed
- D480. Size of object transformed
- D500 --D599. Means of transformation

- D510. Transformation by breaking tabu
- D520. Transformation through power of the word
- D530. Transformation by putting on skin, clothing, etc.
- D550. Transformation by eating or drinking
- D560. Transformation by various means
- D600 --D699. Miscellaneous transformation incidents
  - D610. Repeated transformation
  - D620. Periodic transformation
  - D630. Transformation and disenchantment at will
  - D640. Reasons for voluntary transformation
  - D660. Motive for transformation of others
  - D670. Magic flight
  - D680. Miscellaneous circumstances of transformation
- D700 --D799. Disenchantment
  - D710. Disenchantment by rough treatment
  - D720. Disenchantment by removing (destroying) covering of enchanted person
  - D730. Disenchantment by submission
  - D750. Disenchantment by faithfulness of others
  - D760. Disenchantment by miscellaneous means
  - D790. Attendant circumstances of disenchantment
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- D800--D899. Ownership of magic objects

- D800. Magic object
- D810--D859. Acquisition of magic object
  - D810. Magic object a gift
  - D830. Magic object acquired by trickery
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  - D850. Magic object otherwise obtained
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- D900 --D1299. Kinds of magic objects
  - D900. Magic weather phenomena
  - D910. Magic body of water
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  - D940. Magic forests
  - D950. Magic tree
  - D960. Magic gardens and plants
  - D980. Magic fruits and vegetables
- D990--D1029. Magic bodily members
  - D990. Magic bodily members -- human
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  - D1030. Magic food
  - D1040. Magic drink
  - D1050. Magic clothes
  - D1070. Magic ornaments
  - D1080. Magic weapons
  - D1110. Magic conveyances

- D1130. Magic buildings and parts
- D1150. Magic furniture
- D1170. Magic utensils and implements
- D1210. Magic musical instruments
- D1240. Magic waters and medicines
- D1250. Miscellaneous magic objects

D1300--D1599. Function of magic objects

D1300--D1379. Magic objects effect changes in persons

- D1300. Magic object gives supernatural wisdom
- D1310. Magic object gives supernatural information
- D1330. Magic object works physical change
- D1350. Magic object changes person's disposition
- D1360. Magic object effects temporary change in person
- D1380. Magic object protects
- D1390. Magic object rescues person

D1400--D1439. Magic object gives power over other persons

- D1400. Magic object overcomes person
- D1410. Magic object renders person helpless
- D1420. Magic object draws person (thing) to it
- D1430. Magic object pursues or captures
- D1440. Magic object gives power over animals
- D1450. Magic object furnishes treasure
- D1470. Magic object as provider
- D1500. Magic object controls disease

- D1520. Magic object affords miraculous transportation
- D1540. Magic object controls the elements
- D1550. Magic object miraculously opens and closes
- D1560. Magic object performs other services for owner

D1600--D1699. Characteristics of magic objects

D1600--D1649. Automatic magic objects

- D1600. Automatic object
- D1610. Magic speaking objects
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D1710--D1799. Possession and means of employment of magic powers

- D1710. Possession of magic powers
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D1800--D1949. Lasting magic qualities

- D1810. Magic knowledge
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- D1840. Magic invulnerability
- D1850. Immortality
- D1860. Magic beautification
- D1870. Magic hideousness
- D1880. Magic rejuvenation
- D1890. Magic aging
- D1900. Love induced by magic
- D1910. Magic memory
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- D2050--D2099. Destructive magic powers
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  - D2100. Magic wealth
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D2150--D2199. Miscellaneous magical manifestations

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DO--D699. TRANSFORMATIONS

- D10. Transformation to person of different sex.
- D11. Transformation: woman to man. Dahomey: Le Herisse  
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- D12. Transformation: boy to girl. Dahomey: Le Herisse.  
226.
- D12.+ Sorcerer assumes form of beautiful woman, marries  
hunter to learn his secrets. Slave Coast: Trautmann  
31.
- D40. Transformation to likeness of another person.
- D40.+ Transformation: body of dead man to living hunter.  
Probenius, Atlantis XI 311.
- D42.2. Transformation: spirit takes shape of man. Sierra  
Leone: Migeod 312.
- D43.+ Mermaid transforms self to woman. Slave Coast:  
Trautmann 41.
- D43.+ Transformation: devil to person. Liberia: Cronise  
179; Gola: Westermann 478, 491.
- D47.+ Transformation: man and wife to river spirits.  
Yoruba: Dennett 220.
- D50. Magic changes in man himself.
- D55. Magic changes of person's size. Togo: Einstein 8;

Slave Coast: Trautmann 62.

D56.+ Transformation: old woman to beautiful girl. Radin  
(Ashanti: Rattray) 64; Ashanti: Rattray 223; Ekoi:  
Talbot 209.

D90. Transformation: man to different man -- miscellaneous.

D94.+ Transformation: boy to devil. Mende: Migeod 216;  
Mende: Westermann 452.

D100--D199. TRANSFORMATION: MAN TO ANIMAL

D110. Transformation: man to wild beast (mammal).

D112.1. Transformation: man to lion. Togo: Cardinal 195.

D112.4. Transformation: man to leopard. Yoruba: Ogumefu  
19; Ibo: Thomas (III) 87.

D112.+ Transformation: boy to civet-cat. Togo: Cardinal  
130.

D113.5. Transformation: man to hyena. Slave Coast: Traut-  
man 40.

D114.1.3. Transformation: man to hartebeest. Togo: Card-  
inal 195.

D114.1.4. Transformation: group of people into buffalos.  
Ashanti: Rattray 205.

D114.2. Transformation: woman to elephant. Liberia: Cro-  
nise 257; Probenius, Atlantis XI 276; Ekoi: Talbot 247f.

D117.1. Transformation: woman to mouse. Slave Coast:  
Trautmann 89.

- D117.1.+ Transformation: man to bat. Feme: Thomas 7.
- D118.1. Transformation: man to ape. Yoruba: Dennett 35.
- D118.2.+ Transformation: men to chimpanzees, by putting  
on animal skins. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 568.
- D130. Transformation: man to domestic beast (mammal).
- D131.1. Transformation: man to horse. Sierra Leone:  
Migeod 328.
- D150. Transformation: man to bird. Nigeria: Baumann 93;  
Togo: Cardinall 128; Probenius, Atlantis X 221; Him-  
melheber 48; Sierra Leone: Migeod 312; Yoruba:  
Ogunefu 44; Slave Coast: Trautmann 52.
- D152.1. Transformation: man to hawk. Togo: Cardinall  
104; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 85; Barker and  
Sinclair 128; Sierra Leone: Migeod 329.
- D153.2. Transformation: man to owl. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI  
No. 3, 34; Ibibio: Talbot 163.
- D154.2. Transformation: man to pigeon. Liberia: Croniss  
160; Probenius, Atlantis XI 184.
- D166.1. Transformation: man to hen. Sierra Leone: Migeod  
329.
- D166.4.+ Transformation: woman to partridge. Togo:  
Funke, ZSES X 303.
- D170. Transformation: man to fish. Ga: Fleischer and  
Wilkie, Africa III 361; Ashanti: Rattray 101, 189;

Ewe: Spieth 576.

- D180. Transformation: man to insect.
- D181. Transformation: man to spider. Togo: Cardinall 145.
- D185+. Transformation: man to mosquito. Nigeria: Baumann  
58.
- D185.1. Transformation: man to fly. Barker and Sinclair 42;  
Nigeria: Baumann 17.
- D190. Transformation: man to reptiles and miscellaneous  
animals.
- D191. Transformation: man to serpent. Nigeria: Baumann  
55, 58; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 24, 90; Probenius,  
Atlantis X 236; XI 201; Ibibio: Talbot 56; Agni: Tau-  
xier 236; Slave Coast: Trautzmann 43.
- D194. Transformation: man to crocodile. Eko: Talbot 181,  
401; Ibibio: Talbot 105.
- D194.1. Transformation: man to alligators. Nigeria: Day-  
rell 148.
- D200--D299. TRANSFORMATION: MAN TO OBJECT
- D210. Transformation: man to vegetable form.
- D213+. Transformation: boys to various useful plants.  
Togo: Cardinall 47; Agni: Fernor, ETP XXVII 379.
- D213+. Transformation: girl to bush, Yoruba: Ellis 270.
- D215. Transformation: man to tree. Liberia: Cronise 262.

- D222.+ Transformation: man to coconut. Nigeria: Baumann  
19.
- D225.+ Transformation: girl to fungus ball. Eko: Talbot  
136.
- D230. Transformation: man to mineral form.
- D231. Transformation: man to stone. Tshi: Bellon 12;  
Tshi: Ellis 235; Meinhof 218; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray)  
40; Ashanti: Rattray 197.
- D250. Transformation: man to manufactured object.
- D250.+ Transformation: man to poisoned arrow. Nigeria:  
Baumann 58.
- D251.+ Transformation: four brothers to soup dish, plate,  
salt, and pepper. Tshi: Bellon 16; Meinhof 221.
- D253. Transformation: man to needle. Barker and Sinclair,  
127.
- D265. Transformation: man to grass mat. Barker and Sinclair  
127; Tshi: Bellon 18.
- D265.+ Transformation: man to pillow. Tshi: Bellon 18.
- D270. Transformation: man to object -- miscellaneous.
- D270.+ Transformation: slain boy to mushroom. Slave  
Coast: Bouche 232.
- D281.1. Transformation: man to wind. Tshi: Bellon 9;  
Meinhof 215.
- D281.1.1. Transformation: man and followers to whirlwind.

Togo: Cardinall 227.

D285.1. Transformation: man to snake. Meinhof 217.

D287.1. Transformation: man to ant hill. Liberia: Cronias  
262.

D287.+ Transformation: twins to mud and moss. Togo:  
Hertter, ZOOS VI 131.

D300--D399. TRANSFORMATION: ANIMAL TO PERSON

D310. Transformation: wild beast (mammal) to person. Ivory  
Coast: Joseph, RTP XIVII 568.

D312.1. Transformation: lion to beautiful girl. Frobenius,  
Atlantis XI 190.

D312.3. Transformation: leopard to man. Nigeria: Baumann  
69f.; Tah: Bellon 17; Ewe: Ellis 271; Frobenius,  
Atlantis I 239; Togo: Hertter, ZOOS VI 105; Ashanti:  
Rattray 275.

D313.4. Transformation: hyena to woman. Togo: Cardinall  
214; Slave Coast: Trautmann 23, 34, 40.

D314.+ Transformation: buffalo heifer to girl. Togo:  
Cardinall 105; Ashanti: Rattray 205.

D314.+ Transformation: bush pigs to man. Ashanti: Rat-  
tray 127.

D314.1.1. Transformation: antelope to woman. Togo: Card-  
inall 80; Slave Coast: Trautmann 44.

D314.3. Transformation: elephant to woman (man). Barker

- and Sinclair 126; Togo: Cardinall 102; Liberia: Cronise 261; Liberia: Germann 128; Sierra Leone: Migeod 311.
- D318.+ Transformation: ape to man. Yoruba: Dennett 35; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 568.
- D330. Transformation: domestic beast (mammal) to person.
- D330.+ Transformation: sheep to person. Temne: Thomas 44.
- D333.+ Transformation: cow to woman. Togo: Cardinall 221.
- D334. Transformation: goat to person. Temne: Thomas 44.
- D341. Transformation: dog to man. Liberia: Cronise 295; Probenius, Atlantis I 236; Temne: Thomas 44.
- D342. Transformation: cat to person. Temne: Thomas 44.
- D350. Transformation: bird to person.
- D370. Transformation: fish to person. Klipple 505; Yoruba: Ogumefu 51; Ewe: Spieth 576.
- D390. Transformations: reptiles and miscellaneous animals to persons.
- D390.+ Transformation: crocodile to man. Togo: Schönherl 80.
- D391. Transformation: serpent to man. Togo: Cardinall 203; Probenius, Atlantis II 201; Ashanti: Rattray 171; Agni: Tauxier 236; Temne: Thomas 83.
- D395. Transformation: frog to woman. Himmelheber 26.



## D400--D499. OTHER FORMS OF TRANSFORMATION

- D410. Transformation: one animal to another.
- D411.+ Transformation: elephants to crocodiles. Gold Coast: Courlander and Frempeh 84.
- D411.3. Transformation: hare to other animals. Ashanti: Rattray 229.
- D415.+ Transformation: spider to lizard. Gola: Westermann 500f.
- D420. Transformation: animal to object.
- D421.+ Transformation: lion to stone. Togo: Cardinal 211.
- D422.+ Transformation: goat to stone. Togo: Schönherl 75.
- D423.+ Transformation: bird to razor. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 329.
- D428.+ Transformation: tortoise to nameless round shape. Ibo: Basden (1938) 428.
- D430. Transformation: object to person.
- D431.+ Transformation: calabash to person. Ekoi: Talbot 134.
- D431.+ Transformation: fungus ball to person. Ekoi: Talbot 135.
- D431.+ Transformation: mushroom to child. Ikom: Dayrell,

RAI No. 3, 8.

- D431.+ Transformation: sticks to people. Mende: Migeod  
265; Yoruba: Ogumefu 5; Mende: Westermann 458.
- D431.+ Transformation: seed to child. Ivory Coast: Joseph,  
RTP XXVII 569.
- D431.2. Transformation: tree to person. Togo: Schönkri  
17; Sierra Leone: Thomas 57; Slave Coast: Trautmann  
95.
- D431.3. Transformation: leaf to child. Ibo: Thomas III  
77; Slave Coast: Trautmann 49.
- D431.6. Transformation: plant to woman. Mende: Migeod  
242; Ekoi: Talbot 133, 136.
- D431.9. Transformation: yam to child. Barker and Sinclair  
77; Ewe: Toso, ZKS VII 20; Slave Coast: Trautmann 46,  
83.
- D431.11. Transformation: nut to person. Ivory Coast:  
Joseph, RTP XXVII 569.
- D436.+ Transformation: tobacco pipe to woman. Himmel-  
heber 27.
- D436.+ Transformation: oil tub to child. Ewe: Wester-  
mann 16.
- D436.1. Transformation: broom to horse. Togo: Cardinall  
175.
- D440. Transformation: object to animal.
- D441.+ Transformation: Calabash to horse. Togo: Cardinall

175.

~~D441. Transformation: yam peel to frog. Ikom: Dayrell,~~  
 RAI No. 3, 46.

D445.3. Transformation: image of animal vivified. Probenius,  
 Atlantis XI 192.

D450--D499. TRANSFORMATION: OBJECT TO OBJECT

D451.1.+ Transformation: palm tree to plant. Tahi:  
 Bellon 15; Meinhof 220.

D454.9.+ Transformation: magic sword to plant. Gold Coast:  
 Courlander and Prempah 92.

D457.+ Transformation: magician's head to river. Yoruba:  
 Ogumefu 30.

D457.+ Transformation: severed human penis to manioc.  
 Dahomey: Einstein 27.

D457.1.+ Transformation: blood to riches. Temne: Thomas  
 70.

D469.+ Transformation: dried fish head to bull's head.  
 Togo: Cardinali 126.

D469.+ Transformation: yam peelings to fruit. Bassett 206.

D469.+ Transformation: bush to town. Eko: Talbot 209.

D469.+ Transformation: village to bush. Kpelle: Wester-  
 mann 436.

D469.3. Transformation: chain of arrows to bridge. Vai:  
 Ellis 192.

D470. Transformation: material of object changed.

~~D475.1.1. Transformation: ashes to gold. Yoruba: Ogumefu 55.~~

D475.2.2. Transformation: water to gold. Liberia: Germann 136; Epelle: Westermann 414.

D480. Size of object transformed.

D482.1. Transformation: stretching tree. A tree magically shoots upward. Ekoi: Talbot 306.

#### D500--D599. MEANS OF TRANSFORMATION

D531. Transformation by putting on (off) skin. Nigeria: Baumann 70; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 69; Nigeria: Dayrell 11; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 205; Ashanti: Rattray 127; Slave Coast: Trautmann 45; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 568.

D537.+. Spirit transforms to man by putting off spirit cloth, putting on cloth of man. Nigeria: CMS III 27.

D572.+. Transformation by dipping in magic pots. Nigeria: Baumann 55; Yoruba: Ogumefu 42.

D572.+. Transformation by use of charm. Yoruba: Ogumefu 4.

D577.+. Magic comb transforms girl to bird. Himmelheber 139.

D600. Miscellaneous transformations.

D615. Repeated transformation. Nigeria: Baumann 17ff.;

Togo: Cardinall 131; Sierra Leone: Migeod 328f.;

Yoruba: Ogumefu 4.

- D621.1.1. Man by day; animal by night. Barker and Sinclair 127; Togo: Schönherl 81.
- D622.+ . Periodic transformation: leopard assumes form of man once a week. Nigeria: Baumann 70.
- D630. Man has power to assume any shape at will. Nigeria: Baumann 17; Nigeria: CMS III 46.
- D631.1.1. Person changes appearance at will by changing skins. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 69; Nigeria: Dayrell 11.
- D631.2.+ . Bird changes color at will. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 328.
- D671. Transformation flight. Togo: Cardinall 100, 214; Slave Coast: Trautmann 32.
- D671.0.1. Fugitive transforms self to stone, is thrown to safety by pursuer. Klipple 98; Ashanti: Rattray 197; Togo: Schönherl 75.
- D672. Obstacle flight. Barker and Sinclair 125; Togo: Cardinall 102, 128, 249; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 83f.; Mende: Migeod 208; Gola: Westermann 490.
- D682.+ . Partial transformation: man starts to change to ape as he climbs tree. Pulled back, he resumes proper form. Tahi: Ellis 342.
- D700. Disenchantment.

- D765.1+. Disenchantment: removal of magic comb restores  
bird to original human form. Himmelheber 159f.
- D771.6. Disenchantment by medicine. Mende: Migeod 216.
- D789.4. Disenchantment by breaking tabu. Mende: Migeod  
244.
- D790. Attendant circumstances of disenchantment.
- D790+. Husband of transformed woman makes sacrifice to tree.  
The woman is restored to human form. Nigeria: Baumann  
94f.
- D792. Transformed mother rescued by child's call. Ekoi:  
Talbot 333.

## D800--D1699. MAGIC OBJECTS

- D800. Ownership of magic objects.
- D810. Acquisition of magic object.
- D811. Magic object received from god. Ekoi: Talbot 20.
- D811.2. Magic object falls down from heaven. Tshi: Ballou  
31, 33. (Cf. F1037).
- D812.2. Magic object received from demigod. Ibo: Basden  
(1938) 425; Ekoi: Talbot 18.
- D812.3. Magic object gift from forest devil. Liberia: Cro-  
nise 269, 275; Vai: Danmann 257; Kpelle: Westermann  
392.
- D812.4. Magic object received from ghost. Nigeria: CMS III  
28, 59; Ekoi: Talbot 211.

- D812.4.1. Magic object received from dead in lower world.  
 Ekoi: Talbot 236; Slave Coast: Trautmann 6f.
- D812.6. Magic object received from witch or wizard. Nigeria:  
 CMS II 52.
- D813. Magic object a gift from fairy. Nigeria: CMS III 62,  
 64; Probenius, Atlantis XI 224.
- D814.1. Magic object gift from mother. Ekoi: Talbot 236.
- D821. Magic skulet gift from old woman. Tahi: Bellon 30.
- D821.+ . Magic object received from old woman (spirit woman  
 or witch) as punishment for greed. Yoruba: Ellis 247f.;  
 Probenius, Atlantis X 231f.; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper  
 50.
- D821.+ . Magic object received from old woman (spirit woman or  
 witch) as reward for kindness. Yoruba: Ellis 246; Pro-  
 benius, Atlantis X 310; XI 313; Ashanti: Potter and  
 Cooper 45.
- D829.+ . Magic eggs gift from host. Nigeria: Talbot (1932)  
 339.
- D829.+ . Magic medicine gift from grateful leopard. Togo:  
 Cardinal 108.
- D829.+ . Magic object received from bird. Togo: Cardinal  
 194; Nigeria: CMS III 66ff.; Togo: SchEnhÄrl 69.
- D829.+ . Magic object gift from hyena. Togo: Cardinal 218.
- D829.+ . Magic object gift from woman to cock. Probenius,  
 Atlantis X 242.

D830. Magic object acquired by trickery.

~~D835.+ Magic object stolen from off. Provenias, Atlantic~~

XI 74.

D838. Charm stolen from magician. Nigeria: Baumann 46.

D839.+ Woman steals magic idol hidden in husband's hair.

Barker and Sinclair 125; Togo: Cardinal 103; Radin

(Krachi: Talbot) 61.

D840. Magic object found.

D841. Magic object accidentally found. Barker and Sinclair

84; Vai: Ellis 189; Agni: Fernor, RTP IXVIII 25.

D850. Magic object otherwise obtained.

D851.1. Magic object purchased: Hunter purchases magic jars  
from magician. Nigeria: Baumann 54.

D859.+ Magic calabash vomited up by bird. Nigeria: Herakovits,  
JAPL XLIV 453.

D860. Loss of magic object.

D861.2. Magic hoe stolen. Ashanti: Rattray 43.

D866. Magic medicine spilled on ground. Nigeria: Baumann  
55.

D867. Fairy money disappears after it has been given to  
humans. Togo: Cardinal 85.

D871.+ Stupid wife gives away husband's magic charm. Togo:  
Cardinal 219.

D877. Magic object loses power by overuse. Barker and Sin-



clair 42; Gola: Westermann 500f.

D877.+ Overworked magic pot melts away. Barker and Sinclair  
42.

D877.+ Overworked food-producing formula produces only hot  
water, chalk, and mud. Gola: Westermann 500f.

D900--D1299. KINDS OF MAGIC OBJECTS

D900. Magic weather phenomena.

D902. Magic rain. Probenius, Atlantis I 212.

D910. Magic body of water.

D915. Magic river. Yoruba: Ogunefu 35.

D930. Magic land features.

D931. Magic rock (stone). Basset 218; Togo: Cardinall 188;  
Slave Coast: Bouche 223; Nigeria: Dayrell 123; Yoruba:  
Ellis 271; Agni: Ferner, RTP XXVII 379; Probenius, At-  
lantia I 266; Klipple 294; Sierra Leone: Migeod 326;  
Ekoi: Talbot 366, 394; Agni: Tauxier 231; Kpelle: Wes-  
termann 388; Mende: Westermann 458.

D931.+ Magic bearded stone. Liberia: Cronise 167; Mende:  
Migeod 263; Temne: Schlenker 67; Agni: Tauxier 231;  
Gola: Westermann 503f.; Mende: Westermann 457.

D931.1.2. Magic ashes. Ekoi: Talbot 145.

D935.+ Seven magic earth heaps. Ewe: Westermann 19.

D950. Magic tree. Nigeria: Baumann 8; Togo: Cardinall 41,

- 101, 186; Nigeria: Dayrell 26, 99; Togo: Einstein 10;  
 Val: Ellis 241; Probenius, Atlantis II 104; Liberia:  
 Germann 122; Klipple 239, 515; Lee 10; Mende: Migeod  
 223; Yoruba: Ogumefu 20, 44, 82; Ashanti: Rattray 49,  
 191; Slave Coast: Trautmann 7; Gola: Westermann 491;  
 Epelle: Westermann 440; Mende: Westermann 453f.;  
 Nigeria: Baumann 90; Togo: Punks, ZSES X 305ff.; Togo:  
 Schönherrl 17, 36.
- D955. Magic Leaves. Nigeria: CMS III 28; Yoruba: Ellis  
 257f.; Klipple 332; Eko: Talbot 8, 114; Nigeria:  
 Talbot (1932) 85.
- D956. Magic stick. Barker and Sinclair 43f.; Togo: Cardin-  
 all 98; Klipple 307; Ashanti: Rattray 251; Eko: Tal-  
 bot 236; Slave Coast: Trautmann 6.
- D957. Magic faggots. Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 406.
- D964. Magic bush. Yoruba: Ogumefu 36; Slave Coast:  
 Trautmann 73.
- D965.2. Magic calabash. Slave Coast: Bouche 236ff.; Ikom:  
 Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 36; Yoruba: Ellis 246f.; Probenius,  
 Atlantis X 227, 232, 293, 310; Nigeria: Herskovits,  
 JAFI XLIV 453; Klipple 305; Eko: Talbot 28, 34, 62;  
 Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 86.
- D965.12. Magic grass. Togo: Cardinall 210.
- D971.+ . Magic pumpkin seeds. Togo: Cardinall 240.
- D973.+ . Magic corn. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 46;

Ashanti: Rattray 251.

- D980. Magic fruits and vegetables.
- D981. Magic fruit. Togo: Schönherl 34.
- D981.3. Magic orange. Slave Coast: Trautmann 7.
- D981.11. Magic pumpkin. Togo: Cardinall 42; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 104.
- D983.+ . Magic manioc. Dahomey: Einstein 27; Dahomey: Le Herisse 266.
- D983.2. Magic yam. Barker and Sinclair 90; Slave Coast: Trautmann 67; Ewe: Toaso, ZKS VII 20.
- D983.5. Magic eggplant. Mende: Migeod 242; Ekoi: Talbot 236.
- D985.+ . Magic palm nut. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 41; Agni: Fernor RTP XIVIII 25; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 569; Gola: Westernmann 501.
- D990. Magic bodily members.
- D992.+ . Magic hump on hunchback. Lee 22.
- D998. Magic private parts (human). Frobenius, Atlantis II 273, 302.
- D1001. Magic spittle. Frobenius, Atlantis I 242.
- D1001.+ . Magic mucous from nose. Frobenius, Atlantis I 242.
- D1002. Magic excrements. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 462; Klipple 426; Ibo: Thomas III 97; II 47, 56, 86.
- D1003.1. Magic blood. Vai: Ellis 216; Ekoi: Talbot 279.

- D1007. Magic bone (human). Yoruba: Clarke No. 1; Frobenius: ~~Atlantis X 295; Ibo: Thomas (III) 47; Duss: Westermann~~  
20.
- D1010. Magic bodily members -- animal.
- D1011. Magic animal head. Togo: Cardinall 126.
- D1011.1. Magic horn. Liberia: Cronise 82, 204; Vai: Ellis 189; Liberia: Germann 131; Klipple 306; Ekoi: Talbot 356; Gola: Westermann 493; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 313.
- D1012.+ Magic cow's tail. Togo: Cardinall 203; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP LXVI 239; Ashanti: Rattray 207, 221, 263.
- D1013. Magic dog's bone. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 276.
- D1015.4.+ Magic elephant's liver. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 276.
- D1021. Magic feather. Courlander and Herzog 44.
- D1024. Magic eggs. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 82; Liberia: Cronise 275, 269; Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 339; Kpelle: Westermann 392.
- D1026. Magic bird dung. Yoruba: Ellis 256.
- D1050. Magic clothes.
- D1051. Magic cloth. Nigeria: CMS III 7; Ekoi: Talbot 226; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 23; (III) 124.
- D1056. Magic shirt. Mende: Migeod 249ff.

- D1064. Magic pocket. Kpelle: Westermann 386.
- D1065.5. Magic sandals. Fshi: Bellon 31, 33; Togo: Cardin-  
all 201f.
- D1070. Magic ornaments.
- D1071. Magic jewel. Eko: Talbot 346.
- D1075. Magic bangle. Vai: Ellis 225.
- D1076. Magic ring. Nigeria: Baumann 57; Radin (Ashanti:  
Rattray) 135; Ashanti: Rattray 112.
- D1080. Magic weapons.
- D1081. Magic sword (machete). Togo: Cardinal 201; Gold  
Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 89; Terno: Schlenker 11;  
Eko: Talbot 211; Slave Coast: Trautmann 63.
- D1083. Magic knife. Togo: Cardinal 186, 189; Frobenius,  
Atlantis XI 312; Ashanti: Rattray 53, 215; Ewe: Spieth  
592; Eko: Talbot 127.
- D1092.+ . Magic arrow poison. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 74.
- D1096.3. Magic bullet. Vai: Ellis 189.
- D1110. Magic conveyances.
- D1150. Magic furniture.
- D1154.3. Magic hammock. Vai: Ellis 200; Klipple 321.
- D1163. Magic mirror. Ibo: Basden (1938) 425; Togo:  
Cardinal 202; Klipple 321; Ashanti: Rattray 93, 263.
- D1170. Magic utensils and implements.

- D1171.1. Magic pot. Barker and Sinclair 42; Nigeria: ~~Baumman 54; Nigeria: CMS-III-62, 64; Liberia: Cronise~~  
 157; Vai: Ellis 188; Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 11, 46;  
 Yoruba: Ogumefu 42, 55; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 24;  
 (III) 119.
- D1172.1. Magic dish. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 19; Radin  
 (Ashanti: Rattray) 210; Ashanti: Rattray 63.
- D1172.2. Magic bowls. Vai: Ellis 242.
- D1174. Magic chest (box). Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 257;  
 Ibo: Hasden (1938) 424; Ekoi: Talbot 20.
- D1177. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 101, 224, 233.
- D1177.+ Magic calabash spoon. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 101.
- D1181. Magic needle. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 191.
- D1184. Magic thread. Togo: Cardinall 201.
- D1184.+ Magic comb. Himmelheber 140.
- D1192. Magic purse. Temne: Thomas 59.
- D1193. Magic bag (sack). Frobenius, Atlantis XI 273.
- D1203. Magic rope. Ekoi: Talbot 402; Temne: Thomas 58.
- D1203.+ Magic ball of twine. Yoruba: Ogumefu 28.
- D1204. Magic hoe. Gold Coast: Courlander and Premph 86;  
 Liberia: Cronise 266; Ashanti: Rattray 43.
- D1206.+ Magic chisel. Temne: Thomas 58.
- D1208. Magic whip. Frobenius, Atlantis X 312; XI 103, 226,  
 233; Klipple 305, 307; Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 11;  
 Mende: Migeod 225; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 210;

- Ashanti: Rattray 65; Mende: Westermann 453f.
- ~~D1209.8. Magic incantations. Ashanti. Potter and Cooper 79.~~
- D1210. Magic musical instruments.
- D1211. Magic drum. Barker and Sinclair 90; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 53; Nigeria: Dayrell 20; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVI 11; Klipple 304; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 51; Togo: Schönähr-1 21; Ekoi: Talbot 46, 48; Ibo: Thomas, Man-XVIII 75; (VI) 87; Slave Coast: Trautmann 81.
- D1223.1. Magic flute. Probenius, Atlantis XI 72; Ibo: Thomas (III) 149.
- D1231. Magic harp. Gola: Westermann 485.
- D1233. Magic fiddle. Barker and Sinclair 100.
- D1239.+ . Magic crab's claw trumpet. Ekoi: Talbot 63.
- D1240. Magic waters and medicines.
- D1241. Magic medicine (charm). Ibo: Basden (1938) 425; Tshi: Bellon 11; Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 420; Togo: Cardinal 202; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 62, 78; Nigeria: Dennett 220; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVI 11; Klipple 321, 333; Sierra Leone: Migeod 327; Yoruba: Ogumefu 4; Ashanti: Rattray 37; Ekoi: Talbot 8, 100; Ibibio: Talbot 152; Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 337; Ibo: Thomas (VI) 93; Epelle: Westermann 374.
- D1242.1. Magic water. Ibo: Thomas (III) 118.

- D1242.4. Magic oil. Ashanti: Rattray 51.
- D1250. Miscellaneous magic-objects.
- D1252.+ Magic iron gate. Ashanti: Rattray 273.
- D1254.1. Magic wand. Nigeria: CMS III 59.
- D1254.3. Magic pestle. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 225.
- D1256. Magic balls. Slave Coast: Trautmann 43.
- D1262. Magic grinding stone. Barker and Sinclair 81; Ewe: Splieth 574; Ewe: Werner 327.
- D1268. Magic idol. Barker and Sinclair 125; Yoruba: Parkinson, Man VI 103.
- D1271. Magic fire. Frobenius, Atlantis II 312.
- D1273. Magic formula (charm). Nigeria: Baumann 124, 126; Himmelheber 135; Lee 22; Ashanti: Rattray 85; Gola: Westermann 499f.; Kpelle: Westermann 395.
- D1274. Magic fetish.<sup>1</sup> Tshi: Bellon 10, 30, 36; Himmelheber 103; Yoruba: Ogunfua 4, 7; Rugoff 35; Agni: Tauxier 242f.; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 85; Slave Coast: Trautmann 45, 99.
- D1274.1. Magic conjuring bag. Ekoi: Talbot 403.
- D1275. Magic song. Yoruba: Clarke No. 5; Liberia: Cronise

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<sup>1</sup>The terms fetish, amulet, talisman, charm, and medicine follow no uniform usage in printed collections of African folktales. No effort has been made here to regularize these terms. As a general rule, they are presented as the various collectors and editors have chosen to use them, with some necessary arbitrary grouping for the sake of convenience.



56; Ashanti: Rattray 51, 91; Ewe: Westernmann 20.

D1297. Magic dye. Probenius, Atlantis XI 185.

D1299.+ Magic termite hill. Liberia: Cronise 250; Probenius, Atlantis XI 291.

D1299.+ Magic pipe. Himmelheber 102; Ekoi: Talbot 63.

D1300--D1579. FUNCTION OF MAGIC OBJECTS

D1300. Magic object gives supernatural wisdom.

D1301. Magic object teaches animal languages. Togo: Cardinal 108; Nigeria: CMS III 28; Klipple 332; Ashanti: Rattray 243. (Cf. D1268).

D1301.+ Medicine in ears produces ability to understand strange language. Ekoi: Talbot 100.

D1310. Magic object gives supernatural wisdom.

D1310.1. Magic object tells how another fares (life token). Togo: Cardinal 186, 188.

D1310.6. Magic charm gives knowledge. Meinhof 213.

D1311.+ Divination by tossing cowrie shells. Gold Coast: Courlander and Fremph 81.

D1311.+ Divination with palm nuts. Yoruba: Dennett 46; Nigeria: Dennett 270.

D1311.+ Divination by casting stones. Liberia: Cronise 104.

D1311.4. Oracular tree. Ashanti: Rattray 49.

D1313.+ Magic bag directs owner in choice of road. Kpelle:

Westermann 386.

- ~~D1313.7. Magic knife indicates road. Ibo: Thomas 140;~~  
 (III) 419.
- D1313.8. Magic knife indicates direction to take. Eko: Talbot 127.
- D1313.9. Magic charm indicates direction to take. Eko: Talbot 34.
- D1316.4.+ Medicine permits owner to learn person's secret thoughts. Probenius, *Atlantis* XI 200f.
- D1317. Magic object warns of danger. Tshi: Bellon 6; Rugoff 35.
- D1317.+ Speaking horns warn sleeping man of approaching forest devil. Gola: Westermann 490.
- D1317.0.1. Magic object detects poison. Meinhof 213.
- D1317.11.+ Amulet warns owner of presence of snake. Tshi: Bellon 4; Meinhof 211.
- D1318. Magic object reveals guilt.
- D1318.+ Speaking bush incriminates murderer. Slave Coast: Trautmann 73.
- D1318.+ Singing bone incriminates murderer. Yoruba: Clarke No. 1; Slave Coast: Bouche 232; Ibo: Thomas III 67. (Cf. E632.1.).
- D1318.8.1. Magic cloth betrays thief, calls out, telling who is wearing it. Nigeria: CMS III 7ff.; Ibo: Thomas (III) 23, 124.

- D1318.17.+ Speaking river incriminates murderer. Yoruba:  
Ogunefu 35.
- D1323.+ Magic object gives clairvoyance. Ikoni: Dayrell,  
RAI No. 3, 62, 64; Slave Coast: Trantmann 63.
- D1323.1. Clairvoyant mirror. Ibo: Baden (1938) 425;  
Togo: Cardinall 212; Vai: Ellis 200; Klipple 321;  
Ashanti: Rattray 93, 263.
- D1330. Magic objects work physical change.
- D1331.+ Magic horn restores sight. Vai: Ellis 189.
- D1331.+ Magic grass restores sight. Togo: Cardinall 210.
- D1335. Object gives magic strength.
- D1335.10. Magic medicine gives strength. Lee 11.
- D1335.12. Magic song gives strength. Yoruba: Clarke No. 5;  
Liberia: Cronise 56.
- D1337.1.8.+ Magic oil gives beauty. Ashanti: Rattray 51.
- D1344. Magic object gives invulnerability.
- D1344.3. Amulet renders invulnerable. Nigeria: Baumann  
126.
- D1344.3.+ Charm gives man ability to withstand fire.  
Nigeria: CMS II 52.
- D1344.10. Magic root gives invulnerability. Yoruba:  
Ogunefu 36.
- D1347.+ Magic tree makes sterile fertile. Yoruba: Ogun-  
fu 44.

- D1350. Magic object changes person's disposition.
- D1359.+ Medicines to prevent temptation to steal. Ashanti:  
Rattray 233.
- D1359.3.+ Magic fruit produces happiness. Tzanne: Thomas  
75.
- D1360. Magic object effects temporary change in person.
- D1361.+ Hunter's talisman makes him invisible. Slave  
Coast: Trautmann 45f.
- D1361.22. Magic medicine used by ghosts to make them invis-  
ible. Ekoi: Talbot 179; Ibibio: Talbot 152.
- D1364.4. Fruit causes magic sleep. Togo: Schörrhär 36.
- D1364.25.3. Magic pipe causes ghosts to sleep. Ekoi:  
Talbot 63.
- D1365.8. Magic medicine causes forgetfulness. Nigeria:  
Dayrell 12.
- D1375.4.1. Eating magic plantain causes woman to grow four  
tails. Ibo: Thomas (III) 127; Man XVIII 24.
- D1379.+ Magic medicine causes girl to grow penis. Ibo:  
Thomas (III) 122f.
- D1379.+ Magic manioc (transformed penis) will cause woman  
who eats it to grow penis. Dahomey: Einstein 27;  
Dahomey: Le Herisse 225f.
- D1380. Magic object protects.
- D1380.13.+ Magic word formula protects speaker from sword.

Himmelheber 134.

D1383.2. Charm protects from poison. Tshi: Bellon 11.

D1389.+ . Magic amulet protects owner in sleep. Tshi:

Bellon 36.

D1389.+ . Magic protects murderer from ghost. Togo: Cardinal 250.

D1389.+ . Amulet bearing same name as that of owner protects from danger. Tshi: Bellon 30.

D1389.+ . Charm turns spear aside. Yoruba: Ogumefu 4.

D1390. Magic object rescues person.

D1399.+ . Magic rain puts out fire which tries to burn maiden.

Frobenius, Atlantis X 212.

D1399.+ . Tree magically falls across river to provide escape avenue. Yoruba: Ogumefu 20.

D1399.+ . Magic knife cleaves swallowing rock. Togo: Cardinal 189.

D1399.+ . Magic talisman aids in escape from prison. Slave Coast: Trautmann 99.

D1400. Magic object overcomes person.

D1400.+ . Medicine enables king to conquer enemy. Nigeria: Dennett 220; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 191f.

D1400.1.4.1. Magic sword conquers enemy. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 89.

D1400.1.4.3. Magic knife conquers enemy. Ashanti: Rattray

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- ~~D1400.1.7.1. Magic club (stick) gives victory. Togo:~~  
 Cardinal 98.
- D1400.1.10.+ Magic charm gives wrestler power over his opponents. Nigeria: Baumann 57.
- D1401.1. Magic club (stick) beats person. Barker and Sinclair 43f.
- D1401.+ Magic fetich gives hero power over enemies. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP LXVI 239.
- D1401.+ Stick kills by pointing. Togo: Cardinal 98.
- D1401.+ Magic tree beats person. Yoruba: Ogumefu 82.
- D1401.3. Magic whip beats on command (or when word formula is pronounced). Frobenius, Atlantis X 312; XI 103, 226, 233; Klipple 305, 307; Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 11; Mende: Migeod 225; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 210; Ashanti: Rattray 65; Ekoi: Talbot 4.
- D1402.1.+ Magic calabash kills men. Frobenius, Atlantis X 293.
- D1401.4.+ Magic drum--produces food on one occasion, image which flogs on another. Barker and Sinclair 94; Klipple 304; Ekoi: Talbot 48; Slave Coast: Trautmann 81.
- D1401.4.+ Devil's magic eggs yield stinging insects. Liberia: Cronise 275.
- D1401.4.+ Pot produces python when broken. Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 24.

- D1401.4.+ Magic ball produces serpent when shattered.
- ~~Yoruba: Ellis 247f.; Probenius, Atlantis X 231f.~~
- D1401.4.+ Magic calabash produces wild animals when broken.  
Yoruba: Ellis 247f.; Probenius, Atlantis X 231f.
- D1401.4.+ Magic food-destroying drum. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 51.
- D1402.+ Magic calabash kills. Probenius, Atlantis X 293.
- D1402.+ Magic horn kills by pointing. Gola: Westermann 493.
- D1402.+ Magic shirt allows wearer to kill by pointing.  
Mende: Migeod 249ff.
- D1402.3.+ Dog bone kills. Probenius, Atlantis XI 276.
- D1402.7.4.+ Magic bullet, can kill giant. Togo: Cardinall 100.
- D1402.11.1.+ Magic object causes death: blast from crab's claw trumpet kills; another blast revives. Ekoï: Talbot 63.
- D1402.13.3.+ Charm causes death to one who violates oath.  
Kpelle: Westermann 374.
- D1402.13.3.+ Fetish causes death of anyone speaking ill of another. Himmelheber 103.
- D1402.13.3.+ Medicine gives owner power to kill by looking.  
Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 420.
- D1409. Magic object overcomes person. Terne: Schlenker 9f.
- D1409.+ Medicine causes racer to lose race: he is pushed

- back repeatedly. Sierra Leone: Migeod 327.
- ~~D1409.+. Magic tree causes woman to fall into hole for~~  
breaking tabu. Nigeria: Baumann 8.
- D1410. Magic object renders person helpless.
- D1411.4.+. Charm poured into eyes of wrestler gives him  
transfixing stare. Nigeria: Baumann 159.
- D1413.+. Old man has magic power to cause person's hand to  
stick fast to an object until he releases it. Togo:  
Cardinal 234.
- D1413.+. Charm on pot causes it to remain stuck on man's  
head. Eko: Talbot 115.
- D1413.+. Girl who tries to steal from orange tree unable to  
let go. Slave Coast: Trautmann 7.
- D1413.+. Charm causes boy to stick to axe, axe to stick to  
wood, and wood to stick to ground. Ibo: Thomas, Man  
XVIII 85.
- D1413.+. Magic mortar sticks to spider's head. Barker and  
Sinclair 84.
- D1413.+. Magic drum causes anyone who beats it to stick to  
it. Togo: Schönherl 21.
- D1413.8. Chamber pot to which one sticks. Himmelheber 37;  
Eko: Talbot 115; Slave Coast: Trautmann 77.
- D1413.11. Magic medicine causes person to stick to seat.  
Eko: Talbot 115.
- D1413.17.+. Child magically sticks to rock. Kpelle: Wester-



mann 388.

~~D1413.17+. Stone magically adheres to woman's body. Ekoi.~~

Talbot 394. (Cf. A1312.1.).

D1415.2.5. Magic fiddle causes dragon to dance. Barker and Sinclair 97ff.

D1419.2.+. Magic medicine causes paralysis and tubercu-  
sis. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 63, 78.

D1421.6.+. Magic knife summons fairies. Ashanti: Rattray 53.

D1440. Magic object gives power over animals.

D1441.+. Magic horn will call correct cow from herd. Ekoi:  
Talbot 356.

D1443.+. Magic ashes catch animals. Ekoi: Talbot 145.

D1444.+. Medicine rubbed on hands enables boy to capture  
leopard. Ekoi: Talbot 359f.

D1445.+. Magic horn kills fish. Liberia: Germann 131.

D1445.+. Magic pipe kills animals. Himmelheber 102.

D1447.+. Man protects himself from lion with magic needle.  
Probenius, Atlantis XI 191.

D1449.+. Magic medicine procures aid of tree. Togo:  
Cardinal 101.

D1449.+. Magic talisman gives sheep power to hunt other  
animals. Agni: Tauxier 242f.

D1450. Magic object furnishes treasure.

D1451. Inexhaustible purse furnishes money. Terno: Thomas

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- D1452. Magic vessel (box) furnishes money. Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 257.
- D1452.2. Magic pot furnishes money. Nigeria: CMS III 62; Ibo: Thomas (III) 119.
- D1456.2. Magic ring provides treasure. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 135.
- D1463.2. Magic calabash furnishes treasure. Slave Coast: Bouche 326; Liberia: Cronise 269; Yoruba: Ellis 246; Frobenius, Atlantis I 227, 232.
- D1463.2.+ Magic palm nut produces wealth. Agni: Fernor, RTP XXVIII 25.
- D1466. Magic stone furnishes treasure. Mende: Westermann 458.
- D1469.+ Medicine pot advises young man how to become rich. Ibo: Thomas (VI) 93.
- D1469.+ Bird voids cowries when slapped. Yoruba: Ellis 256.
- D1469.+ Magic drum produces riches. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVI 11.
- D1469.+ Magic balls produce treasure. Slave Coast: Trautmann 43.
- D1470. Magic object acts as provider.
- D1470.1.+ Wishing stick. Slave Coast: Trautmann 2, 6.
- D1470.1.+ Wishing leaves. Nigeria: Talbot (1923) 85.

D1470.1.+ Mucous from nose produces magic wishing power.

Probenius, Atlantis X 242.

D1470.1.1. Wishing stone. Nigeria: Dayrell 123; Klipple  
294.

D1470.1.15. Wishing ring. Ashanti: Rattray 112.

D1470.1.20. Magic wishing box. Ekoi: Talbot 20.

D1470.2.2. Supplies received from magic box. Ekoi: Talbot  
185.

D1470.2.3. Cormucopia: horn which magically produces food  
when asked to empty itself. Probenius, Atlantis XI 313;  
Klipple 306f.

D1472.1.+ Magic food-producing palm nut. Gola: Westermann  
501.

D1472.1.+ Magic food-producing flute. Probenius, Atlantis  
XI 72.

D1472.1.+ Magic food-producing whip, beats recipient first.  
Vai: Ellis 242; Mandé: Nigeod 225; Mandé: Westermann  
453.

D1472.1.+ Magic chisel makes palm wine. Tekne: Thomas 58.

D1472.1.+ Magic food-producing grinding stone. Ewe:  
Spieth 574; Ewe: Werner 327.

D1472.1.2. Magic stone produces food. Agni: Fernor, RTP  
IXVII 379.

D1472.1.3. Magic tree supplies food. Nigeria: Dayrell 26;  
Togo: Funke, ZSES I 305ff; Yoruba: Ogumofu 81; Liberia:

- Germann 122; Kpelle: Westermann 440.
- ~~D1472.1.3. Magic tree supplies food. Vai: Ellis 241;~~  
 Klipple 515; Mende: Migeod 223; Gola: Westermann 497;  
 Mende: Westermann 453.
- D1472.1.9. Magic pot supplies food and drink. Barker and  
 Sinclair 39; Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL IXVI 11.
- D1472.1.20. Magic plate produces food. Ashanti: Potter  
 and Cooper 19; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 209; Ashanti:  
 Rattray 63.
- D1472.1.26. Magic eggs produce food. Nigeria: Talbot  
 (1932) 339.
- D1472.1.33. Magic bowl produces food. Vai: Ellis 242.
- D1472.2.2. Magic wishing drum supplies food. Barker and  
 Sinclair 91; Nigeria: Dayrall 20; Klipple 304; Ekoi:  
 Talbot 46; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 75; (VI) 87; Slave  
 Coast: Trautzmann 80.
- D1472.2.7. Magic calabash furnishes food. Frobenius, At-  
 lantis I 310; Klipple 305; Ekoi: Talbot 28.
- D1472.2.7.+ . Magic calabash supplies food to younger brother,  
 water to elder brother. Togo: Cardinall 221.
- D1472.2.7.+ . Magic calabash spoon furnishes food. Frobenius,  
 Atlantis XI 101, 224, 233.
- D1476.2. Magic egg produces slaves, city. Kpelle: Wester-  
 mann 392.
- D1477.+ . Magic termite hill provides man with horse.

- Probenius, Atlantis XI 291.
- D1477.+ Magic rope produces cows. Tanna: Thomas 58.
- D1478.+ Magic calabash produces daylight. Ikom: Dayrell  
RAI No. 3, 36.
- D1483.+ City produced by magic. Vai: Ellis 188; Vai:  
Klingenheben ZSES XVI 96; Ashanti: Rattray 83.
- D1500. Magic object controls disease.
- D1500.1.4.2. Magic Healing leaves. Yoruba: Ellis 257f.;  
Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 23.
- D1515.2.1. Charm as antidote for snakebite. Nigeria:  
Baumann 46; Gold Coast: Christaller, Zs.f.Vksk. IV 66.
- D1518. Magic object restores bodily members.
- D1518.+ Stump of hand held in python's mouth comes out  
whole. Ashanti: Rattray 203.
- D1518.+ Stump of hand passed beneath carapace of tortoise  
comes out with gold hand attached. Slave Coast: Traut-  
mann 67.
- D1520. Magic object affords miraculous transportation.
- D1520.+ Magic calabash provides transportation. Ekoï:  
Talbot 62.
- D1520.10.1. Magic sandals provide transportation. Togo:  
Cardinall 201f.
- D1520.18. Magic transportation by hammock. Vai: Ellis  
200; Klipple 321.

- D1520.24. Transportation by magic box. Ibo: Basden (1938)  
h24.
- D1532.7.+ Magic tree lifts man to extraordinary height.  
Togo: Einstein 10f.; Ekoi: Talbot 349; Gola: Westermann 253, 307, 491.
- D1539.+ Magic transportation to top of silk-cotton tree.  
Ashanti: Rattray 197.
- D1539.+ Medicine carries traveler anywhere at once. Ashanti: Rattray 263.
- D1540. Magic object controls elements.
- D1542.1. Magic object produces rain. Ekoi: Talbot 248;  
Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 337.
- D1542.3.+ Cutlass will cleave water and leave road to pass through. Togo: Cardinal 201.
- D1542.3.1. Magic medicine causes streams to dry up. Ekoi: Talbot 115, 145.
- D1546.1.2.+ Magic horn causes darkness. Liberia: Croniss 82.
- D1549.3.+ Red dye thrown into river causes it to release woman who has fallen in. Probenius, Atlantis II 185.
- D1549.+ Charm attracts lightning. Yoruba: Ogumefu 7.
- D1549.+ Magic machete can cut a thunderbolt in two. Ekoi: Talbot 211.
- D1550. Magic object miraculously opens and closes.

Basset 218; Yoruba: Ellis 271; Probenius, Atlantis I  
 266; Klippie 341; Golia: Westermann 499f.; Kpelle:  
 Westermann 395.

D1552.+ Rock near abode of spirit opens and swallows whole  
 group of hunters. Togo: Cardinall 188.

D1552.2.+ Magic stone opens on command. Slave Coast:  
 Bouche 223.

D1556.2.+ Tree magically splits in two and hides hunter.  
 Togo: Cardinall 101.

D1560. Magic object performs other services for owner.

D1564.4.+ Magic knife cleaves swallowing stone. Togo:  
 Cardinall 189.

D1565.1.+ Magic snail causes chips from tree to return.  
 Mende: Migeod 228.

#### D1600--D1699. CHARACTERISTICS OF MAGIC OBJECTS

D1600. Automatic object

D1601. Object labors automatically.

D1601.+ Magic knife cuts on command. Togo: Schührl 21.

D1601.+ Magic knife maintains farm. Probenius, Atlantis  
 XI 312.

D1601.1. Magic calabash cooks and cares for child. Ekwé:  
 Talbot 27.

D1601.4.+ Automatic knife cuts everything in its path.  
 Ewe: Splith 592.

- D1601.4.1. Automatic sword. Gold Coast: Courlander and  
~~Prempah 86.~~
- D1601.5. Automatic cudgel. Barker and Sinclair 43f.
- D1601.9.1. Automatic broom. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 79.
- D1601.16.1. Self-digging hoe. Gold Coast: Courlander and  
 Prempah 86; Ashanti: Rattray 43.
- D1601.17.+ . Boughs of tree beat person on request. Liberia:  
 Germann 122.
- D1601.18.+ . Self-playing harp. Gola: Westermann 485.
- D1601.20. Self-grinding millstone. Barker and Sinclair 81;  
 Ewe: Spieth 574; Ewe: Werner 327.
- D1602.2.2. Chips from tree return to place when cut out.  
 Nigeria: Dayrell 99; Mende: Westermann 454.
- D1602.6.1. Self-returning bangle. Vai: Ellis 235.
- D1609.+ . Self-gathering firewood. Liberia: Bundy, JAFI  
 XXXII 406.
- D1609.+ . Bearded stone falls on observer when it is men-  
 tioned aloud. Gola: Westermann 503f.
- D1609.+ . Self-directing boat. Barker and Sinclair 43.
- D1609.+ . Genital organs travel by themselves. Frobenius,  
 Atlantis XI 209, 273.
- D1609.+ . Iron gate will not allow passage to anyone who has  
 not lost a blood relative. Ashanti: Rattray 273.
- D1610.+ . Speaking stool. Courlander and Herzog 25ff.;  
 Rugoff 39ff.



- D1610.+ Speaking fishtrap. Courlander and Herzog 25ff.;  
~~Rugoff 39ff.~~
- D1610.+ Speaking amulet. Tahiti: Bellon 4.
- D1610.+ Speaking spoon. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 101.
- D1610.2. Speaking tree. Togo: Cardinall 41, 101; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 264; Ashanti: Rattray 49.
- D1610.2.+ Speaking bush. Slave Coast: Trautmann 73.
- D1610.2.+ Speaking calabash plant. Frobenius, Atlantis X 299f.
- D1610.2.+ Speaking palm branch. Courlander and Herzog 25ff.;  
 Rugoff 39ff.
- D1610.3.+ Speaking pumpkin. Togo: Cardinall 42.
- D1610.+ Speaking corn. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 46; Ashanti: Rattray 251.
- D1610.3.+ Speaking yam. Barker and Sinclair 77; Courlander and Herzog 25ff.; Ashanti: Rattray 31; Rugoff 39ff.
- D1610.3.1. Speaking gourd (calabash). Frobenius, Atlantis X 227; Ekoi: Talbot 28.
- D1610.3.4. Speaking ~~eggplant~~ plant. Mende: Migeod 242.
- D1610.5. Speaking head (skull). Frobenius, Atlantis X 295.
- D1610.5.+ Speaking bones. Ibo: Thomas (III) 67. (cf. D1615.7.)
- D1610.6.1. Speaking vulva. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 302.
- D1610.6.4. Speaking excrements. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 462; Ellipple 426; Ibo: Thomas (III) 86f.; 97;

Man XVIII 47, 56, 86.

- D1610.9.+ ~~Speaking stick. Ashanti: Rattray 251.~~
- D1610.13.+ Speaking calabash spoon. Probenius, Atlantis XI 101.
- D1610.13.1. Speaking kettle. Vai: Ellis 188; Slave Coast: Trautmann 77.
- D1610.14.1. Speaking hoe (handle). Liberia: Cronise 266.
- D1610.14.+ Speaking whip. Probenius, Atlantis XI 103.
- D1610.18. Speaking stone. Agni: Fernor, RTP XXVII 379; Sierra Leone: Migeod 326; Ekoi: Talbot 394; Mende: Westermann 458.
- D1610.18.+ Bearded speaking stone. Mende: Migeod 263; Agni: Tauxier 231.
- D1610.19.+ Speaking ant hill. Liberia: Cronise 250.
- D1610.21. Speaking image. Yoruba: Parkinson, Man VI 103.
- D1610.22. Speaking palm nut. Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 41; Agni: Fernor, RTP XXVIII 25; Gola: Westermann 501.
- D1610.26.+ Speaking bag (sack). Probenius, Atlantis XI 273.
- D1610.26.+ Speaking cloth. Courlander and Herzog 25ff.; Rugoff 39ff.
- D1610.34.+ Speaking horn. Gola: Westermann 490.
- D1610.34.+ Speaking drum. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 53.
- D1610.35. Speaking river. Courlander and Herzog 25ff.;

- Yoruba: Ogumefa 35; Rugoff 39ff.
- D1610.36. Speaking water. Ibo: Thomas (III) 118.
- D1612.4.1. Magic cloth tells where it is hidden. Ekoi: Talbot 226; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 23; (III) 125.
- D1615.+ . Singing grinding stone. Ewe: Spieth 574; Ewe: Werner 327.
- D1615.7. Singing bones (head). Yoruba: Clarke No. 1.
- D1645.1. Luminous incandescent jewel. Ekoi: Talbot 346.
- D1648.1. Tree bends to certain person (to give fruit). Togo: Cardinall 228.
- D1649.+ . Magic knife cuts where ordered. Ashanti: Rattray 215.
- D1652.1.0.1. Miraculous increasing of small quantity of victuals or drink to feed a great number of people. Sierra Leone: Hudge-Paris, JAPL XLIII 319.
- D1654.4.1. Sword can be moved (unsheathed) only by right person. Teme: Schlenker 11.
- D1672.0.1.+ . Magic fire tries to burn maiden who spurns suit. Frobenius, Atlantis I 212.
- D1688.+ . Magic tree can be felled only with magic needle. Kende: Westermann 455.
- D1711. Magician. Nigeria: Baumann 44, 54, 131; Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 414; Togo: Cardinall 158; Togo: Eärter, ZOOS VI 215; Vai: Klingenheben ZSES XVI 86f.;

Mende: Migeed 254; Yoruba: Ogumefu 29f.; Togo: Schön-  
härli 10; Mende: Westermann 456.

D1711.+ Eagle magician. Vai: Klingenberg, ZSES XVI 96;  
Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 218ff.; Ashanti: Rattray 17.

D1711.+ Leopard magician. Himmelheber 72.

D1711.+ Rabbit magician. Liberia: Cronise 145.

D1711.+ Devil magician. Liberia: Cronise 163.

D1726.+ Parrot magician. Frobenius, Atlantis I 297f.

D1739.+ Hunter must sleep without breathing to acquire  
magic power. Ashanti: Rattray 243.

D1739.+ Magic power through instructions from box. Ewe:  
Westermann 19.

D1741.+ Magic power lost because of broken tabu. Frobenius,  
Atlantis XI 288.

D1749.+ One magic charm counteracts the effect of another.  
Nigeria: Dayrell 12.

D1799.3.+ Amulet knocked against grave revives beheaded  
men. Meinhof 216.

D1812.5.0.+ Divination by casting stones. Liberia: Cro-  
nise 104.

D1812.5.0.+ Divining cattle. Gold Coast: Courlander and  
Prempah 89.

D1812.5.0.+ Divining by casting lots. Nigeria: Dayrell  
112.

- D1812.5.0.+ Divination with palm nuts. Yoruba: Dennett  
~~46; Nigeria: Dennett 210.~~
- D1812.5.0.+ Divination by tossing cowrie shells. Gold  
 Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 81.
- D1840. Magic invulnerability. Yoruba: Ogumefu 29.
- D1866.1. Beautification by bathing. Ashanti: Rattray 79.
- D2061.2.3. Murder by pointing. Mende: Migeod 249; Mende:  
 Westermann 455.
- D2062.2.+ Temporary blindness caused by gesture with hand.  
 Probenius, Atlantis XI 317.
- D2079.+ Boy bewitched by medicine placed in his food.  
 Ibibio: Talbot 163.
- D2089.6.+ Magic medicine crumbles house posts. Liberia:  
 Germann 124f.
- D2089.9.+ Trail magically lengthened, thus delaying mes-  
 senger. Ekoi: Talbot 308.
- D2089.9.+ Road magically branches. Ibo: Hasden (1938)  
 428; Lee 12.
- D2097. Magic troublemaking: Youth turns pursuers against  
 each other by magic. Ekoi: Talbot 129.
- D2121.1.+ Magic transportation: spider is transported to  
 any destination upon pronouncing bird's name. Vai:  
 Ellis 208.
- D2121.7.3. Magic transportation on smoke. Vai: Ellis 191.
- D2135.0.1. Levitation: magic causes suspended house to

- raise and lower. Agni: Tauxier 233.
- D2136.+ Magic word causes felled tree to right itself.  
Ashanti: Rattray 85; Texne: Thomas 34.
- D2143.1. Rain produced by magic. Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 337; Ekoi: Talbot 248.
- D2143.1.2. Rain produced by singing. Barker and Sinclair 64; Lee 22.
- D2151.2.+ Charm causes shallow water to rise and seize person wading. Ibibio: Talbot 72.
- D2151.2.1.1. River with flow magically divided. Ashanti: Rattray 37, 221.
- D2151.3. Magic control of waves. Ekoi: Talbot 387.
- D2151.6.+ Magic causes springs and rivers to dry up. Ekoi: Talbot 145.
- D2153.+ Hole in earth closed by invocation. Ekoi: Talbot 308.
- D2157.2.+ Magic quick growth of crops: causes bean to sprout instantly, grow and bear in one day. Himmalheber 135.
- D2161.3.1.+ Blindness magically cured: Man slaughters son to obtain blood to restore sight of friend. Vai: Ellis 216.
- D2161.3.1.1. Eyes torn out magically replaced. Ashanti: Rattray 225.
- D2161.3.2. Magic restoration of severed hand. Ashanti:

- Rattray 203; Slave Coast: Trautmann 67.
- D2161.3.11. Barranmass magically cured. Mende: Migeed 256;  
Slave Coast: Trautmann 76.
- D2161.4.2.2. Ghost transfers boil to a post. Eko: Talbot  
8.
- D2171.1. Object magically attaches itself to a person. Bar-  
ker and Sinclair 66, 84; Himmelheber 37; Eko: Talbot  
115, 394; Slave Coast: Trautmann 77; Kpelle: Wester-  
mann 388. (Cf. D1413.17.).
- D2171.1.+ Decapitated magician's head rolls off, sticks to  
king, consuming all of king's food. Yoruba: Ogunefa  
29f.
- D2171.1.+ Skull sticks to spider's head. Liberia: Cronise  
290.
- D2188. Magic disappearance.
- D2188.+ Hare runs three times around hill, disappears. Pur-  
suing dog also disappears on the third time around.  
Togo: Schönherl 41.

## E. THE DEAD

### Detailed Synopsis

#### E0 --E199. Resuscitation

- E0. Resuscitation
- E10. Resuscitation by rough treatment
- E30. Resuscitation by arrangement of members
- E50. Resuscitation by magic
- E80. Water of life
- E90. Tree of life
- E100. Resuscitation by medicines
- E120. Other means of resuscitation
- E150. Circumstances of resuscitation

#### E200--E599. GHOSTS AND OTHER REVENANTS

##### E200--E299. Malevolent return from the dead

- E200. Malevolent return from the dead
- E210. Dead lover's malevolent return
- E220. Dead relative's malevolent return
- E230. Return from dead to inflict punishment
- E250. Bloodthirsty revenants
- E260. Other malevolent revenants
- E280. Ghosts haunt buildings

##### E300--E399. Friendly return from the dead

- E300. Friendly return from the dead



- E310. Dead lover's friendly return
  - E320. Dead relative's friendly return
  - E340. Return from dead to repay obligations
  - E360. Other reasons for friendly return from the dead
  - E380. Ghost summoned
  - E390. Friendly return from the dead -- miscellaneous
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- E400--E599. Ghosts and revenants -- miscellaneous
    - E400. Ghosts and revenants -- miscellaneous
    - E410. The unquiet grave
    - E420. Appearance of revenant
    - E430. Defense against ghosts and the dead
    - E440. Walking ghosts "laid"
    - E460. Revenants in conflict
    - E470. Intimate relations of dead and living
    - E480. Abode of the dead
    - E490. Meetings of the dead
    - E500. Phantom hosts
    - E510. Phantom sailors
    - E520. Animal ghosts
    - E530. Ghosts of objects
    - E540. Miscellaneous actions of revenants
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- E600--E699. Reincarnation
    - E600. Reincarnation
    - E610. Reincarnation as animal

- E630. Reincarnation in object
- E650. Reincarnation: other forms
- E670. Repeated reincarnation
- E690. Reincarnation: miscellaneous

E700--E799. The soul

- E700. The soul
- E710. External soul
- E720. Soul leaves or enters the body
- E730. Soul in animal form
- E740. Other forms of the soul
- E750. Perils of the soul
- E760. Life index
- E770. Vital objects
- E780. Vital bodily members

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EO--E199. RESUSCITATION

- E1. Person comes to life.
- E1.+ Person comes to life in grave. Unable to get out.  
Vai: Dammann, ZSES XIII 255.
- E10. Resuscitation by rough treatment.
- E30. Resuscitation by arrangement of members. Courlander  
and Herzog 7; Probenius, Atlantis I 316; Himmelheber  
110.
- E50. Resuscitation by magic.
- E52. Resuscitation by magic charm. Togo: Cardinall 47;  
Mende: Migeod 258.
- E53. Resuscitation by fetish (amulet). Tahiti: Bellon, MSOS  
XVII 10f.; Meinhof 216; Slave Coast: Trautmann 100.
- E55.3. Resuscitation by blowing trumpet. Liberia: Cronise  
204; Ekoi: Talbot 63.
- E64.1.+ Resuscitation by magic calabash. Nigeria: Hersko-  
vits, JAPL XLIV 453.
- E64.16.1.+ Resuscitation by cow's tail. Togo: Cardinall  
203, 218.
- E73.+ Resuscitation by pounding rice on grave with incan-  
tation. Liberia: Cronise 271.
- E73.+ Resuscitation by song sung over grave. Ewe: Wester-

- mamm 20.
- E79.+ Resuscitation by medicine provided by snake. Vai:  
Ellis 196; Seidel 288; Tenno: Thomas 29; Kpelle:  
Westermann 435.
- E100. Resuscitation by medicine. Ibo: Basdan (1921) 425;  
Nigeria: Baumann 49; Vai: Ellis 201; Togo: Cardinall  
32, 45, 202; Probenius, Atlantis XI 297; Klippel 321;  
Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 40; Ashanti: Rattray 197,  
263; Togo: Prietze, ZAOS III 40; Kpelle: Westermann  
375.
- E105. Resuscitation by herbs (leaves). Ikom: Dayrell, RAI  
No. 3, 47; Eko: Talbot 8.
- E106.+ Resuscitation by magic palm nut. Agni: Fernor, RTP  
XVIII 25.
- E113. Resuscitation by blood. Togo: Cardinall 209.
- E121.8. Resuscitation by bush-devil (fairy). Probenius,  
Atlantis, XI 294; Himmelheber 34.
- E121.8.+ Resuscitation by bearded stone. Agni: Tauxier  
231.
- E121.8.+ Bush-devil restores life to a man so that he will  
know his wife has been unfaithful. Himmelheber 37.
- E122.+ Resuscitation by goat. Probenius, Atlantis XI 286.
- E122.+ Resuscitation by snail. Vai: Ellis 243.
- E122.+ Resuscitation brought about by wasp flying into nose.  
Probenius, Atlantis XI 330.

- E122.+ . Tortoise resuscitates trickster by breaking wind in  
 good man's face. *Tenne*: *Thomas* 35.
- E122.+ . Bird restores man to life to prove inconstancy of  
 man's friend. *Nigeria*: *Herskovits*, *JAFPL XLIV* 454.
- E122.+ . Resuscitation by bird (by bird's direction). *Vai*:  
*Ellis* 210; *Himmelheber* 48; *Ibo*: *Thomas (III)* 70.
- E122.2. Resuscitation by snake. (See E79.+.)
- E150. Circumstances of resuscitation.
- E150.+ . Overburdened tortoise brought back to life, but great  
 load which killed him is permanently cemented to back.  
*Barker and Sinclair* 117.
- E150.+ . Resuscitation of "dead" ghosts back to normal ghost  
 state. *Ekoi*: *Talbot* 8.
- E150.+ . Resuscitated girl has head and arm of gold. *Mende*:  
*Migeod* 259.
- E156.+ . Partial resuscitation: Life-restoring medicine is  
 sprinkled into the eye of giant (Death). Eye blinks  
 constantly; each blink signals a human death. *Togo*:  
*Cardinall* 33.
- E185. Resuscitation when murder is discovered.
- E185.+ . Murdered boy resuscitated by execution of his mur-  
 derer. *Slave Coast*: *Bouche* 232.

E200--E599. GHOSTS AND OTHER REVENANTS

- E200. Malevolent return of the dead.

- E220. Dead relatives' malevolent return.
- E221.+ . King blinded by ghost of executed wife. Togo:  
Cardinall 276.
- E222.+ . Dead father torments son in dreams because son  
failed to make sacrifice at funeral. Frobenius, Atlantis  
XI 90.
- E225.+ . Ghost of murdered child confronts sister who killed  
her. Epelle: Westermann 373.
- E231.+ . Old woman's ghost haunts her murderer. Togo:  
Cardinall 250.
- E235.+ . Executioner haunted by ghost of king's wife whom he  
mutilated. Togo: Cardinall 275.
- E299. Miscellaneous acts of malevolent ghosts.
- E299.+ . Ghost of mother-in-law pursues parrot. Epelle:  
Westermann 374.
- E299.+ . Ghost emerges from ground to steal palm nuts. Ni-  
geria: Talbot (1923) 83.
- E299.+ . Woman sleeping near ghost community assaulted by  
ghosts while she sleeps. Sierra Leone: Migeod 313.
- E299.+ . People burn body instead of burying it when man re-  
ports that it arose and attacked him. Sierra Leone:  
Migeod 314.
- E299.+ . Corpse breaks bonds, arises, and attacks watcher,  
later "dies" again. Sierra Leone: Migeod 314.

## E300--E399. FRIENDLY RETURN FROM THE DEAD

- E320. Dead relatives' friendly return.
- E321. Dead husband's friendly return.
- E321.+ . Woman goes to grave to consult husband's spirit.  
Nigeria: Dayrell 147.
- E321.+ . Revenant returns to old home to beg wife to live up to promise to follow him in death. Slave Coast: Trautmann 65.
- E323. Dead mother's friendly return.
- E323.2. Dead mother returns to aid persecuted children.  
Ikon: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 19, 39; Klipple 238; Slave Coast: Trautmann 3, 55.
- E323.3.1.+ . Buried mother (of dog) opens grave, feeds son when he pronounces proper formula. Frobenius, Atlantis I 266.
- E324. Dead child's friendly return to parents.
- E324.+ . Inhabitant of underworld has compassion for mourning woman, arranges to send woman's daughter back to land of living. Mende: Westermann 456.
- E324.+ . Spirit of dead girl does mysterious housekeeping for mother. Nigeria: CMS III 17.
- E327. Dead father's friendly return.
- E327.+ . Boy's father appears to him in dream. Nigeria: Dayrell 122.

- E340. Return from dead to repay obligation.
- E341. The grateful dead.
- E341.+ Jinn reveals self to be spirit of man once buried by the man he befriends. Sierra Leone: Nigeod 316.
- E351. Dead returns to repay money debt. Slave Coast: Trantmann 19.
- E363. Ghost returns to aid living.
- E363.5.1.+ Long-dead ancestor appears to unattractive girl, gives her clothing and transportation to festival. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 33.
- E366. Return from dead to give counsel.
- E366.+ Guardian spirit places restrictions on beautiful woman's choice of mate. Togo: Cardinal 184.
- E371. Return from dead to reveal hidden treasure. Nigeria: Dayrell 122.
- E373. Ghosts bestow gifts on living.
- E373.+ Friendly revenant gives boy three magic calabashes. They produce riches. Slave Coast: Bouche 236.
- E379.+ Man from spirit land treats king's painful eye in exchange for king's daughter. Nigeria: Dayrell 100.
- E400--E599. GHOSTS AND REVENANTS--MISCELLANEOUS
- E401. Voices of dead heard from graveyard.
- E401.+ Spirit speaks from rice-bearing tree. Mende: Westermann 453.



- Eh01.+ Voice of dead friend comes to hunter asking him whether he wishes to live or die. Ekoi: Talbot 362.
- Eh10. The unquiet grave.
- Eh10.+ After death men linger for a time near their homes. Togo: Cardinal 33.
- Eh10.+ Boys and girls who have reached the age of puberty are unable to go to the land of the dead, linger over old haunts as ghosts. Togo: Cardinal 34.
- Eh10.+ Ghost unable to travel between upper and lower worlds without special bamboo raft. Nigeria: Talbot (1923) 84.
- Eh10.+ Ghost of boy wanders in bush, seeks food. Probenius, Atlantis XI 287.
- Eh20. Appearance of revenant.
- Eh21.1. Invisible ghosts.
- Eh21.1.+ Why living men can not see road to ghost town. Ekoi: Talbot 238.
- Eh21.1.+ Transformed ghosts squeeze juice of leaf into eyes to resume ghost form. Sierra Leone: Migeod 313.
- Eh21.1.1.+ Living person sees spirit of dead through magic mirror. Ashanti: Battray 93.
- Eh22. The living corpse. Revenant is not a specter but has the attributes of a living person. He wanders about till his "second death," complete disintegration in the grave.

Ekoi: Talbot 7.

- E422.1. Body of living corpse.
- E422.1.+ Ghost's eyes exceptionally sharp. Nigeria: Talbot (1923) 84.
- E422.1.+ Ghost named "man with twenty heads." Ekoi: Talbot 8.
- E422.1.+ Chieftaness of ghosts appears as ugly old woman covered with sores and being eaten by maggots. Ekoi: Talbot 235.
- E422.1.1. Headless revenant. Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 7.
- E426. Revenant as object.
- E426.+ Wind-devils and whirlwinds are ghosts. Togo: Cardinal 34.
- E470. Intimate relations of dead and living.
- E474. Cohabitation of living person and ghost. Ekoi: Talbot 280.
- E474.+ Friendly ghost tells captive girl to eat nothing except tomatoes to avoid being killed, shows her how to escape from ghost town. Ekoi: Talbot 240.
- E480. Abode of the dead.
- E481. Land of the dead (city of dead or city of skulls). Nigeria: CMS III 7; Liberia: Cronise 293; Ekoi: Talbot 7, 56, 99, 226, 240; Agni: Tauxier 236.
- E481.1.1. Old woman ruler of dead (chieftaness of ghosts).

- Ekoi: Talbot 235.
- E489.+ Ghost roads in bush have no destination. Togo: Cardinal 34.
- E489.+ Spirits use skulls to splash stream for fish. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 139; Ashanti: Rattray 67.
- E489.+ Ghosts use black ants and water of river to seek escaped captives. Ekoi: Talbot 9.
- E490. Meetings of the dead.
- E493. Dead men dance. Ekoi: Talbot 276.
- E494.+ Ghosts hold play in streets. Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 341.
- E499.+ Living person cannot understand language of ghost town's inhabitants. Ekoi: Talbot 99.
- E499.+ Trumpet used by ghosts made of crab's claw. Ekoi: Talbot 63.
- E540. Miscellaneous actions of revenants.
- E541.2. Ghosts eat living human beings. Nigeria: Dayrell 101; Ekoi: Talbot 240.
- E545. The dead speak.
- E545.+ Skulls in skull town shout at each other through spaces where noses should be. Ekoi: Talbot 275.
- E545.+ Ghosts can count only to six. Ekoi: Talbot 240.
- E568.+ Magic pipe causes ghosts to sleep. Ekoi: Talbot 63.

E577. Dead persons play games.

E577.+ Ghosts in ghost town have wrestling match. Ekoi:  
Talbot 7.

#### E600--E699. REINCARNATION

E600. Reincarnation.

E600.+ Men do not stay dead, are born again in form similar to the one held in life. Togo: Cardinal 33.

E605. Reincarnation in another human form.

E605.7.+ Reincarnation: Woman's child has mark of dead husband. Ibibio: Talbot 39.

E630. Reincarnation as object.

E631. Reincarnation in plant (tree) growing from grave.  
Ekoi: Talbot 133.

E632.1. Speaking (singing) bones of murdered person reveal murder. Yoruba: Clarke No. 1; Klipple 363; Ibo: Thomas (III) 57, 67.

E632.1.+ Singing mushroom growing from grave of slain boy incriminates murderer. Slave Coast: Bouche 232.

E632.1.+ Floating corpse speaks to king, incriminates co-wives who caused drowning. Slave Coast: Trautmann 74.

E632.1.+ Flowering bush grows where body of murdered girl is hidden, speaks and incriminates murderer. Slave Coast: Trautmann 73.

- E700. The soul.
- E760. Life index. Object (animal, person) has mystic connection with the life of a person, so that changes in the life-token indicate changes in the person, usually disaster or death.
- E761.1.4. Life token: blood of fish calls out. Ekoi: Talbot 187.
- E761.3.+ . Life token: ripening kola nut. Mende: Westermann 451.
- E761.3.+ . Life token: silk cotton tree. Togo: Cardinal 186.
- E761.7. Life token -- miscellaneous.
- E761.7.+ . Life token: red sky or black sky. Gola: Westermann 480, 488.
- E761.7.3. Life token: leaves fall from tree. Ekoi: Talbot 185.

F. MARVELS

Detailed Synopsis

- F0 --F199. Otherworld journeys
- F0. Journey to otherworld
  - F10--F79. The upper world
    - F10. Journey to upper world
    - F30. Inhabitant of upper world visits earth
    - F50. Access to upper world
    - F60. Transportation to or from upper world
  - F80--F109. The lower world
    - F80. Journey to lower world
    - F90. Access to lower world
    - F100. Visit to lower world -- miscellaneous motifs
  - F110--F199. Miscellaneous otherworlds
    - F110. Journey to terrestrial otherworlds
    - F130. Location of otherworld
    - F140. Bounds of the otherworld
    - F150. Access to otherworld
    - F160. Nature of the otherworld
    - F170. Otherworld -- miscellaneous motifs

F200--F699. MARVELOUS CREATURES

- F200--F399. Fairies and elves
- F200. Fairies (elves)
  - F210. Fairyland

- F220. Dwelling of fairies
- F230. Appearance of fairies
- F240. Possessions of fairies
- F250. Other characteristics of fairies
- F260. Behavior of fairies
  
- F300--F399. Fairies and mortals
  - F300. Marriage or liaison with fairy
  - F310. Fairies and human children
  - F320. Fairies carry people away to fairyland
  - F330. Grateful fairies
  - F340. Gifts from fairies
  - F350. Theft from fairies
  - F360. Malevolent or destructive fairies (pixies)
  - F370. Visit to fairyland
  - F380. Defeating or ridding oneself of fairies
  - F390. Fairies -- miscellaneous motifs
  
- F400--F499. Spirits and demons
  - F400. Spirits and demons (general)
  - F420. Water-spirits
  - F430. Weather-spirits
  - F440. Vegetation-spirits
  - F450. Underground-spirits
  - F460. Mountain-spirits
  - F470. Night-spirits

- F480. House-spirits
- F490. Other spirits and demons
- F500--F599. Remarkable persons
  - F500. Remarkable persons
  - F510. Monstrous persons
  - F530. Exceptionally large or small men
  - F540. Remarkable physical organs
  - F560. Unusual manner of life
  - F570. Other extraordinary human beings
- F600--F699. Persons with extraordinary powers
  - F600. Person with extraordinary powers
  - F610. Remarkably strong man
  - F640. Extraordinary powers of perception
  - F660. Remarkable skill
  - F680. Other marvelous powers
- F700--F899. Extraordinary places and things
  - F700. Extraordinary places
  - F710. Extraordinary bodies of water
  - F720. Submarine and subterranean world
  - F730. Extraordinary islands
  - F750. Extraordinary mountains and other land features
  - F760. Extraordinary cities
  - F770. Extraordinary buildings and furnishings
  - F790. Extraordinary sky and weather phenomena



- F800. Extraordinary rocks and stones
  - F810. Extraordinary trees, plants, fruit, etc.
  - F820. Extraordinary clothing and ornaments
  - F830. Extraordinary weapons
  - F840. Other extraordinary objects and places
- P900--F1099. Extraordinary occurrences
- F910. Extraordinary swallowings
  - F930. Extraordinary occurrences concerning seas or waters
  - F940. Extraordinary underground (underwater) disappearances
  - F950. Marvelous cures
  - F960. Extraordinary nature phenomena -- elements and weather
  - F970. Extraordinary behavior of trees and plants
  - F980. Extraordinary occurrences concerning animals
  - F990. Inanimate objects act as if living
  - F1010. Other extraordinary events

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FO--F199. OTHERWORLD JOURNEYS

- F1. Journey to otherworld as dream or vision. Mende:  
Migeod 258.
- F10. Journey to upper world. Barker and Sinclair 97; Ekoi:  
Talbot 71, 184, 344.
- F12. Journey to see deity. Probenius, Atlantis X 225f.;  
Ekoi: Talbot 18, 184.
- F12.+ . Spider takes trips to heaven to obtain food. Pro-  
benius, Atlantis XI 244f.
- F12.+ . Woman and husband visit god, request that he help  
kill their eleven children. Togo: Cardinall 43.
- F30. Inhabitant of upper world visits earth.
- F50. Access to upper world.
- F51. Sky rope. Klipple 490; Radin (Ekoi: Talbot) 57; Ekoi:  
Talbot 70, 342; Ibo: Thomas, Man, XVIII 84.
- F51.1. Special kinds of sky-rope.
- F51.1.1. Spider-web sky-rope. Tiv: Abraham 80.
- F51.1.2.+ . Sky-rope of grass. Yoruba: Ogumofu 16.
- F52. Ladder to upper world. Barker and Sinclair 97.
- F54. Tree stretches to sky. Ekoi: Talbot 344.
- F55.2.+ . Pile of mortars reaches almost to heaven, lacks on-  
ly one. Ashanti: Werner 124f.
- F56.+ . Iron door to heaven. Probenius, Atlantis X 226.

- F57. Road to heaven.
- F57.+ . Boy follows priestess over river of blood, up heaven's tree, across river of snakes, and through iron door of heaven. Frobenius, Atlantis X 225f.
- F60. Transportation to or from upper world.
- F80. Journey to lower world. Barker and Sinclair 89.
- F81. Descent to lower world of dead (Hell, Hades). Tiv: Abraham 65, 75; Barker and Sinclair 89; Togo: Cardinal 45; Nigeria: CMS III 57; Nigeria: Dayrell 39; Himmelheber 22; Klipple 304; Mende: Migeod 257; Yoruba: Ellis 244; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 37; Ashanti: Rattray 193; Nigeria: Talbot (1923) 84; Ekoi: Talbot 7, 34, 46, 56, 63, 99, 233, 238, 280; Slave Coast: Trautmann 78.
- F81.+ . Journey to land of dead to seek horse. Tiv: Abraham 65.
- F81.+ . Spirit of beautiful girl goes to lower world where she is loved by white man. Mende: Migeod 257.
- F81.1.2. Journey to land of dead to visit deceased. Nigeria: Talbot (1923) 84.
- F90. Access to lower world.
- F92.5. Entrance to lower world by making hole in ground.
- F92.5.+ . Spider's son enters rat hole to recover lost nut, finds self in spirit land. Gold Coast: Werner 208.

F93.1. River entrance to lower world.

F93.1+. Friends float down river in calabash to ghost town.

Ekoi: Talbot 62.

F98. Descent to lower world on animal.

F100. Visit to lower world -- miscellaneous motifs.

F100.+ Girl carried from spirit land to her home by wind.

Nigeria: Dayrell 40.

F100.+ Stingy man not acceptable in kingdom of dead. He is sent back to world of living to dispose of wealth, returns to land of dead happy with his accomplishment.

Slave Coast: Trantmann 79.

F100.+ Man passes town of dead on way to elephant's village.

Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 82.

F100.+ Inhabitants of kingdom of dead drink beer and eat food made entirely from pepper. Tiv: Abraham 75.

F100.+ Man sends instructions from land of dead for ceremony. Texme: Schlenker 39.

F100.+ Child sent to devil's abode to wash rice stick.

Liberia: Cronise 266.

F102.1. Hero shoots monster (or animal) and follows it into lower world. Klipps 331; Ekoi: Talbot 99.

F102.2. Sound of drum followed into ghost town. Ekoi: Talbot 7, 34.

F110. Journey to terrestrial otherworlds.

- F117. Journey to land of thunders. Barker and Sinclair 39;  
 Ekoi: Talbot 202, 259.
- F121. Journey to world of spirits (forest devils). Tahi:  
 Bellon, MSOS XVII 31; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 279;  
 Kpelle: Westermann 385.
- F127.1. Journey to serpent kingdom. Frobenius, Atlantis  
 XI 200.
- F127.3. Journey to land of crocodiles (submarine). Kpelle:  
 Westermann 410ff.
- F129. Miscellaneous otherworlds.
- F129.+ . Woodcutter transported to submarine city of cow-  
 herds. Slave Coast: Trautmann 79.
- F129.1. Journey to land of men of heads only. Nigeria:  
 Baumann 96; Yoruba: Ogumefu 38; Ekoi: Talbot 273;  
 Slave Coast: Trautmann 50.
- F133. Submarine otherworld. Barker and Sinclair 38, 89;  
 Frobenius, Atlantis X 310; XI 200; Klipple 513; Slave  
 Coast: Trautmann 79; Kpelle: Westermann 410ff.
- F140. Bounds of the otherworld.
- F141.1.+ . Boy crosses river of pus on otherworld journey.  
 Slave Coast: Bouché 235.
- F141.1.+ . Boy crosses river of blood on otherworld journey.  
 Slave Coast: Bouché 235.
- F141.1.1. Perilous river as barrier to otherworld. Yoruba:  
 Ellis 245.

F150. Access to otherworld.

F151. Road to otherworld.

F151.+ City of forest devils reached by choice of one road at crossing of twenty roads. Epelle: Westermann 385.

F159.+ Child follows palm nut lost down ant hole, comes to inhabited land. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVI 11. (Cf. F92.5.+).

F167.4.1. People in otherworld stand on their heads and pound yams (in mortars) with heads. Yoruba: Ellis 245.

F170. Otherworld -- miscellaneous motifs.

F170.+ Country in which sheep tills soil, head walks alone, cow sows seed, tree cultivates land, lion carries water. Slave Coast: Trautmann 50f.

F200--F699. MARVELOUS CREATURES

F200--F399. FAIRIES AND MORTALS

F200. Fairies.<sup>1</sup>

F210. Fairyland.

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<sup>1</sup>Translations differ in nomenclature applied to marvelous creatures. The term fairy is used in some translations, whereas bush-devil and forest-devil appear in others. Devil in these contexts does not carry the same implication as does the term in Christian tradition. In some cases, the term seems to clearly imply what we generally accept as fairy; in others, it seems better construed as ogre. For purposes of classification, terminology in these selections has been regularized somewhat on the basis of context and majority usage.

- F212. City of fairies beneath water. Togo: Cardinall 94.
- F216.+ . Village of fairies in large tree. Togo: Cardinall 23, 80.
- F220. Dwelling of fairies.
- F220.+ . Woman finds fairy sitting in tree, takes it home.  
Ashanti: Rattray 97.
- F230. Appearance of fairies.
- F231. Fairy's limbs.
- F231.+ . Fairy as a round object without limbs. Ibo: Basden (1938) 427.
- F231.2. Fairy's feet.
- F231.2.+ . Fairy's feet point backward. Togo: Cardinall 81; Himmelheber 117.
- F232.4. Fairies have long hair. Togo: Cardinall 81; Ashanti: Rattray 97.
- F232.5. Fairies have hairy bodies. Togo: Cardinall 81.
- F236. Dress of fairies.
- F238. Fairies are naked. Togo: Cardinall 81; Himmelheber 112.
- F239. Appearance of fairies -- miscellaneous.
- F239.+ . Fairies have long noses, talk sounds like twittering of birds. Togo: Cardinall 81.
- F239.+ . Fairies once naked, bodies covered with abscesses.  
Himmelheber 112.

- F239.+ Three teeth fall out when fairy laughs. Nigeria:  
Herskovits, JAFI XLIV 460.
- F240. Possessions of fairies.
- F240.+ Dwarf fairy's pots acquire different colors from  
blood, hair, brains. Togo: Cardinall 25.
- F244.+ Fairy money disappears after it has been given to  
humans. Togo: Cardinall 85.
- F250. Other characteristics of fairies.
- F250.+ Fairies decide to be born as humans, enter woman to  
be born. Togo: Cardinall 86.
- F253.1. Extraordinary physical powers of fairies.
- F253.1.+ Dwarf fairy can swallow all the water in the river.  
Togo: Cardinall 162.
- F259.1.+ Mortality of fairies: Hunter shoots and "kills"  
all of a group of fairies save the eldest. All later  
revive. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 207; Ashanti: Rat-  
tray 53.
- F260. Behavior of fairies.
- F261. Fairies dance. Eve: Westermann 18.
- F261.+ Hunter joins fairy dance, is praised and given cow-  
rie shells by fairy chief. Togo: Cardinall 92.
- F261.+ Fairies catch boy with flute, force him to play  
while they dance. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 180.



- P274. Fairy physician.
- P274.+ Woman healed by medicine provided by fairy. Liberia: Germann 137f.
- P300. Marriage or liaison with fairy. Togo: Cardinall 23.
- P300.+ Fairy resuscitates man on condition that she may become his second wife. Probenius, Atlantis XI 294.
- P301.6.+ Fairy disguises self as wealthy traveler to seduce wife of poor man. Togo: Cardinall 83.
- P310. Fairies and human children.
- P321.+ Fairy steals woman's child as she works in field. Mende: Migeod 214.
- P327.+ Fairy gives medicine to childless man with nine wives, promises nine children the first year, demands man's mother or one of the children in payment. Togo: Cardinall 85.
- P330. Grateful fairies.
- P330.+ Fairies appear when girl sticks knife into plantain. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 207; Ashanti: Rattray 53.
- P349. Gifts from fairies -- miscellaneous.
- P349.+ Helpful fairy quiets woman's child while woman works in field. Himmelheber 113f.
- P349.+ Fairies assist farmer with the clearing of land. Barker and Sinclair 182f.

- F349.+ Fairy gives spider magic food-producing calabash spoon. Frobenius, Atlantis XI:224.
- F349.+ Fairy offers farmer gift in exchange for wine. Himmelheber 117.
- F349.+ Fairy makes medicine to help cock win suitor contest. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 460.
- F360. Malevolent or destructive fairies.
- F360.+ Fairy punishes people for cutting off its hair. Ashanti: Rattray 97.
- F360.+ Cannibal fairy. Nigeria: CMS II 30.
- F360.+ Dead fairy retains malevolent quality; Promised curse on tortoise becomes effective as soon as tortoise touches fairy's body. Ibo: Basden (1938) 428.
- F360.+ Fairies punish girl who refuses all suitors. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 207; Ashanti: Rattray 53.
- F365. Fairies steal. Himmelheber 112f.
- F380. Defeating or ridding oneself of fairies.
- F381.2.1. Escape from pursuing fairies by strewing path with bananas. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 208; Ashanti: Rattray 55.
- F390.+ Dwarf fairy can swallow all the water in a river. Togo: Cardinal 162f.

- F400. Spirits and demons (general). Basset 203; Togo: Cardinall 59; Dahomey: Einstein 27; Yoruba: Ellis 244; Liberia: Germann 130; Ewe: Spieth 590; Ekoi: Talbot 48; Gold Coast: Werner 208.
- F401. Appearance of spirits.
- F401.+ . Concealed hunter observes seven spirits emerge from ant hill, rub selves with medicine to make selves invisible. Ibibio: Talbot 152.
- F401.<sup>9</sup>. Dirty spirits who have not washed or shaved since the creation of the world. Gold Coast: Werner 208.
- F401.+ . Three spirits in rat hole, one white, one red, one black -- unwashed and unbarbered since creation of the world. Basset 203.
- F401.2.+ . Luminous spirits: Anthropomorphized death lights up teeth to see in dark. Ashanti: Rattray 193, 223.
- F401.5. Spirits appear horrible.
- F401.5.+ . Spirit without eyes, ears, arms, or bones. Liberia: Germann 130.
- F401.5.+ . Terrible spirit disguised as palm tree. Togo: Cardinall 44.
- F402.1. Deeds of evil spirits.
- F402.1.+ . Leopard beats magic drum and is flogged by seven ogbo spirits which emerge from drum. Ekoi: Talbot 48.
- F402.1.+ . Anthropomorphized death makes certain rounds. One who answers his call must die. Tiv: Abraham 67.

- F402.1.2. Spirit blocks person's path. Ibibio: Talbot 78.
- F402.1.4. Demons assume human forms in order to deceive.
- F402.1.4.+ Spirit in human form takes human wife. Ewe:  
Spieth 590.
- F402.1.4.+ Spirit in woman's body causes her to speak in  
strange language. Togo: Cardinall 59.
- F402.1.4.+ Death in form of a man. Togo: Cardinall 66.
- F402.1.6.+ People who see certain spirit go mad and die.  
Yoruba: Ogumefu 11.
- F402.1.11. Spirit kills people with arrows. Ewe: Spieth  
592.
- F403.2. Spirits help mortal.
- F403.2.+ Man called from spirit land to cure king's pain.  
Lee 10.
- F403.2.+ Spirit saves drowning man on man's promise to give  
his first child as payment. Sierra Leone: Migeod 315.
- F403.2.+ Spirit (Death) meets youth who has posed as girl  
and has become bride of king, cuts off youth's penis  
and transforms it to manioc to save youth from exposure.  
Dahomey: Einstein 27; Dahome: Le Herisse 266.
- F403.2.+ Spirits give young spider enormous yams in time  
of famine. Basset 204.
- F405. Means of combatting spirits.
- F405.+ Woman steals magic killing horn from spirit, points  
it at spirit and kills it. Liberia: Germann 131.

- F408. Habitation of spirits.
- F408.+ Helpful spirits live in rat hole. Gold Coast:  
Werner 208.
- F420. Water-spirits.
- F420.1. Form and appearance of water-spirits.
- F420.1.+ Water-spirit cuts off head and limbs, washes them,  
replaces them. Probenius, Atlantis II 73.
- F420.1.3.9. Water-spirit as snake. Togo: Cardinall 187.
- F420.2.2. Water-spirit's house under water. Yoruba: Lomax,  
JAPL XXVI 11.
- F420.4.9. Water-spirit controls water supply.
- F420.4.9.+ Dried up river restored when river-spirit in  
form of python is beheaded. Water flows from severed  
neck. Togo: Cardinall 187.
- F420.5. Deeds and actions of water-spirits.
- F420.5.1.8.+ Water-spirit rises out of pool, gives woman  
permission to break tabu. Ibibio: Talbot 79.
- F420.5.2. Malevolent water-spirits.
- F420.5.2.1.5. Water-spirit drags children into river.  
Sierra Leone: Mudge-Paris, JAPL XLIII 319.
- F420.5.2.1.6. Water-spirit claims a life every seven years.  
Ibibio: Talbot 181.
- F420.5.2.2. Water-spirit kidnaps mortals, keeps them under  
water. Nigeria: Dayrell III, 127; Radin (Nigeria: Day-  
rell) 194.

- F420.5.2.2.1.+ River-spirit offers to let captive go after three days if captive is obedient. Captive is disobedient on third day, is swallowed by spirit. Sierra Leone: Mudge-Paris JAFI XLIII 319.
- F420.6. Marriage to water-spirits.
- F420.6.1.3.+ Man kills river-spirit, elopes with its wife. Togo: Cardinal 23.
- F430. Weather-spirits.
- F440. Vegetable-spirits.
- F441. Wood-spirits. Probenius, Atlantis XI 277f.; Himmelheber 34; Ekoi: Talbot 247; Ibibio: Talbot 78.
- F446.1. Deeds of wood-spirits.
- F446.1.+ Tree-spirit causes unkind traveler to go mad. Nigeria: Baumann 75ff.
- F446.1.+ Spirit of old man inhabits tree, wanders about at night frightening people. Yoruba: Ogumefu 11.
- F446.1.+ Spirit in tree causes splinter to fly into king's eye when he cuts tree. Lee 10.
- F446.1.+ Tree-spirit blocks woman's path when she sets out to fetch water on tatu day. Ibibio: Talbot 78.
- F446.1.+ Forest spirit asks young man to wash him. Probenius, Atlantis XI 279.
- F446.1.+ Forest spirit helps boy make farm. Nigeria: Herakovits, JAFI XLIV 456.
- F446.1.+ Forest spirit restores life to dead man to prove

- man's wife was unfaithful. Himmelheber 35.
- F445.1.+ Forest spirit forces woman to prepare food for him, bites her on head when she displeases him. Probenius, Atlantis XI 277.
- F451. Dwarf. Barker and Sinclair 63; Lee 22; Agni: Tauxier 239; Slave Coast: Trautmann 45, 63.
- F451.2. Appearance of dwarf.
- F451.2.1.4. Hunchback dwarf. Barker and Sinclair 63; Lee 22.
- F451.2.2.1. Dwarf's feet twisted backward. (Cf. F231.2.+).
- F451.2.4.+ Red-headed dwarf. Agni: Tauxier 239f.
- F451.2.6. Other bodily characteristics of dwarfs.
- F451.2.6.+ Dwarf in appearance (transformed) of young man. Slave Coast: Trautmann 62.
- F451.5. Dwarfs and human beings.
- F451.5.+ Red-headed dwarf asks woman to have intercourse with him. Agni: Tauxier 239f.
- F451.5.+ Dwarfs challenge hunter to wrestling match. Slave Coast: Trautmann 45.
- F451.5.1. Helpful dwarfs. Barker and Sinclair 63; Lee 22.
- F451.5.2. Malevolent dwarfs.
- F451.5.2.+ Community of cannibalistic dwarfs. Slave Coast: Trautmann 63.
- F451.5.18. Dwarf in appearance of young man marries girl. Slave Coast: Trautmann 62.

- F490. Other spirits and demons.
- F490.+ Goblin directs hunter to place bit of roasted flesh on goblin's thigh. Resulting swelling on goblin's thigh gives birth to child. Probenius, Atlantis XI 72.
- F490.+ Goblin buys girl's palm oil, short-changes her. Yoruba: Ellis 244.
- F490.+ Goblin accosts woman in forest, gives her remedy for death. Himmelheber 32.
- F490.+ Wounded antelope takes refuge with goblins. Probenius, Atlantis XI 70.
- F490.+ Helpful goblin gives hunter instructions on how to foil two others who are stealing his game. Probenius, Atlantis XI 71.
- F493.0.3.1. Pestilence in form of a head. Elephantiasis travels by rolling along the road. Ikoni: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 72.

#### F500--F599. REMARKABLE PERSONS

- F510. Monstrous persons.
- F511.0.4.+ Old woman with removable head. Ashanti: Rat-tray 223.
- F512.1.1. Person with one eye in center of forehead. Liberia: Cronise 266.
- F513.1.+ Woman with extraordinarily long teeth. Liberia: Cronise 276.



- F515.0.1. Person without hands. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 291;  
 Ekoi: Talbot 374.
- F516.4. Man with elastic reach. Togo: Cardinall 204.
- F517.1.1. Person without feet. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 291;  
 Ekoi: Talbot 374.
- F521.3.4. Person with body of silver (gold). Togo: Cardin-  
 all 38.
- F525.1. One-sided man, has one eye, one ear, one arm, one  
 leg. Liberia: Bundy; JAFI XXXII 415.
- F529. Other monstrous persons.
- F529.+ Woman with vagina two feet long. Frobenius, Atlan-  
 tiq XI 303.
- F529.+ Man with penis six feet long. Frobenius, Atlantis  
 XI 303.
- F529.+ Woman melts when she is exposed to hot sun. Ibo:  
 Basden (1921) 276; Nigeria: Dayrell 83.
- F529.+ Woman with two skins, one ugly and one beautiful.  
 Nigeria: Dayrell 11.
- F530. Exceptionally large or small men.
- F531. Giant.
- F531.1. Appearance of giant.
- F531.1.+ Giant with blood trickling constantly from one eye,  
 white matter from the other. Flies dwell in one nostril,  
 bees in the other. Togo: Cardinall 241.
- F531.1.3.+ Giant so large his outstretched leg bars hunt-

- er's passage. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 71.
- F531.1.6.3.1. Giant with particularly long hair. Togo: Cardinall 30.
- F531.1.6.3.+ . Naked giant covered by red hair. Togo: Cardinall 75.
- F531.1.6.13. Giant's strength in hair (medicine concealed in hair). Togo: Cardinall 32; Radin (Nigeria: Talbot) 61.
- F531.2. Size of giant.
- F531.2.+ . Hordes of people come out of nostrils of gigantic old woman when she orders them out. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 80.
- F531.2.+ . Tribe of people, largest 150 feet high, smallest 90 feet high. Togo: Cardinall 237.
- F531.2.+ . Country once inhabited by giants so tall they could take chickens away from hawks. Voices could be heard for twenty miles. Togo: Cardinall 237.
- F531.3. Gargantuan feats.
- F531.3.+ . Giant picks up several cannon and carries them off. Tahi: Ellis 336.
- F531.3.+ . Giant transports pilgrim and two donkeys to next town in one step. Togo: Cardinall 75.
- F531.3.+ . Giant grows up alone. Togo: Cardinall 241.
- F531.3.+ . Giant causes millet to grow, be reaped and brewed into beer in one moment. Togo: Cardinall 243.

- F531.3.+ Giants in former days made iron and manufactured knives. Togo: Cardinall 186.
- F531.3.5. Giant steps a prodigious distance. Togo: Cardinall 75.
- F531.5. Giants and men.
- F531.5.+ Giant claims half of game hunters kill. Agni: Tauxier 241.
- F531.5.+ Giant captures girl, imprisons her in tree. Agni: Tauxier 239.
- F531.5.+ Giant feeds hungry boy meat of boy's slain sister. Togo: Cardinall 32.
- F531.5.1. Giant friendly to man. Togo: Cardinall 32, 75; Agni: Tauxier 235.
- F531.5.4.+ Hunter fires gun at giant. Giant turns to see what gnat is troubling him. Togo: Cardinall 100.
- F531.6.1. Origin of giants.
- F531.6.1.+ Villages founded by giants who came from sea. Tahiti: Ellis 335.
- F531.6.3.+ Giants live in house suspended in air. Agni: Tauxier 233.
- F531.6.12. Disappearance or death of giants.
- F531.6.12.+ Giant destroyed by Guinea worm. Tahiti: Ellis 336.
- F531.6.12.+ Giant slain by magic bullet. Togo: Cardinall 100.

- F531.6.12.+ Giant kills five boys. Their mother kills giant, cuts his body into five pieces. Agni: Tauxier 242.
- F531.6.12.1.+ Giant destroyed by setting fire to his long hair. Togo: Cardinall 32; Radin (Nigeria: Talbot) 61.
- F540. Remarkable physical organs.
- F547. Remarkable sexual organs.
- F547.3.1. Long penis. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 303.
- F547.3.6.+ Man uses long penis to cut down palm nuts. Ashanti: Rattray 269.
- F547.4. Extrabrdinary clitoris. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 303.
- F547.5.2. Enormous vagina. Frobenius, Atlantis 303.
- F554.1. Head drips milk instead of blood. Togo: Cardinall 275.
- F600--F699. PERSONS WITH EXTRAORDINARY POWERS
- F601.+ Death, Disease, and Shame are man's traveling companions. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 414.
- F610. Remarkably strong man.
- F610.4.+ Hero puts army to flight. Togo: Cardinall 241.
- F610.4.+ King destroys whole army by pointing. Mende: Migeod 254.
- F610.4.+ Strong man hunts with bar of iron instead of con-

- ventional weapons. Courlander and Herzog 41.
- F611.2.1. Strong hero suckled by animal. Nigeria: Hockler-Perryman 283.
- F611.3.2. Hero's precocious strength. Barker and Sinclair 147; Ibo: Basden (1938) 428; Togo: Cardinal 97, 128, 165; Togo: Einstein 8; Agni: Fernor, RTP XXVII 375; Frobenius, Atlantis X 217; Togo: Hürtter, ZOOS VI 135; Himmelheber 127; Lee 19; Ashanti: Rattray 49, 111; Togo: Schönkri 31; Ekoi: Talbot 128; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 24.
- F616.+ . Mighty pugilist. Frobenius, Atlantis X 220.
- F617. Mighty wrestler. Liberia: Croniss 55.
- F618. Strong man tames animals.
- F618.+ . Marvelous infant overpowers, wild beasts. Himmelheber 123.
- F618.+ . Extraordinary infant terrorizes community of animals. Agni: Fernor, RTP XXVII 376.
- F628.1.0.1.+ . Extraordinary infant goes on quest to slay monster. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVI 239.
- F628.1.0.1.+ . Extraordinary child puts forest-devil in his pocket. Epelle: Westermann 384.
- F628.1.0.1.+ . Twin heroes capture one-hundred forest-devils. Gola: Westermann 485.
- F628.1.1.+ . Extraordinary child takes arm from hyena, eye from civet cat, eats them to gain strength. Frobenius,

## Atlantis II 269.

F628.1.1.2. Strong man kills leopard. Tahi: Bellon, MSOS  
XVII 15.

F628.2. Strong man kills men.

F628.2.+ Extraordinary boy kills thirteen children for no  
apparent reason. Togo: Cardinal 130.

F632. Mighty eater. Frobenius, Atlantis X 275.

F638. Mighty archer.

F638.+ Hero shoots four arrows, brings down four fruits  
from palm tree. Gola: Westermann 489.

F640. Extraordinary powers of perception.

F640.+ Man capable of discerning what happened seven years  
previously on trail. Himmelheber 110.

F642.3.+ Man can see through hill. Liberia: Cronise 199;  
Liberia: Germann 132.

F645. Marvelously wise man.

F645.+ Wonder-child propounds riddling answers to questions.  
Himmelheber 124f.

F654.1.+ Son looks within self and sees mother's approach-  
ing death. Ekoi: Talbot 227.

F660. Remarkable skill.

F660.1. Brothers acquire extraordinary skill. Ewe: Wester-  
mann (2) 233.

F661. Skillful marksman. Ewe: Spieth 596; Slave Coast:

Trautmann 101; Ewe: Westermann 149; Ewe: Westerman (2) 233.

F661.+ Skillful marksman can shoot through mountain, hit antelope (or other animal). Liberia: Cronise 199;

Vai: Ellis 193f.; Liberia: Germann 132f.; Vai: Kling-enheben, ZSES XVI 86.

F661.4.+ Skillful marksman shoots egg on stick. Ewe: Westermann (2) 233.

F662.1. Skillful tailor sews up broken eggs. Ewe: Westermann (2) 233.

F662.1.1.+ Skillful tailor can mend body cut to pieces.

Ekoi: Talbot 391.

F662.2. Skillful tailor sews together scattered planks in capsizing boat. Slave Coast: Trautmann 101; Ewe: Westermann 149; Ewe: Westermann (2) 233.

F663. Skillful smith.

F663.+ Skillful goldsmith makes golden ear of corn which cannot be distinguished from real ear. Yoruba: Oguzefu 54.

F668. Skillful surgeon.

F668.+ Boy extracts father's shin-bone to make bow without harming father. Probenius, Atlantis XI 84.

F676. Skillful thief. Ewe: Spieth 596; Slave Coast: Trautmann 101; Ewe: Westermann 149; Ewe: Westermann (2) 233.

F679. Remarkable skills -- miscellaneous.

F679.+ Brothers combine remarkable skills to locate bones of dead relative, assemble them, and resuscitate the deceased. Liberia: Cronise 203; Gold Coast: Courlander and Frempeh 59ff.; Liberia: Germann 132; Himmelheber 110f.; Temne: Thomas 12f.

F680. Other marvelous powers.

F680.+ Four men with extraordinary powers: One tracks snakes; one kills snakes; one skins snakes; one resuscitates the dead. Togo: Cardinall 26.

F681.+ Man so swift he can carry game home, cook it, before companion hunters arrive. Liberia: Cronise 200; Vai: Ellis 193f.; Vai: Klingenberg, ZSES XVI 86f.

F700--F899. EXTRAORDINARY PLACES AND THINGS

F700. Extraordinary places.

F710. Extraordinary bodies of water.

F715. Extraordinary river.

F715.+ Snake water, stream filled with snakes. Probenius, Atlantis I 226.

F715.+ Speaking river. Togo: Cardinall 45; Yoruba: Ogumefu 35; Ibo: Thomas (III) 116.

F715.2.+ River of filth. Yoruba: Ellis 245.

F715.2.+ Extraordinary river: Part of it flows like white clay; part of it flows like red clay; part of it flows like charcoal. Ashanti: Rattray 221.



- F715.2.1. River of blood. Frobenius, Atlantis X 225.
- F715.2.4. River of honey. Barker and Sinclair 81.
- F750. Extraordinary mountains and other land features.
- F759.+ . Termite hill lends man a horse. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 291.
- F760. Extraordinary cities.
- F760.+ . City with iron gate, iron walls. Ashanti: Rattray 273.
- F768.+ . Extraordinary market set up by people who come out of giantess' nose. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 82ff.
- F769.+ . City of pigeons. Ashanti: Rattray 112.
- F800. Extraordinary rocks and stones.
- F809.+ . Stone with beard causes people to fall dead if they remark on beard in its presence. Agni: Tauxier 231.
- F809.+ . Bearded stone requests meat from hunter. Liberia: Cronise 167; Mende: Migeod 263.
- F809.+ . Stone near abode of spirit swallows anyone who comes near. Togo: Cardinal 188.
- F809.+ . Stone leaps from water and sticks to woman's knees when she voices desire for it. Ekoi: Talbot 394.
- F810. Extraordinary trees, plants, fruit, etc.
- F810.+ . Tree grows to great height in response to invocation. Ashanti: Rattray 51; Ekoi: Talbot 253, 307; Gola:

- Westermann 491.
- F811.5. Food-producing trees.
- F811.5.+ Tree bears cooked food. Vai: Ellis 241; Klipple 515; Hende: Migeod 223.
- F811.7. Tree with extraordinary fruit.
- F811.7.+ Fruit of tree near monster's cave causes happiness. Tanne: Thomas 75.
- F814.2. Talking flowers.
- F814.2.+ Flowering bush grows up where body of murdered girl has been hidden. It speaks and incriminates murderers. Slave Coast: Trautmann 73. (Cf. E632.1.+).
- F814.2.+ Speaking palm nut. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 41; Gola: Westermann 501.
- F814.2.+ Speaking calabash plant pursues tortoise. Probenius, Atlantis X 299f.
- F815.5. Extraordinary seed.
- F815.5.+ Pumpkin seeds planted at hero's secret cave send vines to old woman's gate so that she can locate him in time of need. Togo: Cardinall 240.
- F820. Extraordinary clothing and ornaments.
- F821.1. Dress of extraordinary material.
- F821.1.+ Cape woven of blue and green flies. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 72.
- F821.1.+ Clothing made of salt. Wearer dare not go out in rain. Probenius, Atlantis XI 216.

- F823. Extraordinary shoes.
- F823.+ Magic sandals fall from heaven. Tahiti: Bellon,  
MSO3 XVII 31ff.
- F826. Extraordinary jewels.
- F826.+ Precious stone emits light at night. Ekoi: Talbot  
346.
- F829.+ Speaking shoulder sack eats woman's arm. Frobenius,  
Atlantis XI 273.
- F830. Extraordinary weapons.
- F831. Extraordinary arrow.
- F831.+ Antelope struck by arrow from unusual bow burns up.  
Frobenius, Atlantis XI 84.
- F838.1. Extraordinarily sharp knife.
- F838.1.+ Knife so sharp a stone tossed in the air and falling  
on the blade will be cut in two. Ewe: Spieth 592.
- F838.1.+ Knife sharpened until fly settling on it is cut in  
two. Ewe: Spieth 592; Ewe: Werner 330; Ewe: Westerman  
(2) 221.
- F838.1.+ Thrown knife cuts everything in its path. Ewe:  
Spieth 592.
- F840. Other extraordinary objects and places.
- F842.1. Extraordinary material of a bridge.
- F842.1.+ Bridge of smoke. Gola: Westermann 488.
- F842.1.+ Snake bridge: People cross river on body of one

of their group transformed into huge snake. Ikon: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 24.

F842.1.+ Chain of arrows form bridge. Vai: Ellis 192;  
Gola: Westermann 488.

F842.1.+ Bridge of tobacco smoke. Liberia: Germann 130.

F881. Extraordinary vessel.

F881.+ Hunter finds gold and brass pan in tail of queen of elephants. Togo: Cardinal 102.

F899.+ Bullet will not go until man flogs it. It then goes and kills deer. Vai: Ellis 189.

F900--F1099. EXTRAORDINARY OCCURENCES

F910. Extraordinary swallowings.

F911. Person (animal) swallowed without killing.

F911.2. Animals swallow animals. Togo: Cardinal 174; Togo: Hörtter, ZOOS VI 133; Eko: Talbot 371.

F911.4. Monster swallows hero. Vai: Ellis 186f.; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVI 239.

F911.4.+ Snake swallows man; crocodile swallows snake; water animal swallows crocodile; man rescued alive. Temna: Thomas 1.

F911.6. All-swallowing monster. Liberia: Cronise 175;  
Ikon: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 54; Togo: Hörtter, ZOOS VI 109; Ewe: Westermann 19; Kpelle: Westermann 391.

F912.3.+ Tortoise, eaten by spider, holds spider's heart

- and forces spider to do as tortoise wishes. Sierra Leone: Thomas 57.
- F913. Victims rescued from swallower's belly. Liberia: Cronise 175; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 54; Vai: Ellis 186; Ewe: Westermann 19; Kpelle: Westermann 391.
- F916.+ Swallowing combat: Goat swallows antelope; antelope passes through and swallows goat; goat passes through, swallows antelope, then stops up anus and traps antelope. Frobenius, Atlantis X 247f.
- F916.+ Swallowing combat: Wasp swallowed by witch passes through her body, swallows witch, ties up waist so that she cannot pass through. Togo: Cardinal 174, 177. (Cf. A2355.+).
- F929. Extraordinary swallowings -- miscellaneous.
- F929.+ Swallower swallows woman when she scratches him too hard. Ekoi: Talbot 372.
- F929.+ Cock swallows bride to keep disappointed suitors from stealing her. Frobenius, Atlantis X 244.
- F930. Extraordinary occurrences concerning seas or waters.
- F930.+ Palm wine cutter transports wine downstream by pouring it into river. His family further down dips it out. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 90.
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- F940. Extraordinary underground (underwater) disappearance.

- P942.+ . Girl sinks slowly into ground until only her hair is visible. Hair comes out when parents try to raise her. Ewe: Spieth 576.
- P942.+ . Man without limbs disappears into earth with bride. Probenius, Atlantis XI 292.
- P942.1. Earth opens up and swallows person. Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 86.
- P949.+ . Stream sinks underground when profaned by woman. Ibibio: Talbot 29.
- P950. Marvelous cures.
- P952.+ . Blindness miraculously cured when blind man bites frog. Nigeria: CMS II 36.
- P953. Cripple marvelously cured. Nigeria: CMS II 36.
- P959.+ . Boy and sweetheart melt away into oil. Bystanders rub oil into faces and become handsome. Ashanti: Rattray 51.
- P959.+ . Leaves stuck to wound of cropped ear grow into new ear. Yoruba: Ellis 257; Probenius, Atlantis XI 315.
- P959.+ . Man covered with sores exchanges skins with man with healthy skin. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 69.
- P960. Extraordinary nature phenomena -- elements and water.
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- P965. Premature darkness.
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- P965.+ . World dark for two days when bush-fowl forgets to call dawn. Eko: Talbot 385.
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- P989.+ . Spider puts on birds' feathers, flies. Probenius, Atlantis XI 120, 216; Togo: Hörterter, ZOOS VI 211; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 87; Ashanti: Rattray 73; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 46.
- P989.+ . Magician treats king's wives for sterility. They become pregnant and bear animals. Togo: Hörterter, ZOOS VI 215.
- P989.+ . Snake's blood blinds man. Vai: Ellis 215.
- P989.+ . People who cut up and eat antelope become pregnant, pass antelope young through anus. Probenius, Atlantis XI 311.
- P989.11. Animal as mighty drinker. Togo: Cardinal 204; Himmelheber 110; Eko: Talbot 197.

- F990. Inanimate objects act as if living.
- F992.+.. Series of objects speak to series of men, starting them until they report incidents to chief. Chief dismisses them. His stool speaks to him. Courlander and Herzog 25ff.; Rugoff 39ff.
- F998.+.. Human sex organs live together as individuals. Probenius, Atlantis XI 209, 308.
- F998.+.. Mouth, arm and leg once comrades. Himmelheber 21.
- F1001. Extraordinary heads (skulls) act as living objects.  
Yoruba: Ellis 268; Probenius, Atlantis X 295; Lee 11;  
Yoruba: Ogumefu 38f.; Ekoi: Talbot 274.
- F1010. Other extraordinary events.
- F1041.4. Person melts away from heat. Nigeria: Dayrell 84;  
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- F1084.+.. Combat kindles fire. Liberia: Cronise 84.
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- G11.2. Cannibal giant. Ekoi: Talbot 249ff.
- G11.3. Cannibal witch. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 34, 50; Ekoi: Talbot 233.
- G11.10. Cannibalistic spirits. Ekoi: Talbot 100.
- G11.15. Cannibal demon.
- G11.15.+ . When human wife of bush-devil refuses human flesh, her husband catches an animal for her. Mende: Migeod 206.
- G11.15.+ . Man-eating monster of forest known as "Forest-woman." Ekoi: Talbot 248.
- G11.15.+ . Devil sits beside road and eats passers-by. Liberia: Cronise 172.
- G11.15.+ . Forest-devil stops people on road, exchanges blows, eats victims. Kpelle: Westermann 388.
- G11.15.+ . Devil who marries a girl and takes her home kills and eats her. Gola: Westermann 495.
- G11.15.+ . Man-eating devil inhabits forest peak. Gola:

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G11.15.+ Man-eating monster eats anyone who steals from his Kola tree. Temne: Thomas 59.

G20. Ghouls.

G20.+ Corpse-eating forest-devil. Epelle: Westermann 387.

G20.+ Bodies of enemies cut up and eaten. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 20ff.

G20.+ Ghouls open new graves to eat bodies. Nigeria: Dayrell 117.

G50. Occasional cannibalism.

G60. Human flesh eaten unwittingly.

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G70. Occasional cannibalism -- deliberate.

G72. Unnatural parents eat children. Ibo: Basden (1938) 428.

G72.1.+ Woman eats her children as soon as they are born. Probenius, Atlantis XI 285.

G77. Husband eats wife. Togo: Einstein 12.

G78.1. Cannibalism in time of famine.

G78.1.+ Animals agree to eat old mothers during famine.

Sierra Leone: Mudge-Paris, JAFI XLIII 319.

G78.1.+ Spider eats own children and wife when starving.

Epelle: Westermann 397.

G79.+ Bodies of sacrificial victims eaten on festival day.

Nigeria: Dayrell 116.

G79.+ Hyena chews mother's corpse during fasting period.

Ashanti: Rattray 173.

G80. Other motifs dealing with cannibals.

G80.+ Cannibals at foot of tree in which maiden has taken refuge lick up her tears, remark on how much sweeter the flesh will be. Togo: Einstein 13.

G81. Unwitting marriage to cannibal. Togo: Einstein 12.

G83.+ Noise of cannibal woman's knife being sharpened kills cows. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 286.

#### G100--G199. GIANT OGRES

G100.+ Forest-devil taller than a tree, head larger than a house. Tahi: Bellon, MSOS XVII 32.

G100.+ Monster-woman with all the music and all the weapons in the world in her belly. Ekoi: Talbot 250ff.

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G202. Beneficent witches. Nigeria: CMS II 52; Nigeria: Dayrell 122.

G210. Form of witch.

- G210.+ Witch can assume any shape. Nigeria: Dayrell 33.
- G211.4.4. Witch in form of owl. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 34.
- G220. Characteristics of witches.
- G220.+ Buried witches can come out at night and suck blood.  
Nigeria: Dayrell 124.
- G220.+ Buried witches do not rot, must be dug up and burned.  
Nigeria: Dayrell 124.
- G220.+ Witches float a few feet above ground rather than walk. Ibibio: Talbot 164.
- G220.+ Witch's skull will not burn. It must be cut up with axe. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 36.
- G220.+ Witches obliged to cease revelry at cock's crow.  
Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 35; Ibibio: Talbot 165.
- G229.5. Beautiful witch. Slave Coast: Trautmann 31.
- G240. Habits of witches.
- G243. Witches' Sabbath -- meeting place of witches. Nigeria: Dennett 149.
- G250. Recognition of witches.
- G250.+ Witchcraft detected by soothsayer. Yoruba: Ogunefu 13.
- G250.+ Witches distinguished by nakedness. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 36.
- G250.+ Woman pregnant for forty years accused of witch-

craft. Sierra Leone: Migeod 316.

- G260. Evil deeds of witches.
- G261.+ Witch aids woman in childbirth, demands half of the child to eat. Ekoi: Talbot 233.
- G262. Murderous witch. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 50; Nigeria: Dennett 98; Ekoi: Talbot 279.
- G262.+ Wizards and witches imprison man within rock, leave one hand outside as warning to other people. Ekoi: Talbot 200.
- G263.+ Bewitched food fed to boy so that witch may gain access to his body. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 34.
- G265.10.+ Witch sucks inside out of tree. Ekoi: Talbot 208.
- G270. Witch overcome or escaped.
- G271. Witch exorcised.
- G271.+ Ju-ju man cures bewitched boy, takes witch out of his heart and puts it in rock. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 37.
- G273. Witch rendered powerless.
- G273.+ Medicine strewn on ground holds witches so that they cannot flee. Ibibio: Talbot 166.
- G275. Witch defeated.
- G275.+ Witch killed by piece of pointed iron thrust through eye. Ekoi: Talbot 234.



- G275.+ Witch suffocated by steam. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 52.
- G275.2. Witch killed by dogs. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 12.
- G279.+ Stupid witch goes to fetch water in perforated calabash. Ashanti: Rattray 223.
- G279.+ Wasp swallowed by witch passes through her body, swallows her in turn, ties up waist so that she is trapped. Togo: Cardinall 177. (Cf. A2355.+; P916.+).
- G280. Witches -- miscellaneous motifs.
- G299.+ Lion and elephant cower before threat of witchcraft. Togo: Cardinall 175f.

## G300--G399. OTHER OGREES

- G301. Monsters.
- G301.+ Two halves of monster's body rejoin after body has been cut in two. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVI 239.
- G301.+ Monster produces red hot iron by striking belly. Etoi: Talbot 252.
- G301.+ Fire-breathing monster. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVI 239.
- G303. Devil.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Because Bush-devil and Forest-devil in translations of African tales do not refer to Satan, this classification of the Thompson index is not utilized here. The African references to devils are listed in appropriate sections under Fairies and Ogres.

- G310. Ogres with characteristic methods.
- G317. Wrestling ogre.
- G317.+ . Ogre challenges man to duel with bows and arrows.  
Frobenius, Atlantis XI 73.
- G321.2.+ . Ogre accosts travelers, demands that they play harp, kills them if they cannot. Gola: Westermann 484.
- G321.2.+ . Ogre forces travelers to carry him to distant place, eats them. Liberia: Germann 130.
- G350. Animal ogres.
- G352.+ . Boy kills lion which killed his father, cuts father's head from breast of lion. Heads of other victims also hang from lion's breast. Ekor: Talbot 383.
- G353.+ . Bird comes and removes jaws of the people of a village daily. Ashanti: Rattray 179.
- G353.+ . Monstrous bird eats people. Ewe: Werner 330.
- G360. Ogres with monstrous features.
- G361. Ogre monstrous as to head.
- G361.+ . Ogre with two horns and tail invites man to live with him. Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 9.
- G361.+ . Bald-headed ogre with many eyes. Liberia: Cronise 266.
- G361.+ . Ten ogres, the first with one head, the second with two heads, and so on to the last with ten heads. Kpelle:

Westermann 382.

G363. Ogre monstrous as to mouth.

G363.+ Ogres with ten mouths each eat children. Temne:  
Thomas 78.

G363.+ Ogres with long, ugly beaks. Ekoi: Talbot 102.

G369. Monstrous ogres -- miscellaneous.

G369.+ Ogre normal on one side, abnormal on the other.

Probenius, Atlantis XI 96; Sierra Leone: Werner 251.

G369.+ Ogre has bees passing in and out of body. Tiv:  
Abraham 77.

G369.+ Ogre with extraordinarily long hair. Probenius,  
Atlantis XI 81.

G369.+ Ogre with long beard. Liberia: Cronise 172.

G369.+ Ogre with no hands, no feet, no mouth. Kpelle:  
Westermann 413.

G369.+ Ogre transforms self from handsome man to monster  
with one eye in middle of forehead. Kpelle: Westermann  
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G400--G499. FALLING INTO OGRE'S POWER

G410. Person betrayed into ogre's power.

G410.+ Forest-devil bargains with girl to release her from  
grave. Girl must go and attend Forest-devil's sick  
mother. Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 255.

G410.+ Ogre gives poor man bride-price, later demands that

the bride be divided with him. Kpelle: Westermann  
390f.

G410.+ Girl courted by transformed ogre. Liberia: Cronise  
180; Sierra Leone: Werner 251.

G410.+ Ogre helps girl with firewood, has intercourse with  
her. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 271.

G420. Capture by ogre.

G420.+ Boys captured by ogres made to dance, then sent  
home with message that they have joined ogres' society.  
Tenne: Thomas 76.

G420.+ Ogre with honeycomb in his body uses honey as bait  
to catch family of hares. Tiv: Abraham 78.

G422.1. Ogre imprisons victim in drum. Yoruba: Ellis 261.

G440. Ogre abducts person.

G442.1.+ Ogre steals woman's child as she works in field.  
Mende: Migeod 214.

G450. Falling into ogre's power -- miscellaneous.

G450.+ Ogre comes to girl in form of wind, stirs up embers  
and burns up her father's house. Frobenius, Atlantis XI  
272.

G450.+ Ogre will not allow people to take water from his  
lake. Himmelheber 98.

G450.+ Forest-devil warns man not to cultivate a certain  
plot of ground, causes man's death when he disobeys.

Liberia: Cronise 153ff.; Mende: Migeod 203; Mende:  
Westermann 450.

G462. Person as servant in ogre's house.

G462.+ "Lame Girl" servant of ogre. Ekoi: Talbot 248.

G466. Lousing as task set by ogre. Liberia: Cronise 269.

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G501. Stupid ogre. Liberia: Cronise 172; Tiv: Abraham  
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G510. Ogre killed, maimed, or captured.

G512.3. Ogre burned to death. Mende: Migeod 208; Ibo:  
Thomas (III) 152; Mende: Westermann 451; Gola: Wes-  
termann 486, 493.

G512.8.+ Young man shoots ogre four times. Each time the  
ogre pulls out arrow and throws it away. On fifth shot,  
ogre falls dead. Probenius, Atlantis XI 272.

G512.9.1. Ogre killed by helpful dogs. Gola: Westermann  
492.

G514. Ogre captured.

G514.+ Ogre takes off cloth to enter water and steal fish.  
Owner of fishtrap steals ogre's magic cloth. Mende:  
Westermann 455.

G514.+ Girl gets power over ogre by plaiting his beard.  
Liberia: Cronise 172.

G514.5.+ Forest-devil sticks to rock; villagers come and

kill him. Kpelle: Westermann 388.

G520. Ogre deceived into self-injury.

G521. Ogre made drunk and overcome. Yoruba: Ellis 258.

G530. Ogre's relative aids hero. Barker and Sinclair 124;  
Ekoi: Talbot 7.

G570. Ogre overawed. Tiv: Abraham 79.

G600--G699. OTHER OGRE MOTIFS

G630. Characteristics of ogres.

G630.+ City of ogres. Kpelle: Westermann 395.

G630.+ Ogre catches bullets shot at him, throws them at  
house, killing shooter's wife. Liberia: Germann 137.

G630.+ Forest-devil wears cap of two colors, walks between  
two men to start argument over color of his cap. Niger<sup>2</sup>  
ia: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 455.

G655.+ Ogre's ashes retain malevolent influence. Ibo:  
Thomas (III) 152.

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H1550. Tests of character

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- H30. Recognition through personal peculiarities.
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Probenius, Atlantis I 207.
- H35.2. Recognition by unique cookery. Probenius, Atlantis  
XI 189.
- H50. Recognition by bodily marks or physical attributes.
- H51.1. Recognition by birth mark. Togo: Hürter, ZOOS VI  
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- H94.. Identification by ring.
- H94.4.+ . Lost husband drops ring in calabash of water as  
token for his wife. Sierra Leone: Migeod 315.
- H94.4.+ . Ring token dropped by beautiful girl at prince's  
festival. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 37.
- H95. Recognition by bracelet. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper  
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- H150. Circumstances of recognition.
- H162.1. Insect points out deity by settling where he is.  
Ekoi: Talbot 18, 210.

H162.1.+ Guide fly settles on elephant's tusk which is object of boy's quest. Eko: Talbot 210.

H175.2. Child mystically recognizes woman as his mother. Togo: Hürtter, 2008 VI 221; Slave Coast: Trautmann 75.

H175.2.+ People are assembled so that child may pick out his father. Probenius, Atlantis XI 338.

#### H200--H299. TESTS OF TRUTH

H210. Test of guilt or innocence.

H216.+ Token: Fire goes out as signal that truth has been spoken. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 2.

H217.+ Decision made by combat. Worms object to boasting of driver ants. King decrees that the two groups should determine supremacy by combat. Nigeria: Dayrell 56.

H220. Ordeals.

H221. Ordeal by fire. Slave Coast: Trautmann 89.

H223. Ordeal by poison. Nigeria: Dayrell 124, 140f.

H225. Ordeal by rope-walking. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 98; Klipple 358; Eko: Talbot 402.

H225.1. Man must leap from tree to alight among sharp objects below. Ibo: Basden (1938) 433; Meirhof 206; Ewe: Spieth 572.

H240. Other tests of truth.

H240.+ Inability to weep proves guilt. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 54; Ashanti: Rattray 3.

H252.+ Act of truth: "If I took the fish, may they kill me." Thief falls dead. Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 24.

H300--H499. MARRIAGE TESTS

H310. Suitor tests.

H314.1. Suitors' sincerity tested by reporting girl's death. Barker and Sinclair 85; Klipple 383.

H317. Long term of service imposed on suitor.

H317.+ Suitor of beautiful woman must sleep in her hut for six days and nights without touching food or water. Togo: Cardinal 184.

H323. Suitor test: learning girl's name. Barker and Sinclair 45; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 221; Togo: Funke, ZSES X 295; Lee 26; Ewe: Toso, ZKS VII 15.

H323.+ Suitor test: guessing the content of an amulet. Temne: Schlenker 87.

H324.+ Suitor test: identification of a girl's finger sticking through a hole in the wall. Himmelheber 136.

H326. Suitor test: skill.

H326.1.+ Suitor test: making best drum from log. Tiv: Abraham 68.

H326.1.+ Suitor test: building house on rock. (Considered an impossible task because a house requires post-holes.)

- .Vai: Ellis 192f.; Mende: Migeod 218; Mende: Westermann 453; Gola: Westermann 482.
- H326.1.2. Suitor test: skill in archery. Tahi: Bellon, MSOS XVII 17, 35.
- H326.3. Suitor test: skill in hunt.
- H326.3.+ Suitor test: destruction of elephant pest.  
.Yoruba: Ogumfa 65.
- H328.5.+ Suitor test: standing in middle of fire. Nigeria: CMS II 52.
- H331. Suitor contest, bride offered as prize.
- H331.+ Suitor contest: Chief will give daughter only to man with suitable penis--must be able to use it to cut fruit from tree. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 210.
- H331.+ Suitor contest: Chief will give daughter to the one who can bring a large tree into the village. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 219.
- H331.+ Suitor contest: Bride will be given to the one who brings her father a slave. Vai: Ellis 200; Klipple 321.
- H331.+ Suitor contest: Bride will be given to the one bringing the most wonderful gift. Ibo: Easden (1938) 424.
- H331.1.7. Contest in reaping.
- H331.1.7.+ Suitor contest: Bride will be given to the one who can first cut a bundle of grass and throw it into house. Togo: HErrter, ZOOS VI 207.

- H331.1.7.+ Suitor contest: Bride will be given to the one who prepares field for cultivation most rapidly. Frobenius, Atlantis X 242.
- H331.1.7.+ Suitor contest: Bride will be given to the one who can first plant a line of yams. Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 84.
- H331.1.7.+ Suitor contest: Bride will be given to anyone who can weed a garden without scratching himself. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 212; Ashanti: Rattray 129.
- H331.4. Suitor contest: shooting. Barker and Sinclair 126; Tahi: Bellon, MSOS XVII 35; Ashanti: Rattray 223.
- H331.5. Suitor contest: race. Vai: Ellis 189; Klipple 155, 401.
- H331.7. Suitor contest: aiming with missile. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 12; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 191, 275.
- H331.14.+ Suitor test: Man who will marry princess must withstand three strokes of sharp sword. Himmelheber 132.
- H331.16.1.+ Suitor contest: Bride will be given to the one who can throw a spear into the air and count to ten before it comes down. Vai: Klingenheben, ZSES XVI 84f.
- H332.3.+ Suitor test: race with bride's father. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 82.
- H332.3.+ Suitor test: discovery of meaning of word proposed by bride's father. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 215.



- H335. Tasks assigned suitors.
- H335.0.1. Bride helps suitor perform his tasks.
- H335.0.1.+ . Princess presents symbols for interpretation as suitor test. Ashanti: Rattray 103.
- H336. Suitors assigned quests.
- H336.2. Suitor required to catch wild animals.
- H336.2.+ . Suitor test: bringing living crocodile. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 116.
- H336.2.+ . Suitor test: Bring snake skin, bloody tooth of leopard, ireko wine, live python, bush cow, camel, ground squirrel, hippopotamus, and dancers. Tenne: Thomas 7ff.
- H336.2.+ . Suitor test: Bring cage of wild geese, bloody tooth of leopard, and living elephant. Tenne: Thomas 84.
- H336.2.+ . Suitor test: Bring lion's teeth with fresh blood on them, palm wine, and boa-constrictor. Liberia: Cronise 40.
- H352.+ . Suitor test: Plant bean, make it grow and give harvest in one day. Himmelheber 135.
- H359. Other suitor tests.
- H359.+ . Elephant girl will marry only the man who can bring calabash down from tree top. Togo: Cardinal 103.
- H359.+ . Suitor test: Chief fills house with excrement, will give daughter to the one who will carry all the excre-

- ment to the bush. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 321.
- H359.+ Suitor test: Cut down magic tree. Mende: Westermann 454.
- H359.+ Suitor test: Bring a pard, hen, and rice across river in a small canoe. Pard must not eat hen; hen must not eat rice. Apelle: Westermann 445. (Cf. H506.3.).
- H359.+ Suitor test: Man who proposes best burial for deceased chief's wife rewarded by betrothal to chief's daughter. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 80f.
- H359.+ Suitor test: cleverness. Young man and young woman vow to marry only the cleverest mates. They send each other riddling messages to solve. Himmelheber 129ff.
- H359.2. Suitor test: clearing land. Basset 199; Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXIII 419; Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 459.
- H460. Wife tests.
- H466. Feigned death to test wife's faithfulness. Togo: Einstein 7.
- H467.1. Feigned illness to test wife's love. Agni: Tauxier 238.
- H479.+ Chief orders his ten wives to compete in making beer. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 77.

H500--H899. TESTS OF CLEVERNESS

- H501. Test of wisdom.

- H501.+ . God gives son money for purchase, but does not tell what is to be purchased. Togo: Einstein 9.
- H504. Test of skill in handiwork. Vai: Ellis 193.
- H507. Contest between two men to see which has better sense. Togo: Cardinall 201.
- H507.6.+ . Story-telling contest. Vai: Ellis 202.
- H509.5. Test: telling skillful lie. Gold Coast: Courlander and Premph 25ff.; Probenius, Atlantis XI 196.
- H510. Tests in guessing.
- H510.+ . Test: Guest must pick chief's first wife out of group of wives. Probenius, Atlantis XI 295f.
- H512. Guessing with life as wager.
- H512.+ . Contest at feast. If guest can name king's son, son dies. If guest fails, king's son will take all his food and drink. Probenius, Atlantis XI 339.
- H512.+ . Man who offended king by assuming presumptuous name required to guess contents of calabash--to die if he fails, to assume throne if he succeeds. Slave Coast: Trautmann 52.
- H521. Test: guessing stranger's name.
- H521.+ . Guests must tell secret name of host or go away without dinner. Nigeria: Dayrell 79; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 74.
- H521.+ . Old woman refuses to allow girl to eat unless girl can pronounce her secret name. Ashanti: Rattray 33.

H521.+ Overlord must guess names of man's three topknots. If he guesses correctly he may sacrifice the man. If he guesses wrong he must give the man a milking cow.  
Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 66.

H522.+ Person who can give correct name for yam will receive chief's stool. Ashanti: Rattray 73.

### H530--H899. RIDDLES

H540. Propounding of riddles:

H540.3.+ Visitor must select the one bad wife from chief's assembled wives. Probenius, Atlantis XI 88.

H541.1. Riddle propounded on pain of death.

H541.1.+ Stranger must beat chief of village at answering riddles or be beheaded. Barker and Sinclair 171.

H561.+ Stranger answers riddle, becomes king. Togo: Prietze, ZAOS III 41.

H570. Means of solving riddles.

H573.1. Riddle solved with the aid of hidden informant.

Togo: Prietze, ZAOS III 40f.

H620. The unsolved problem: enigmatic ending of tale.

H620.+ Riddle: Which of king's three sons should receive the inheritance? (Which mother did greatest service to father?) Vai: Ellis 255; Togo: Prietze, ZAOS III 42; Slave Coast: Trautmann 100.

H620.+ Riddle: To which man does the city belong? Hunter

kills huge serpent whose belly contains city. Hunter and partner quarrel over ownership. Vai: Ellis 188; Kpelle: Westermann 391.

H620.+ To which brother do the women belong? Each of three brothers participated in activities which attracted the women. Kpelle: Westermann 423.

H620.+ Which extraordinary hunter performed the greatest feat? One saw through hill; one shot through hill; one cooked the game. Liberia: Cronise 200; Liberia: German 133.

H620.+ Riddle: Which was the greater friend? One blinded self to save other's life. The other slaughtered son to restore friend's sight. Vai: Ellis 216.

H620.+ Riddle: Which of three suitors did the princess favor? She provided one with bed, one with feast, strolled with the third. Vai: Ellis 211ff.

H620.+ Which is the wisest brother? They choose from various extraordinary objects. Temne: Thomas 58.

H620.+ How should ~~the~~ hunter choose? If he shoots giraffe, his mother will die; if he does not shoot, his wife will die. Slave Coast: Trautmann 99.

H620.+ Riddle: Which was more cunning, watch-pot or greedy? Liberia: Cronise 310.

H620.+ Riddle: Of three greedy men, which was most greedy? One killed by cutlass while butchering cow; one killed

by falling down well while getting water; one killed by gazelle while chasing it. Liberia: Cronise 208.

H620.+ . Riddle: Which animal made man rich? Deer, opossum, and snake pool efforts to aid man. Vai: Ellis 230f.

H620.+ . Riddle: Three men, one with pipe, one with tobacco, and one with matches. Which one deserves first smoke? Vai: Ellis 196.

H620.+ . Riddle: What should man do? His mother has caught his wife's hand in her mouth. Should he break old mother's jaw, or should he cut off his wife's hand? Vai: Ellis 217f.

H620.+ . Riddle: Is man guilty of theft if he eats bird he presumes to be gift? Vai: Ellis 203.

H621. Skillful companions create woman: To whom does she belong?

H621.+ . Skillful brothers resuscitate father (mother): Which is most deserving of reward? Courlander and Herzog 10; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 62; Liberia: Cronise 205; Ewe: Spieth 595.

H621.1. Skillful companions resuscitate girl: To whom does she belong? Ibo: Basden (1938) 425; Vai: Ellis 201; Klipple 321; Ashanti: Rattray 263.

H621.2. Girl rescued by skillful companions: To whom does she belong? Ewe: Spieth 596; Slave Coast: Trautmann 101; Ewe: Westermann 149; Ewe: Westermann (2) 233.

H802. Riddle: One killed none and yet killed twelve.  
 (Horse is poisoned; raven eats of him and dies; twelve robbers eat raven and die.) Barker and Sinclair 172; Klipple 384.

H900--H1199. TESTS OF PROWESS: TASKS

H900. Tasks imposed.

H901. Tasks imposed on pain of death. Ikom: Dayrell 30;  
 Slave Coast: Trautmann 54.

H911.1. Task (quest) assigned at suggestion of jealous co-wife. Eko: Talbot 234.

H920. Assigners of tasks.

H921.1. Task set by king for sons to determine heir to throne.  
 Yoruba: Clarke, No. 1.

H927. Tasks set by deity.

H927.1.+ . Tasks assigned by god to find most clever people.  
 Himmelheber 127f.

H931. Tasks assigned in order to get rid of hero.

H931.+ . Trickster sent to dangerous pond inhabited by python to bring back medicine. Togo: Cardinal 142.

H931.+ . Difficult tasks assigned to unloved son. Eko: Talbot 208.

H931.+ . Difficult tasks set by father for three sons to make excuse to find fault with one. Eko: Talbot 255.

H940. Assignment of tasks -- miscellaneous.

H940.+ . King gives spider two pieces of iron, tells him to have smith make "this and that" to test spider's wisdom. Togo: Hürtter, ZOOS VI 211.

#### H950--H999. PERFORMANCE OF TASKS

H960. Task performed through cleverness or intelligence.

H960.+ . Spider pretends to cut down tree with penis, actually does so with concealed hatchet. Agni: Tauxier 234.

H960.+ . Tortoise makes small hole in wall, pushes foul-smelling substance through to get people inside room to exclaim, thus revealing their identity. Ekoi: Talbot 397.

H963. Tasks performed by means of secrets overheard from concealment in tree. Barker and Sinclair 45; Nigeria: Dayrell 80; Togo: Einstein 8; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 221; Togo: Funke, ZSES X 295; Togo: Hürtter, ZOOS VI 211; Himmelheber 91; Ewe: Toso: ZKS VII 16; Slave Coast: Trautmann 52.

H970. Help in performing tasks.

H974.1. Tasks performed with help of mistress. Himmelheber 134; Mende: Migeod 230; Togo: Prietze, ZAOS III 40f.; Mende: Westermann 454.

H981.+ . Mother aids unloved son in performance of difficult tasks. Ekoi: Talbot 208.

H987.+ . Speaking ant hill aids in performance of difficult



task. Liberia: Cronise 251.

### H1000--H1199. NATURE OF TASKS

- H1010. Impossible tasks.
- H1020. Tasks contrary to laws of nature.
- H1022.8.+ Task: Cook seven basins of rice from one grain.  
Temne: Thomas 20.
- H1023.2.1.1. Task: Carry water in a leaky vessel. Himmel-  
heber 127; Ibo: Thomas, Man, XVIII 86,
- H1023.6. Task: Wash black cloth white. Slave Coast: Traut-  
mann 54.
- H1030. Other impossible tasks.
- H1030.+ Task: Kill a cow by merely looking at it. Togo:  
Cardinall 208.
- H1030.+ Task: Cut down tree with wooden axe. Barker and  
Sinclair 159.
- H1030.+ Task: Plait the hair of a woman shaved clean.  
Temne: Thomas 19.
- H1030.+ Task: Cut down a tree with penis. Agni: Tauxier  
234. (Cf. H960.+).
- H1030.+ Series of tasks assigned at once: Build fire on  
water; cut wood with needle; bring leopard and two-  
horned snake. Frobenius, Atlantis X 215.
- H1090. Tasks requiring miraculous speed.

- H1091. Task: sorting a large amount of grain (beads, beans, peas) in one night. Temne: Schlenker 93; Temne: Thomas 25.
- H1103.+ Task: clearing land with only a piece of iron.  
Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 30.
- H1110. Tedious tasks.
- H1115. Task: chopping down tree with blunt (fragile) instrument. Barker and Sinclair 159; Frobenius, Atlantis X 215; Ekoi: Talbot 208; Agni: Tauxier 234.
- H1116. Task: breaking huge rock to pieces. Ekoi: Talbot 208.
- H1124.+ Task: Gather up all the gravel from one's tracks before entering house. Ewe: Spieth 578.
- H1124.+ Task: Cover up all tracks in sand. Ashanti: Rat-tray 99.
- H1130. Superhuman tasks.
- H1130.+ Three tasks for each of three boys: Shoot arrow to heaven; swim across sea and back; climb highest tree. Frobenius, Atlantis X 307.
- H1132. Task: recovery of lost objects.
- H1132.1. Task: recovery of lost object from sea. Temne: Schlenker 91f.; Ekoi: Talbot 208; Temne: Thomas 27.
- H1132.3. Task: recovery of object from python's hole.  
Togo: Cardinal 142.

H1142.+ Task: draining a huge cup. Liberia: Cronise 86.

H1149. Miscellaneous superhuman tasks.

H1149.+ Task: Bring elephant from thundertown. Ekoi:  
Talbot 208.

H1149.+ Task: Capture and deliver python, leopard, fairy,  
and colony of hornets. Barker and Sinclair 29; Gold  
Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 3; Lee 25; Radin (Ashanti:  
Rattray) 25.

H1149.+ Task: Procure golden chewing stick, golden snuff-  
box, golden whetstone, and golden fly-switch from Death's  
village. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 37; Ashanti: Rat-  
tray 193.

H1149.+ "Lame Boy" sent to sky-god for fire. Ekoi: Tal-  
bot 370.

H1149.+ Task: Tell what a closed room contains. Ekoi:  
Talbot 397.

H1150. Tasks: stealing, capturing, or slaying.

H1151.13.+ Animal king assembles subjects, sends them to  
steal diamond from fortress of enemy king. Togo: Härt-  
ter, ZOOB VI 123.

H1180. Miscellaneous tasks.

H1180.+ Task: Boy must bring particular black cow from  
herd of identical black cows. Tenne: Thomas 26.

H1180.+ Task: Blow all horns without drawing breath.

Liberia: Cronise 129.

H1182.2.+ Task: Give three extraordinary sayings. Togo:  
Cardinall 165.

H1184.+ Task: Weed field of nettles without scratching.  
Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 212; Ashanti: Rattray 129.

H1210. Quest assigned.

H1210.+ Medicine man sets fee: python, rice birds, and  
leopard's tooth. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 417.

H1210.+ God sends children to bring objects from city of  
dead. Togo: Cardinall 45.

H1211. King assigns quest to get rid of hero. Tahi: Bellon,  
MSOS XVII 6.

H1220. Quests voluntarily undertaken.

H1220.1.+ Quest undertaken to pay debt (promise). Tahi:  
Bellon, MSOS XVII 30; Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 417;  
Ashanti: Rattray 89.

H1200--H1399. TESTS OF PROWESS: QUESTS

H1228. Quest undertaken by hero for vengeance.

H1228.+ Hero sets out to kill horse which killed his  
mother. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXV 315.

H1229.+ Abandoned child seeks father. Menda: Migeod 201.

H1229.+ Leopard seeks someone who dislikes him and will tell  
him to his face. Ashanti: Rattray 159.

H1229.+ . Twins go on quest for lost brother. Mende: Westermann 451.

H1229.+ . Prince undertakes quest for faithful woman. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXV 315.

H1229.1.+ . Quest for ogre's head. Tshi: Bellon, MXXI XVII 30.

H1236. Perilous path traversed on quest. Meinhof 213.

#### H1250--H1399. NATURE OF QUESTS

H1270. Quest to lower world.

H1270.+ . Mouth goes on search for lost arrow, finds city of dead. Himmelheber 22.

H1270.+ . Journey to land of dead to seek horse. Tiv: Abraham 65.

H1270.+ . Quest for elephant tusks in ghost town. Eкои: Talbot 208f.

H1270.+ . God sends child to city of dead. Togo: Cardinal 45.

H1280. Quests to other realms.

H1287.1.+ . Fisherman goes to bottom of sea to hunt for lost harpoon. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXV 440.

H1289.+ . Quest: recovery of iron skewer from home of witches. Eкои: Talbot 234.

H1289.+ . Quest: fetch cow from thundertown. Eкои: Talbot 361.

- H1289.+ . Quest for axe buried in head of forest-spirit which ran away. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 279.
- H1289.1.+ . Quest for murdering horse. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXV 315.
- H1300. Quests for the unique.
- H1300.+ . Quest for "something." Togo: Cardinall 21.
- H1300.+ . Dog searches for antidote for thieving. Ashanti: Rattray 233.
- H1300.+ . Leopard on quest for someone who dislikes him and will tell him to his face. Ashanti: Rattray 159.
- H1301.+ . Quest for faithful woman. Slave Coast: Trautmann 84.
- H1312.+ . Quest for a fool. Ashanti: Rattray 253.
- H1319.+ . Old woman on quest for man who will have intercourse with her. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 212.
- H1320. Quests for marvelous objects or animals.
- H1332.+ . Quest for tail of queen of elephants. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 81.
- H1342. Quest for magic iron rod. Ekor: Talbot 234.
- H1359.+ . Quest for leopard's drum. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 32ff.
- H1370. Miscellaneous quests.
- H1381.2.2.1. Child seeks unknown parent. Mende: Migeod 201.

H1385.8. Quest for lost brother. Mende: Westermann 451.

H1400--H1599. OTHER TESTS

H1540. Contests in endurance.

H1540.+ Drinking contest. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 419.

H1540.+ Swimming contest. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII  
423f.

H1540.+ Sleeping contest. Vai: Ellis 186.

H1540.+ Eating contest. Bassat 198; Vai: Dammann, ZSES  
XXIII 273; Vai: Ellis 191; Temne: Schlenker 61;

Kpelle: Westermann 441.

H1543. Contest in remaining under water. Fiv: Abraham 79.

H1545. Contest in fasting. Nigeria: Dayrell 153.

H1550. Tests of character.

H1552. Tests of generosity.

H1552.+ Fairies test women for generosity by knocking nuts  
from their hands. If women pick them up and eat them,  
they are not generous. Togo: Cardinall 86.

H1556. Tests of fidelity.

H1556.+ Creator tests loyalty of subjects by appearing as  
hideous leper requesting assistance. Ibo: Easden (1921)  
282.

H1556.+ King's son must perform difficult feats to prove  
fidelity. Liberia: Cronise 251.

H1556.1. Test of fidelity by feigning death.

- H1556.1.+ Tiger pretends to be dead to test friendship of man. Barker and Sinclair 168.
- H1556.1.+ Man feigns death to test friend for promise of funeral rites. Ekoi: Talbot 380.
- H1556.1.+ Chief feigns death to test devotion of his sons. Ikon: Dayrell RAI No. 3, 32.
- H1556.1.+ Parents pretend to die to see whether children will mourn for them or not. Ekoi: Talbot 196.
- H1556.1.+ Leopard feigns death to test loyalty of subjects, deer tries to make off with his wife. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 417.
- H1556.4. Fidelity in love tested.
- H1556.4.+ Test of paternal love: Sheep and cat defecate on father's bed to see which will be punished. Temne: Thomas 10.
- H1562. Test of strength.
- H1562.+ Bush cow and elephant fight in public to determine which is stronger. Nigeria: Dayrell 72f.
- H1562.+ Contest in leaping over stream to determine which elephant must be pawn. Ashanti: Rattray 269.
- H1562.9. Test of strength: wrestling. Nigeria: CMS III 35; Liberia: Cronise 56; Nigeria: Dayrell 15; Ibo: Thomas (III) 107f.
- H1563. Test of skill.
- H1563.+ Contest in picking (cleaning) ground. Probenius,



Atlantis I 242f.; Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 4.

H1563.+ Contest in theft. Ibo: Thomas (III) 66.

H1563.+ Contest in goldsmithing. Yoruba: Ogumefu 52.

H1570--H1599. MISCELLANEOUS TESTS

H1574.3. King chosen by test.

H1574.3.+ Race to determine which animal shall be king.

Barker and Sinclair 156; Klipple 155; Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 4.

H1574.3.+ Trial by combat to determine king of birds.

Nigeria: Dayrell 157.

H1574.3.0.1. Test imposed on young princes as candidates

for thrones. Yoruba: Ogumefu 34; Yoruba: Clarke No.

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H1576. Tests of possession of magic powers. Nigeria:

Baumann 131; Vai: Ellis 191.

H1594. Foot-racing contest. Vai: Ellis 199.

H1596. Beauty contest. Agni: Tauxier 232f.

H1596.+ Finery contest: Community turns out in best costumes to judge for finest. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 108f.

H1598.+ Duel with poisoned arrows between hunter and ogre.

Each is half destroyed. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 74.

## J. THE WISE AND THE FOOLISH

### Detailed Synopsis

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- J1370. Cynical retorts concerning honesty
- J1380. Retorts concerning debts
- J1390. Retorts concerning thefts
- J1400. Repartee concerning false reform
- J1410. Repartee concerning fatness
- J1420. Animals retort concerning their dangers
- J1430. Repartee concerning doctors and patients
- J1440. Repartee -- miscellaneous
- J1500--J1649. Clever practical retorts
- J1500. Clever practical retort
- J1510. The cheater cheated
- J1530. One absurdity rebukes another
- J1540. Retorts between husband and wife
- J1550. Practical retorts: borrowers and lenders
- J1560. Practical retorts: hosts and guests
- J1580. Practical retorts connected with almsgiving
- J1600. Practical retorts -- miscellaneous
- J1650--J1699. Miscellaneous clever acts

J1700--J2749. FOOLS (AND OTHER UNWISE PERSONS)

J1700--J1729. Fools

J1710--J1729. Association with fools

J1730--J1749. Absurd ignorance

J1750--J1849. Absurd misunderstandings

J1750--J1809. One thing mistaken for another

J1750. One animal mistaken for another

J1760. Animal or person mistaken for something else

J1770. Objects with mistaken identity

J1780. Things thought to be devils, ghosts, etc.

J1790. Shadow mistaken for substance

J1800. One thing mistaken for another -- miscellaneous

J1810. Physical phenomena misunderstood

J1820. Inappropriate action from misunderstanding

J1850--J1999. Absurd disregard of facts

J1850--J1899. Animals or objects treated as if human

J1850. Gift or sale to animal (or object)

J1860. Animal or object absurdly punished

J1870. Absurd sympathy for animals or objects

J1880. Animals or objects treated as if human --  
miscellaneous

J1900. Absurd disregard or ignorance of animal's  
nature or habits

- J1910. Fatal disregard of anatomy
- J1920. Absurd searches for the lost
- J1930. Absurd disregard of natural laws
- J1960. Other absurd disregard of facts
  
- J2000--J2050. Absurd absent-mindedness
  - J2010. Uncertainty about own identity
  - J2020. Inability to find own members, etc.
  - J2030. Absurd inability to count
  - J2040. Absurd absent-mindedness -- miscellaneous
  
- J2050--J2199. Absurd short-sightedness
  - J2050. Absurd short-sightedness
  - J2060. Absurd plans: air castles
  - J2070. Absurd wishes
  - J2080. Foolish bargains
  - J2100. Remedies worse than the disease
  - J2120. Disregard of danger to objects (or animals)
  - J2130. Foolish disregard of personal danger
  - J2160. Other short-sighted acts
  
- J2200--J2259. Absurd lack of logic
  - J2200. Absurd lack of logic -- general
  - J2210. Logical absurdity based upon certain false assumptions
  - J2220. Other logical absurdities



- J2260--J2299. Absurd scientific theories
- J2260. Absurd scientific theories -- general
  - J2270. Absurd astronomical theories
  - J2280. Other absurd scientific theories
- J2300--J2349. Gullible fools
- J2310. Nature of gullibility
- J2350--J2369. Talkative fools
- J2370--J2399. Inquisitive fools
- J2400--J2449. Foolish imitation
- J2410. Types of foolish imitation
  - J2420. Foolish imitation -- miscellaneous
- J2450--J2499. Literal fools
- J2450. Literal fool
  - J2460. Literal obedience
  - J2470. Metaphors literally interpreted
  - J2490. Literal fool -- miscellaneous
- J2500--J2549. Foolish extremes
- J2550--J2599. Thankful fools
- J2600--J2649. Cowardly fools
- J2650--J2699. Bungling fools

J2700--J2749. The easy problem made hard

J2750--J2799. Other aspects of wisdom or foolishness

THE FOOLISH

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(KNOWLEDGE)

at to acquire wisdom so that he

countrymen. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL

own experience.

- so on until one hundred people are assembled. He thus shows the route the secret would travel. Vai: Ellis 228.
- J30.+ Wife buries skull in platter of food and serves it at feast as sign to husband that he must find an occupation other than warfare. Ekoi: Talbot 268.
- J120. Wisdom learned from children.
- J120.+ Spider (tortoise) learns from son that he must carry pot of wisdom on back if he is to climb tree. Barker and Sinclair 34; Nigeria: Baumann 73; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 30; Ga: Fleischer and Wilkie, Africa III 30f. (Cf. J2199.+).
- J130. Wisdom (knowledge) acquired from animals.
- J133. Animal gives wise example to man.
- J133.+ Man overhears cock reprove wife, learns to manage his own. Nigeria: CMS II 24; Klipple 331f; Ashanti: Rattray 245.
- J133.+ Hero reared by leopard shows so much wisdom he is proclaimed king. Nigeria: Mockler-Ferryman 283.
- J133.+ Chameleon rewards man who tried to kill it, bites off hand of man who saved it to teach men not to help strangers in distress. Togo: Cardinal 196.
- J133.+ Bird advises spider to remove bundle of wisdom from his head so that he can pass under tree lying across

trail. Atlantis XI 119; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 16.

J150. Other means of acquiring wisdom (knowledge).

J163. Wisdom purchased.

J163.+ Nymo wishes to buy more wisdom, procures python, basket of rice birds, and leopard's tooth as payment.

Medicine man says he is wise enough already if he can procure these. Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 417.

J190. Acquisition and possession of wisdom -- miscellaneous.

J190.+ There is no wise person on earth. Spider goes to God and requests wisdom, gets it. Atlantis XI 118f.

J190.+ Spider collects all wisdom and puts it in gourd, later he scatters it so that anyone who wants it may have it. Togo: Cardinal 180.

#### J200--J1099. WISE AND UNWISE CONDUCT

##### J200--J499. CHOICES

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J210. Choice between evils.

J210.+ Husband gives wife's paramour choice between loss of eyes and loss of genitals. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 67.

J226. Difficult choice between relatives.

J226.+ Hunter aims at giraffe. It announces that if he shoots, his mother will die; if he does not, his wife

will die. Slave Coast: Trautmann 99.

J230--J299. REAL AND APPARENT VALUES

- J230+. Man exchanges king's gift (a stone) for a yam. The stone is full of valuable ornaments. Barker and Sinclair 134; Himmelheber 83; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 573f.
- J230+. Host ties thin cord to large cow, heavy cord to stunted ox, lets guests take choice without seeing animals. Atlantis XI 112.
- J230+. God serves feast at which largest dish contains poorest fare. Himmelheber 82.
- J320. Present values preferred to future.
- J321.1.+ Hunter leaves captive elephant to chase wren, loses elephant. Barker and Sinclair 160f.; Klipple 483; Ashanti: Rattray 271.
- J321.1.1. Today's catch of fish traded for prospective larger catch tomorrow. Tahiti: Bellon, MSOS XVII 1; Courlander and Herzog 53f.; Atlantis X 268f.; Klipple 21; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 74ff.; Ashanti: Rattray 252; Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 337; Agni: Tauxier 231.
- J340. Choices: little gain, big loss.
- J345. The valuable neglected for the interesting.
- J345+. Foolish messenger neglects important errand for trifle which distracts him on road. Basset 209; Liberia:

Bundy, JAFI XXXII 408; Gold Coast: Christaller, ZAS I 55, 58; Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 194; Nigeria: Dayrell 73ff.; Togo: Einstein 5f.; Himmelheber 31, 64f.; Ekoi: Talbot 361; Gold Coast: Von Held 98f.

J460. Unnecessary choices.

J461.1. The belly and the members. Ekoi: Talbot 393.

J461.3. Tobacco, pipe, and match debate usefulness to smoker. Vai: Ellis 196.

J461.4. Deer, opossum, and snake each render indispensable aid to man, then foolishly debate their usefulness. Vai: Ellis 230.

#### J500--J599. PRUDENCE AND DISCRETION

J514. One should not be too greedy.

J514.+ Spider overuses his magic transportation from feast to feast, gets nothing to eat. Vai: Ellis 208.

J514.+ Spider cannot decide which feast to attend, ties two ropes around waist, one leading to each village, tells sons to pull when food is served. Sons pull simultaneously. Vai: Ellis 187.

J514.+ Man so eager to kill goat in trap he cuts rope instead; goat escapes. Vai: Ellis 187.

J582. Foolishness of premature coming out of hiding.

J582.+ Prudent man pushes small pot out of doors instead of

his head when called by false friends. They beat pot.

Slave Coast: Trautmann 27.

J582.2. Hidden antelope discovered when he begins to eat leaves from sheltering tree. Slave Coast: Trautmann 82f.

J600--J799. FORETHOUGHT

J670. Forethought in defenses against others.

J670.+. Ape asked to pick wildcat's fleas, ties wildcat's tail to tree so he may be sure of escape. Basset 214.

J700--J749. FORETHOUGHT IN PROVISION FOR LIFE

J710. Forethought in provision for food.

J710.+. Impoverished man who receives gift of seed corn from king cannot refrain from eating seed, overeats and dies. Courlander and Herzog 23.

J711.1. Ant and lazy cricket (grasshopper). Dahomey: Delafosse 166.

J711.2.+. Improvident wealthy man has surplus grain used for mortar to build a stone wall, later is struck by famine. Courlander and Herzog 15ff.

J711.2.+. Wise man cooks only what he needs, has plenty. Fool cooks all he can, runs out of food. Ibo: Thomas (VI) 84.



J740. Forethought in provision for shelter.

J740.+ Hare refrains from building when other animals agree to build homes. He seeks shelter when it rains, is turned out. Atlantis XI 231.

J850--J899. CONSOLATION IN MISFORTUNE

J870. Consolation by pretending that one does not want the thing he cannot have.

J871.+ Leopard finds that he can not devour tortoise, remarks that he didn't care to anyway. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 417.

J900--J999. HUMILITY

J950. Presumption of the lowly.

J950.+ Boasting: Tortoise and crab boast that they are strongest creatures in the world. They are picked up by boy, cooked and eaten. Nigeria: Baumann 26ff.; Yoruba: Ogumefu 76.

J953. Self-deception of the lowly.

J953.+ Pig thinks he will grow to be as large as elephant, ceases speaking to other animals. Himmelheber 58.

J953.4. Ass who carries divine image thinks people bow before him. Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 8.

J955.1. Frog tries in vain to be as big as ox, bursts. Dahomey: Delafosse 167.

J972. One cock takes glory of another's valor. Victor in cock fight crows over his victory. He is taken off by eagle. Yoruba: Lomax, JAFI IXVI 6f.

J1000--J1099. OTHER ASPECTS OF WISDOM

J1020. Strength in unity.

J1020.+ . Lion encounters two bulls. One permits lion to kill the other. Lion then kills the first. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXIX 284.

J1021. The quarreling sons and the bundle of twigs. Yoruba: Clarke, No. 6.

J1063. Pot calls kettle black.

J1063.1.+ . Mother ape blames child for not walking straight, cannot walk straight herself. Yoruba: Lomax, JAFI XXVI 5.

J1100--J1699. CLEVERNESS

J1110. Clever persons.

J1112.+ . Clever wife: Wife cleverly interprets message from husband. Ashanti: Rattray 103.

J1113.+ . Clever nephew solves riddle which baffles his three uncles. Ashanti: Rattray 103.

J1113.+ . God's son always able to say something more clever than his father. Togo: Einstein 9.

J1114.+ . Clever servant: Servant so heavily laden on journey

that people offer him food. Master exchanges roles, but servant acts part so well that overawed people invite him to dinner. Liberia: Bundy, JAFL XXXII 412.

J1130. Cleverness in law court -- general.

J1141. Confession obtained by a ruse.

J1141.1.1. Largest part of prize to go to the guilty man.

In order to obtain the prize, he confesses to the earlier crime. Lee 23.

J1141.1.1.+ Spider claims reward for finding body of god's mother whom he has killed and hidden. Agni: Tauxier 232.

J1170. Clever judicial decisions.

J1171.1. Solomon's judgment: the divided child.

J1171.1.+ King's judgment: Blind man carrying cripple; they come to dead elephant and quarrel over ownership. King awards one tusk to each. Togo: HÄrtter, 2003 VI 211.

J1171.1.+ King's judgment: In dispute between chimpanzee and fishotter over custody of children, king places crabs and "ape pepper" before children. Fishotter's child takes crabs; chimpanzee's child takes "ape pepper." Kpelle: Westermann 442.

J1171.1.+ Father settles argument over cow's tail, throws it up and states that the child who catches it may have

it. Atlantis XI 89.

J1171.1.+ Hunter asked to settle dispute between snake and lion. Hunter suggests that disputed antelope be divided -- fears reprisal from both. Atlantis XI 199.

J1172.3. Ungrateful animal returned to captivity. A man rescues a serpent (or other animal) who in return seeks to kill its rescuer. Judge advises man to put serpent back into captivity. Togo: Cardinall 212; Vai: Ellis 221; Klipple 114; Seidel 291.

J1180. Clever means of avoiding legal punishment.

J1180.+ Woman cuts a man's plantain, making herself subject to fine. She pretends to sleep so that she must be awakened to be questioned, thus making owner of plantain liable to equal fine for disturbing sleeping person. Vai: Ellis 205f.

J1190. Cleverness in law court -- miscellaneous.

J1191.1. Reductio ad absurdum: The decision about the colt.

J1191.1.+ Boy cheated out of calf complains that he was up in the middle of the night delivering his father of an infant. It is as easy for a man to deliver an infant as it is for a bull (ox) to calve. Togo: Cardinall 167; Atlantis XI 197, 114; Himmelheber 126; Klipple 451; Kpelle: Westermann 431.

J1193. Clever interpretation of judge's statement.

J1193.+ Guinea fowl loses farm to rabbit because of dance judge. He appropriates rabbit's harvest and same judge upholds him. Courlander and Herzog 91ff.

J1210--J1229. CLEVER MAN PUTS ANOTHER  
OUT OF COUNTENANCE

J1214. Absurd pretense, when allowed, puts pretender out of countenance.

J1214.+ Spider's wife refuses to accept him back into household after his feigned death. Cendrars 273.

J1214.1.+ Spider claims that his skull captured game. When chief's bull is killed, hare insists that spider's skull killed it. Spider is fined. Tamne: Thomas 72f.

J1230. Clever dividing.

J1230.+ Clever dividing: Friends hunt house of treasure. One finds it, appropriates treasure and gives worthless house to friend. Togo: Sch5nh5r1 28f.

J1230.+ Clever dividing: Tortoise helps boy slaughter cow for share, keeps good meat and gives boy leavings. Atlantis X 309.

J1230.+ Clever dividing: Tortoise lends frogs knives to cut up buffalo, arranges dividing to get all good flesh. Atlantis X 263.

J1230.+ Clever dividing: Crow induces spider to take worthless half of common enterprise. Ashanti: Rattray

257.

- J1230.+ . Clever dividing: Tortoise takes name of "you-all."  
When food is distributed, farmer says it is for "all of  
you." Tortoise takes all. Nigeria: CMS III 14f.
- J1230.+ . Clever dividing: Dog offers to share meat with  
iguana. Iguana has no teeth. Texne: Schlenker 43.

## J1250--J1499. CLEVER VERBAL RETORTS

- J1390. Retorts concerning thefts.
- J1391.3. Two thieves caught with stolen sheep. One says  
that he told the other that sheep have no upper teeth,  
that companion caught sheep to see. Vai: Ellis 221.
- J1420. Animals retort concerning their dangers.
- J1420.+ . Man chases goat until both are exhausted, then calls  
goat and says he doesn't wish to kill it anyway. Goat  
asks why man has chased it so far. Vai: Ellis 187.
- J1440. Repartee -- miscellaneous.
- J1440.+ . Butterfly belittles caterpillar. Caterpillar re-  
minds butterfly of its lowly origin. Meinhof 222.
- J1440.+ . Hare chops ogre, thinking he is log of wood,  
soothes aroused ogre by saying he was merely awakening  
him to come and have some beer. Tiv: Abraham 78.
- J1440.+ . Tide asks minnow what time moon changes. Retort:  
"Moon is up and you are up." Vai: Ellis 200.
- J1440.+ . Clever listener does not contradict liar, tells

bigger lie. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray ) 202; Ashanti:  
Rattray 107.

J1530. One absurdity rebukes another.

J1530.+ Absurdity: Bushrat, when asked why he produced no  
increase with only males, says he was delayed on way by  
his father in childbed. Tiv: Abraham 74.

J1530.+ Spider cheats squirrel out of farm by cutting road  
to it, then demonstrating ownership of road. Crow ap-  
propriates spider's bundles of grain when spider leaves  
them to take shelter from rain. Barker and Sinclair 60.

J1530.+ Father demands seven bowls of rice from one grain.  
Son takes father calabash seed to plant, says it must  
produce calabashes in time to hold rice crop. Temne:  
Thomas 20f.

J1530.+ Man demands that woman plait hair on woman's shaved  
head. Son takes egg to father and demands that he make  
a bone and comb of it. Temne: Thomas 20.

J1530.+ Vulture wins tusk by showing head worn bald by car-  
rying it. Nymo cuts road to vulture's farm and claims  
it because owner of farm always has road leading to it.  
Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 416.

J1530.+ King demands sleeping mat woven from rice grains  
and that his farm be moved. Wise parents send son with  
request that chief supply old mat for pattern, dry up  
river so that people may carry farm across. Liberia:

Bundy, JAFI XXXII 415.

J1530.+ Spider pretends to prepare boulders to cultivate.

Hyena pretends to burn swamp. Himmelheber 104.

J1530.+ Recipient of haircut asks barber to put hair back on head. Barber asks that corn kernels be put back on cob. Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 86.

J1530.+ Clever suitor accepts impossible task (building house on rock). He counters by demanding that prospective mother-in-law put hand in cooking pot and take delicacies from beneath boiling rice. Vai: Ellis 192; Mende: Migeod 218; Gola: Westermann 483; Mende: Westermann 453.

J1563. Treatment of difficult guests.

J1563.5.2.+ Trickster asked to apportion food at feast.

He puts chop for enemies in common bowl so that guests refuse to eat, leaving food for trickster. Liberia:

Bundy, JAFI XXXII 410.

J1565. Inappropriate entertainment repaid.

J1565.+ Turtle who has been cheated of food at spider's house sets table at bottom of river when spider is his guest. Courlander and Herzog 111.

J1565.+ Dog who has been deprived of food by hornbill arranges honey so that he may eat it with his tongue, but hornbill cannot eat. Mende: Migeod 239.



J1565.+ Tortoise invites snake to dinner, covers food with carapace. Snake invites tortoise, covers dinner with coils. Slave Coast: Trautmann 34f.

J1650--J1699. MISCELLANEOUS CLEVER ACTS

J1650.+ Clever names for topknots save man from sacrifice. (Confide not in your wife; Put not your trust in kings; The eye knows no sorrow). Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 71.

J1650.+ Old woman solves problem of appetite of wonder child: cooks handful of yams with calabash full of pepper. Atlantis X 276.

J1650.+ Woman wets dry leaves between herself and man, goes to man without attracting god's attention. Dahomey: Le Herisse 262; Atlantis XI 74.

J1650.+ Owner of city bedecks his city with beautiful things when an army of women is sent against him. Women are so attracted that they desert to him. Gola: Westermann 497.

J1650.+ King settles argument as to whether man's opinion is stronger than woman's. He sends servants on journey to sell cattle, but they must refuse any bargains in which purchaser defers judgment to wife. They approach twelve kings; eleven defer judgment. Epelle: Westermann 403ff.

J1675.4. One-eyed king has rocks counted on pain of death. Clever man avoids saying "one" (which king considers curse on his eye) by saying first rock must not be called by name. Vai: Ellis 216.

J1700--J2749. FOOLS (AND OTHER UNWISE PERSONS)

J1700. Fools.

J1710. Association with fools.

J1714.1. A wise man follows a fool against his better judgment. Vai: Ellis 242.

J1750--J1849. ABSURD MISUNDERSTANDINGS

J1750. One animal mistaken for another.

J1758.5.+ . Thief steals lion instead of ram. He remarks on its size. Togo: Hörtter 119ff.

J1758.5.+ . Man buys lion from trickster, believes it to be large dog. Liberia: Croniss 66; Texas: Thomas 41.

J1790. Shadow mistaken for substance.

J1791.3.+ . Spider sees reflection of banana in water, leaps in. Does so repeatedly instead of looking up. Kpelle: Westermann 440.

J1791.7.+ . Girls go to bring water, see beautiful reflection and believe it to be their own. They refuse to carry water because they are too beautiful. Himmelheber 138.

- J1800. One thing mistaken for another -- miscellaneous.
- J1802.1. "I don't understand." Foreigner asks who owns property, clothing, servants; whose wife an attractive woman is; whose funeral is in progress? Answer to each question is "I don't understand," which foreigner takes to be a person's name. Courlander and Herzog 59ff.
- J1820. Inappropriate action from misunderstanding.
- J1820.+ . Goat and leopard (or other animals) select same site for house. Goat works daily, and leopard comes to work after goat has gone. Each attributes work done by other as god's special aid to him. Barker and Sinclair 141; Basset 210; Ewe: Ellis 270f.; Atlantis X 248; Ashanti: Rattray 39.
- J1820.+ . People try to trap sleep because he "steals" their brains. Courlander and Herzog 32.
- J1820.+ . Wizard tries to put body of man he has killed on a shelf; sleeping thief pushes it off repeatedly; wizard clubs body, thinking it not yet dead. Nigeria: Dennett 98f.
- J1820.+ . Spider sees washing in the dark, thinks it is something to eat, gives himself away as nocturnal food thief. Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 269.
- J1833.1.2.+ . Tortoise strikes at bird on wife's head with pestle, kills wife. He strikes again when bird lights on child, kills child. He climbs rope, dives to ground,

kills self. Ibo: Thomas (III) 160.

J1842.+ Dupe cuts off cow's udder to cure it (milk sign of illness). Atlantis X 309.

J1850--J1999. ABSURD DISREGARD OF FACTS

J1864. Man flogs his shot. On a rainy day when shot will not go, a man flogs the shot. It goes and shoots a deer. Vai: Ellis 189.

J1909. Absurd disregard of animal's nature or habits -- miscellaneous.

J1909.+ Leopard waits for sparrow to grow until its feet will be as large as stool's feet. Togo: Schönherl 73.

J1909.+ Leopard led to believe goat can kill with special look. He avoids goat thereafter. Atlantis X 250.

J1909.+ Spider thinks dog has no mouth, takes nostrils for only opening. Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 271.

J1909.+ Spider tries to ride a hen across river, sees companion ride his dog across. Kpelle: Westermann 393.

J1909.+ Tortoise climbs tree and drops on back to kill bird on his back, kills self. Ibo: Baden (1921) 280.

J1909.2. Fool tries to shoot dead antelope until it will come to him. Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 156.

J1932.+ Tortoise sees dead horse's head sticking from ground, reports horses growing like plants. Nigeria: Baumann 5.

J1933.+ "Lift up the hole so that I may see." Hole is in ground. Ashanti: Rattray 261.

J2050--J2199. ABSURD SHORT-SIGHTEDNESS

J2080. Foolish bargains.

J2080.+ Foolish farmer's daughter gives her father's cattle for advice on how to be beautiful, gets cheat's wife to return them in exchange for secret about husband. Nigeria: Baumann 37ff.

J2081.+ Youth takes money to buy salt, returns with worthless object. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 133ff.; Ashanti: Rattray 14.

J2081.1. Foolish bargain: horse for cow, cow for hog, and so on until nothing left. Ibo: Thomas 128.

J2093. Valuables given away or sold for trifle.

J2093.+ Leopard trades pot of gold to stranger for "armut." He gets bell and heavy weight to tie around neck, expires struggling with weight. Himmelheber 120f.

J2093.+ Stupid wife gives away husband's magic power (ring). Nigeria: Baumann 127; Togo: Cardinal 219.

J2099. Foolish bargains -- miscellaneous.

J2099.+ Cat cuts piece from nose to get rat to marry. Rat then refuses because cat's nose is too short. Val: Baumann, ZSES LXIII 276; Kpelle: Westermann 141f.

- J2099.+ Crocodile furnishes salt, pepper, lard, pot, and fire to trickster who has promised to "color" crocodile's eggs. Meinhof 202.
- J2099.+ Starving men offer their lives in exchange for food. Togo: Cardinal 24.
- J2130. Foolish disregard of personal danger.
- J2131.5.2. Numskull licks out pot, gets it stuck on head. Ekoi: Talbot 115.
- J2131.5.2.+ Greedy spider has head stuck in hole in tree when he tries to get honey. Kpelle: Westermann 393.
- J2131.5.2.+ Glutton gets head stuck in mortar as he licks meal from its sides. Courlander and Herzog 126.
- J2132.1. Man catches buffalo by rope tied to himself, is dragged to death. Ekoi: Talbot 155.
- J2133.6.1. Old woman piles mortars until she lacks only one to reach heaven, tells children to take one from bottom and put it on top. Ashanti: Werner 125.
- J2133.6.1.+ People try to build ladder to sky. It collapses and kills all. Nigeria: CMS III 13f.
- J2136.5. Careless thief caught.
- J2136.5.1. Thief stops to admire beautiful things before stealing them. Ekoi: Talbot 390f.
- J2136.5.1.+ Greedy thief tarries to load self down, is caught. Basset 219; Courlander and Herzog 123; Liberiat Cronise 177; Yoruba: Ellis 272; Klipple 342.

- J2160. Other short-sighted acts.
- J2172.1.+ Crying wolf: Parrot calls out at passing birds until owner takes no more notice of him. When parrot calls out at approaching danger, his warning goes unheeded. Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 10.
- J2183. Disastrous hesitation.
- J2183.+ Dove sets out to funeral rites of two friends, can not decide which to attend first, decides to sit at crossroads and cry. Himmelheber 48.
- J2199. Absurd short-sightedness -- miscellaneous.
- J2199.+ Foolish rooster shows frightened fox that his comb is harmless, is eaten. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 424.
- J2199.+ Rat allows himself to be persuaded to visit cat, is eaten. Slave Coast: Trautmann 70f.
- J2199.+ Monkey helps lion out of pit, is eaten. Vai: Ellis 232.
- J2199.+ Boy repeats feat of jumping from tree top without magic protection, is killed. Atlantis XI 290.
- J2199.+ Spider (tortoise) tries to climb tree with heavy pot hanging in front instead of behind. Barker and Sinclair 34; Nigeria: Baumann 72; Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 425; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 30; Atlantis XI 119; Ga: Fleischer and Wilkie, Africa III 360; Himmelheber 95; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 16. (Cf.

J120.+).

J2199.+ . Owner of magic food-producing object so ravenous he eats or otherwise destroys food-producing object. Liberia: Cronise 205, 232; Atlantis XI 102, 314; Klipple 306.

J2199.+ . Spider steals magic knife which cuts off heads, fails to get formula to make it stop. It cuts off heads of enemy, then his own. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 92; Ashanti: Rattray 215.

J2300--J2349. GULLIBLE FOOLS

J2349. Nature of gullibility -- miscellaneous.

J2349.+ . Gullible elephant fears goat because goat says cud is rock. Texne: Schlenker 65.

J2349.+ . Leopard fears gazelle's sharp teeth. Himmelheber 54.

J2349.+ . Ape sees hunter draw arrow from quiver, reports that he draws death from neck. Apes see hunter slap at lizard on neck, run away in fright. Atlantis XI 212.

J2349.+ . Spider does work while crow stands by to take weariness. Tahiti: Bellon, MSOS XVII 1; Courlander and Herzog 49; Klipple 21; Ashanti: Rattray 253; Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 237; Agni: Tauxier 231.

J2349.+ . Husband discovers that wife's lover, disguised as her sister, has penis. He is assured that some women



- are so equipped, is satisfied. Atlantis II 207.
- J2349.+ Gullible man buys fake life-restoring medicine, cuts wife's throat to try it out. Togo: Cardinal 134.

J2350--J2369. TALKATIVE POOLS

- J2350.+ Display of wisdom punished: God so vexed with display of wisdom that he orders tortoise sacrificed.  
Ekoi: Talbot 397.
- J2350.+ Boastful spider offers to take one hundred blows from magic whip, dies. Mende: Migeod 225.
- J2350.+ Crocodile tells how he is most vulnerable. Trickster kills him. Meinof 202.
- J2350.+ Avenging blacksmith finds man who pierced his scrotum by getting trickster to boast of exploits.  
Temne: Thomas 38.
- J2351.1.+ Man quarrels with his members, blames belly for doing nothing. God decrees that other members should serve belly. Ekoi: Talbot 393.
- J2353.1. Foolish boasts get man into trouble.
- J2353.1.+ Chief boasts that man he is sacrificing amounts to nothing in his eyes. Spirit promptly demands another sacrifice. Ibibio: Talbot 181.
- J2353.1.+ Tortoise borrows feathers from birds to fly to nesting in tree. He boasts of prowess, causing birds to take feathers back and leave him marooned in tree.

Ibo: Basden (1938) 432.

J2353.1.+ . Tortoise gets drunk, boasts of having incestuous relation with daughter. Atlantis X 287.

J2353.1.+ . Hunter foolishly boasts so much about hearing song of tortoise that he is required to produce it. Failing to do so, he is executed. Barker and Sinclair 120.

J2353.1.+ . Three boys boast of what they would do if they could have their desires. The king learns of their boast, orders desires fulfilled. All three die of excesses. Togo: Prietze, ZAOS 39; Slave Coast: Trautmann 53.

J2353.1.+ . Spider boasts of ruse to pass suitor test. He is overheard and beaten. Atlantis XI 222. .

J2353.1.+ . Murderer and friends boast of their cunning while drunk. They are apprehended and executed. Togo: Cardinal 137.

J2357. Tortoise speaks and loses his hold on stick while being carried by bird. Nigeria: CMS III 5.

#### J2400--J2499. POOLISH IMITATION

J2410. Types of foolish imitations.

J2411.1. Imitation of magic rejuvenation unsuccessful. Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 258; Yoruba: Ellis 251; Atlantis X 224; Mende: Migeod 260; Mende: Westermann 457; Ewe:

Westermann 20.

- J2411.1.+ . Fatal imitation: Envious woman lets bird steal her child. Bird kills and eats it instead of returning riches. Slave Coast: Bouche 228.
- J2411.1.1. Fatal imitation: Evil co-wife killed and eaten by ghosts who rewarded good wife. Atlantis X 233; XI 187f.; Ekoi: Talbot 238; Ibibio: Talbot 79f.
- J2411.1.+ . Tortoise kills mother in expectation of gifts from corpse. Atlantis X 270.
- J2411.4. Imitation of magician unsuccessful. Person does self injury.
- J2411.4.+ . Goat as spider's host pretends to serve own flesh. Spider as host serves own flesh, dies. Ivory Coast: Fernor, RTP XXVII 381.
- J2413. Foolish imitation by an animal.
- J2413.+ . Chimpanzees try to imitate hunters who pretend to fight with cutlasses, kill each other. Ekoi: Talbot 143.
- J2413.+ . Chimpanzees try to imitate men who roast nuts, burn selves. Ekoi: Talbot 144.
- J2413.4.+ . Elephant tries to imitate tortoise who pretends to eat his own eyes, loses sight. Nigeria: Dayrell 59; Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 342f.
- J2415. Foolish imitation of a lucky man.
- J2415.+ . Ram tries to bluff the wild predators which have

- been bluffed by goat, fails to act convincingly, is killed. Atlantis XI 127f.
- J2415.+ Spider goes to forest to imitate man who found magic food-producing spoon. He finds magic whip, is beaten. Atlantis XI 102f.
- J2420. Foolish imitation -- miscellaneous.
- J2420.+ Fatal imitation: Pursuing tribe sees quarry ferried across river on crocodile's back, think people walk on water, plunge into river and drown. Togo: Cardinall 232.
- J2420.+ Fatal imitation: Tiger demands that he have his eyes sewn shut so that he too can see wonderful things. Barker and Sinclair 31.
- J2420.+ Fatal imitation: Man tries to cross stream to capture bird, is eaten by crocodile. Liberia: Cronise 248.
- J2420.+ Fatal imitation: Bird tries to copy rabbit's feat of being delivered to an enemy's home in a covered pot. Rabbit has wife put pot containing bird on fire. Atlantis II 338.
- J2425. The bungling host. A trickster (animal) visits various animals who display their peculiar powers in obtaining food (often magic). He returns the invitation and tries to provide food in similar ways. He fails and usually has a narrow escape from death. Ibo: Basden

(1921) 274; Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXIII 409; Nigeria: Dayrell 36; Ivory Coast: Fernor, RTP XIVII 381; Himmelheber 74; Mende: Migeod 222; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 85. J2425.+ Spider tries to imitate chameleon, kills and cooks mother. Temne: Thomas 71.

J2470. Metaphors literally interpreted.

J2470.+ Child whose mother says "Wait there and you will see." sets out to find "I will see." Ashanti: Rat-tray 151.

J2500--J2549. POOLISH EXTREME

J2516.+ Greedy spider told to beat hunchback dwarf lightly with stick to bring rain. He beats with heavy club to bring much rain, kills dwarf. Barker and Sinclair 64; Lee 22.

J2600--J2649. COWARDLY POOL

J2621. The dead girl frightens father and lover. The girl dies. The lover, thinking she is asleep, talks to her. When he hears the father speak of her as dead he is frightened because he has talked to the dead. The father hears the lover talk and thinks that it is the girl's spirit. Both flee. Vai: Ellis 204.

J2622. Pool frightened by stirring of the wind, falls on knife and kills self. Ibo: Hasden (1921) 277.

## K. DECEPTIONS

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  - K1400. Dupe's property destroyed
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K1460. Members of dupe's family killed

K1500--K1599. Deceptions connected with adultery

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K1510. Adulteress outwits husband

K1550. Husband outwits adulteress and paramour

K1570. Trickster outwits adulteress and paramour

K1580. Other deceptions connected with adultery

K1600--K1699. Deceiver falls into own trap

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K1610. Deceiver falls into his own trap -- miscellaneous incidents

K1700--K2099. DECEPTION THROUGH SHAMS

K1700--K1799. Deception through bluffing

K1700. Deception through bluffing

K1710. Ogre (large animal) overawed

K1760. Other bluffs

K1800--K1899. Deception by disguise or illusion

K1800. Deception by disguise or illusion

K1810. Deception by disguise

K1840. Deception by substitution

K1860. Deception by feigned death (sleep)

K1870. Illusions

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- K1900. Impostures
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- K2000. Hypocrites
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- K2100. False accusations
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- K2200. Villains and traitors
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  - K2300. Other deceptions
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KO--K99. CONTESTS WON BY DECEPTION

- K10. Athletic contest won by deception.
- K11. Race won by deception.
- K11.+ Spider's pregnant wife gets medicine to cause spider to lose race. It throws him down hill repeatedly when he tries to race. Mende: Migeod 327.
- K11.+ Animals combine to tie deer before race. Vai: Ellis 189.
- K11.1. Race won by deception: relative helpers. One of the contestants places his relatives (or others that resemble him) in the line of the race. The opponent always thinks the trickster is just ahead of him. Ibo: , Basden (1921) 274; Yoruba: Clarke No. 4; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 83; Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 419; Vai: Ellis 199; Frobenius: Atlantis X 260; Klipple 401; Mende: Migeod 233; Ibo: Thomas (III) 154.
- K11.2. Race won by deception: riding on the back. One contestant rides on the other's back. Tiv: Abraham 68; Barker and Sinclair 155f.; Vai: Ellis 189; Klipple 155; Temne: Schönherl 76.
- K12. Wrestling match won by deception.
- K12.+ Snail makes ground slippery where he is to wrestle, wins match. Liberia: Cronise 64.

- K16.2. Diving match: Trickster eats food while dupe is under water.
- K16.2.+ Submersion contest: Cricket dupes hare into submersion contest, snaps off his hind legs and leaves them sticking out of water while he goes to hare's home and eats food. Tiv: Abraham 79.
- K16.2.+ Trickster throws rock into water instead of diving in himself. Opponent dives, loses strength fruitlessly. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXIII 423f.
- K18. Throwing contest won by deception.
- K18.+ Chevrotain counts by fives instead of ones, manages to reach ten before thrown spear falls back to earth, wins contest. Vai: Klingenheben, ZSES XVI 86.
- K22. Deceptive tug-of-war. Small animal challenges two larger animals to a tug-of-war, arranges it so that they unwittingly pull against each other (or one end of rope is tied to tree). Ibo: Basden (1921) 277; Nigeria: Baumann 118; Nigeria: CMS III 51; Nigeria: Cobham, JAS IV 307; Liberia: Cronise 118f.; Nigeria: Dayrell 105; Probenius: Atlantis I 341; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 567; Lee 13; Yoruba: Ogumefu 71; Ibo: Thomas (III) 145f.
- K40. Labor contest won by deception.
- K40.+ Cock wins land-clearing contest over elephant by aid of land-clearing medicine. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL

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- K40.+ Spider pretends to describe the beauty of a girl so that he may have excuse to scratch himself while weeding garden in contest at which scratching is prohibited. Ashanti: Rattray 131.
- K44. Deceptive contest in chopping.
- K44.+ Spider undertakes to chop down tree with wooden axe, hides steel axe in bag and uses it while guard's attention is diverted. Barker and Sinclair 160.
- K44.+ Spider unable to cut down tree, hides in knothole until tree is felled, leaps out and claims credit. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 219.
- K44.+ Spider pretends to chop down fruit with penis (suitor task). He climbs tree at night, loosens fruit with hatchet. Later, he conceals calabash full of red water under cloth, pretends to cut fruit with penis, lets red water run down legs to represent blood. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 211.
- K50. Endurance contest won by deception.
- K50.+ Rabbit wins contest in holding breath, distracts other animals' attention while he draws breath. Liberia: Cronise 130.
- K53.+ Fasting contest won by deception. Bird leaves a small hole for passage before being sealed up for fasting. Nigeria: Dayrell 154.

K80. Contests in other physical accomplishments won by deception.

K80.+ Man conceals iron hammer, accepts devil's challenge to trade blows. Kpelle: Westermann 389f.

K80.+ Spider conceals hammer, challenges elephant to exchange knocks. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 69; Ashanti: Rattray 147.

K90. Other contests won by deception.

K90.+ Contest in theft won by deception: Thief's cloth is stolen from his body while he is demonstrating ability in theft. Ibo: Thomas (III) 66.

K90.+ Tortoise slows up other animals by beating drum, forcing them to dance. Togo: Hörter 207.

#### K100--K299. DECEPTIVE BARGAINS

##### K110--K149. SALE OF WORTHLESS ARTICLES

K110. Sale of pseudo-magic objects.

K111.1. Alleged gold-dropping animal sold. Togo: Cardinall 132; Klipple 436.

K113. Pseudo-magic resuscitating object sold. Dupe kills his wife (mother) and is unable to resuscitate her. Togo: Cardinall 134.

K119.+ Leopard trades pot of gold to stranger for "armut" and gets bell and heavy piece of iron to tie around neck.



He expires struggling with weight. Himmelheber 120.

K130. Sale of worthless animals.

K133.+ Lion sold as dog. Liberia: Cronise 66; Temne: Thomas 41.

K140. Sale of other worthless objects.

K140.+ Lizard makes beautiful cloth of flies, sells it to spider for good price. Flies fly away leaving spider naked. Togo: Cardinall 156; Gold Coast: Courlander and Fremph 73; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 218.

K140.+ Chief who wishes to maintain monopoly on maize seed sells boiled seed to purchasers. Bassot 221; Cendrars 209.

K140.+ Tortoise sends disguised sons as brides for chief, stipulates that no one may see them naked. Ekoi: Talbot 378.

K140.+ Handsome youth betrothed to king on condition that bride may bathe apart from other women. Dahomey: Einstein 25; Dahomey: Le Herisse 266.

K140.+ Tortoise delivers dead daughter to king to whom she has been betrothed, collects bride price. Frobenius: Atlantis I 285.

K150. Sale of worthless services.

K150.+ Trickster collects fee to resuscitate dead chief, then convinces people that his magic will raise all dead

chiefs. He refuses to stop magic until duped villagers make second payment. Togo: Cardinall 132.

K150.+ Spider promises sterile woman pregnancy, dupes her into swallowing him, becomes her "pregnancy." Basset 180; Cendrars 272; Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 263.

K170. Deception through pseudo-simple bargains.

K174.+ Deceptive Bargain: Lizard digs pit, plasters it over so that it looks like small hole, makes bargain to have it filled with yams. Togo: Cardinall 155; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 73; Probenius: Atlantis XI 109.

K200--K249. DECEPTION IN PAYMENT OF DEBT

K231. Debtor refuses to pay his debt.

K231.1.1. Mutual agreement to sacrifice family members in famine. Trickster refuses to carry out his part of the bargain. Himmelheber 19; Meinhof 200; Sierra Leone: Mudge-Paris, JAPL XLIII 319; Ekoi: Talbot 337.

K231.12.+ Sparrow promises gift to leopard as soon as sparrow's feet grow as large as stool's. Leopard waits in vain for sparrow to grow. Togo: Schönherrl 73.

K234. Trickster summons all creditors at once, precipitates fight and escapes judgment. Nigeria: Dayrell 6; Ewe: Speiss 120.

K236. Literal payment of debt (not real).

K236.+ King lives up to bargain to give daughters to who-

ever can guess their names. He reclaims them later, hence keeping his daughters while keeping his word.

Ewe: Toso, ZKS VII 17.

K236.+ Spider pays debt by offering creditors his house (hole). Gets eagle to chase creditors into hole, tells them they have accepted his offer. Himmelheber 88.

K246.+ Tortoise avoids creditor by lying on back, pretending to be mortar in which his wife is grinding leaves.

Nigeria: Cotham, JAS IV 309.

K250. Other deceptive bargains.

K250.+ Spider agrees to have intercourse with ugly old woman if she will let him eat her cow first to give him strength. He eats cow, frightens old woman away. Frobenius, Atlantis XI 213.

K250.+ Snake and tortoise make mutual tattooing compact.

Tortoise cheats snake. Vai: Klingenheben ZSES XVI 87f.

K251.1. The eaten grain and cock as damages. A trickster has only a grain of corn; this is eaten by a cock, which he demands and receives as damages. Likewise when a hog eats the cock and the ox eats the hog. (Frequently ends with trickster owning one hundred slaves or whole tribe.)  
Togo: Cardinal 17; Himmelheber 70; Klipple 449; Ashanti: Rattray 257; Togo: Schönhärl 37ff.; Ewe: Speiss 104.

K251.2. Trickster demands return of food (charm, pearl,

- etc.). Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 339.
- K251.2.+ Chimpanzee asks hunter to shave his head, threatens hunter's life because he left no magic lock to hold amulet. Ewe: Spieth 578.
- K251.2.+ Goat leaves property in way of others to get them to use it, demands compensation. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 56ff.
- K251.2.+ Spider loses scalp pulling head out of hole in tree, replaces it and asks a boy to shave him. Boy puts hand on spider's scalp, causing it to come off. Spider demands compensation. Himmelheber 94; Kpelle: Westermann 394.
- K251.2.+ Tortoise forces bush cat to swallow ear of goat so that he may demand its return and thus claim compensation. Ibo: Thomas (III) 111.
- K254. Goods misappropriated.
- K254.+ Mother accepts child's bird to cook for him, eats it herself. Texne: Schlenker 57.
- K254.+ Python lends hands and feet to boy who then calls parents to drive python away. Eko: Talbot 376.
- K254.+ Hyena borrows magic killing pipe from spider, threatens to use it on owner when he asks for its return. Himmelheber 102.
- K254.+ Leopard lends spider cloth woven of honey (salt) and cotton. Spider eats it. Probenius: Atlantis XI 217;

Ewe: Spieth 582; Ewe: Westermann 148, 219.

K254.+ . Spider borrows elephant's ear to use for cloth, eats it. Ewe: Spieth 582; Ewe: Westermann 148.

K254.+ . Man covered with sores borrows friend's clean skin, refuses to return good skin. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 71.

K254.+ . Girl cooks and eats goat, insists she has not seen it. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 98.

K256. Deceptive wages.

K256.+ . Ant patches shell for tortoise after it has been broken; tortoise chops ant in two and patches ant as repayment. Ibo: Hasden 433.

K263. Agreement not to scratch. In talking the trickster makes gestures and scratches without detection. Ashanti: Rattray 131.

K278. Dupe denied food until hands are clean. Greedy host sends guest to river to wash hands (feet) repeatedly, eats all the food himself. Nigeria: CMS III 79; Courlander and Herzog 107ff.; Nigeria: Dayrell 51; Togo: Schönherrl 11.

#### K300--K499. THEFTS AND CHEATS

K300. Thefts and cheats -- general.

K305. Contest in stealing. Ibo: Thomas (III) 66.

K305.1. Thieves in competition to win a wager: One steals

eggs from nest without disturbing bird; another steals first thief's clothes while he is taking the eggs.

Epelle: Westermann 425.

K310--K439. THEFTS

K310. Means of entering house or treasury.

K311.8.4.+ Younger son disguises self as elder son and receives elder son's property from father. Togo: Gardinall 49.

K311.12.+ Thief disguised as messenger. Frobenius: Atlantis I 302.

K312. Thieves hidden in oil casks. In one cask is oil; in others the robbers are hidden. The girl (son) kills them. Nigeria: Cobham, JAS IV 308; Klipple 340; Ekoi: Talbot 391.

K312.2.+ Leopard gains entrance to spider's house by hiding in hamper of coal. Liberia: Cronise 230.

K315.+ Thief gains access by use of magic opening formula. Yoruba: Ellis 271; Klipple 342; Epelle: Westermann 396; Gola: Westermann 498.

K318. Watch dog enticed away.

K318.+ Thief warns cock his owner will kill first fowl which crows, steals eggs without cock making alarm. Nigeria: Baumann 142; Dahomey: Delafosse 160; Yoruba: Ogumefu 75.

- K321. Thief learns location of dupe's food supply by strewing ashes. Fills the dupe's bag with ashes and cuts hole in corner. Barker and Sinclair 51, 83; Nigeria: Dayrell 27; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 50; Togo: Funke, ZSES X 307; Probenius: Atlantis X 217; Klipple 606; Ashanti: Rattray 215.
- K321.+ Thief conceals self in bag to discover fly's secret source of food. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 58; Probenius: Atlantis XI 270; Yoruba: Ogumefu 68f.
- K321.+ Tortoise hides in hornbill's bag, eats nuts. Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 47.
- K330. Means of hoodwinking the guardian or owner.
- K332. Theft by making owner drunk. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 5; Yoruba: Ellis 262; Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 453; Eko: Talbot 297, 398.
- K333. Theft from blind person.
- K333.+ Thief steals meat from blind couple. Blind man and wife quarrel over missing meat. Probenius: Atlantis X 346; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 23; Ibo: Thomas (III) 89, 124f.
- K335. Thief frightens owner from goods. Barker and Sinclair 52; Ibo: Basden 278.
- K335.+ Rat tells spider stolen ox flesh is poisoned. Spider thanks him and leaves flesh to rat. Himmelheber 87.
- K335.+ Spider imitates thunder to drive people indoors from

- garden so he may steal. Sierra Leone: Thomas 59.
- K335.+ Bird which can change color at will encounters rabbit repeatedly, extorts gift each time. Frobenius; Atlantis XI 328.
- K335.+ Tortoise walks inside hollow tree, frightens people away from their food. Frobenius: Atlantis I 288.
- K335.+ Tortoise has self swallowed by cow, speaks from cow's interior to frighten people; thus getting all the meat when the cow is slaughtered. Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 47.
- K335.+ Tortoise and rabbit burrow tunnel up to market place, shout from ground to frighten people away so they may steal. Ibo: Basden 278; Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 461.
- K335.0.1. Owner frightened from goods by report of approaching enemy. Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 340.
- K335.0.1.+ Spider pretends to hear noise in forest just as animals are about to eat ox, suggests goblins demanding flesh. Himmelheber 86.
- K335.0.5.+ Hare transforms self to dead animals, tempts leopard to set basket of corn down, steals corn. Ashanti: Rattray 229.
- K337.1.+ Spider sends forest-devil for basket to carry away his share of cow, steals devil's share. Kpelle: Westermann 394.



- K341. Owner's interest distracted while his goods are stolen.
- K341.+ Spider tells wife and son to take well earned rest after plentiful harvest, He feasts on stores while they are gone. Barker and Sinclair 70.
- K341.17. Trickster entices children to dance and steals their food. Nigeria: CMS III 43ff.; Frobenius: Atlantis I 281ff.
- K341.17.+ Greedy companion dupes hungry friend into dancing at banquet, eats food while friend dances. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XIVII 571.
- K341.27. Trickster starts argument and steals from arguers. Kpelle: Westermann 383.
- K343. Thief advises owner to go away; meantime steals goods. Barker and Sinclair 69.
- K343.1. Owner sent on errand and goods are stolen (damaged). Tortoise pretends friendship, gets frog to go for water. Tortoise stops frog's flute so frog cannot play it to warn parrot. Frobenius: Atlantis I 297.
- K346. Thief trusted to guard goods.
- K346.+ Dog pretends to save meat from mice by holding it in his mouth, swallows it. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prampah 54; Ashanti: Rattray 233.
- K360. Other means of theft.
- K361.+ Tortoise as treasurer for other animals steals their money. Nigeria, CMS III 1.

- K362. Theft by presenting false order to guardian. Ibo: Basden 274.
- K362.10.+ . Rabbit joins leopard's children in hole, tells them his name is "All of us together." When leopard brings food and asks who ate it, children reply, "All of us together." Frobenius: Atlantis XI 318.
- K362.10.+ . Spider sees king's goat tethered in field, shouts question concerning making fire, slaughtering goat, etc., and takes echo to be affirmative answer. Ewe: Speiss 116.
- K362.10.+ . Tortoise inspects his and spider's traps. Spider's trap has animal. Tortoise reports a fly in trap, is invited to eat it. Ibo: Thomas (III) 146.
- K400. Thief escapes detection.
- K401.1. Dupe's food eaten and then blame fastened on him. Trickster eats the common food supply and then by smearing the mouth of the sleeping dupe with food escapes the blame. Barker and Sinclair 48; Nigeria: CMS III 83f.
- K401.1.1. Trail of stolen goods leads to dupe.
- K401.1.1.+ . Spider steals king's prize cock, kills and cooks it; puts feathers under lizard's bed and pours boiling water into lizard's mouth so that he cannot explain innocence. Barker and Sinclair 47; Lee 26.
- K401.1.1.+ . Lizard steals god's hen, strews feathers to goat's house, puts bone in goat's mouth. Togo: Funke,

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- Eh01.2.3. Surreptitious transfer of stolen object to innocent person's possession brings condemnation.
- Eh01.2.3.+ Rabbit steals chief's cloth, places it in poor man's house. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 319.
- Eh01.2.3.+ Hare steals seeds, puts some in spider's pockets. Tiv: Abraham 80.
- Eh01.2.3.+ Tortoise gives speaking cloth to goat. Cloth betrays goat. Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 23.
- Eh04.1. Tails in ground. Thief steals animals and sticks severed tails into ground, claiming that animals have escaped underground. Vai: Ellis 249.
- Eh11. Thief presents alibi.
- Eh11.1. Thief shams illness as alibi. Yoruba: Ellis.271.
- Eh11.1.+ Fly prepares alibi for accusation of theft: Holds egg in cheek, says he has been ill with swelling for three months. Later, he arranges trial by ordeal wherein innocence will be indicated if abscess will disappear when struck. Frobenius: Atlantis X 259.
- Eh14. Quartered thief's body sewn together to escape detection. Ekoi: Talbot 389.
- Eh15.+ Culprit's house marked; he marks other houses. Ekoi: Talbot 391; Kipple 340.
- Eh19. Thief escapes detection -- miscellaneous.
- Eh19.+ Hyena struck by firebrand while trying to steal from

- hare at night, explains appearance next morning by saying hare threw firebrand so hard it flew past thief, across river, and struck hyena. Basset 172.
- K419.+ Spider caught stealing food, says he was just testing to see that it was good. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI NO. 3, 15.
- K419.+ Hare steals meat, accuses the one appointed to dry it. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 4.
- K419.+ Man carves six-toed wooden shoes to leave footprints suggesting six-toed enemy, steals yams. Nigeria: CMS III 32.
- K419.+ Spider covertly takes king's cow to hole dug by anteater, kills cow and fastens blame on anteater. Temne: Schlenker 49.
- K419.7.+ Tortoise protects his pot of oil from other animals, says it is corpse of woman he is taking for burial. Ibo: Thomas (III) 96.
- K419.7.+ Spider steals yams, carries them in coffin-shaped basket and bewails the death of his mother. Himmelheber 89.
- K420. Thief loses his goods or is detected.
- K422. Thief rendered helpless by magic. Slave Coast: Trautmann 7.
- K431.+ Thief forced to regurgitate swallowed booty. Temne: Thomas 64.

- K434. Clever girl discovers robber and cheats him.
- K434.+ Thief steals pitcher, substitutes broken calabash. Girl believes genie has transformed pitcher, later, sees thief with booty, effects second exchange. Dahomey: Delafosse 164.
- K440. Other cheats.
- K441. Double reward successfully claimed.
- K441.+ Tortoise as go-between in treaty between gorilla and monkeys gets tributes from both sides, keeps them for himself. Nigeria: Baumann 148.
- K441.+ Woman accepts bride-price for daughter from five different men. Temne: Thomas 43.
- K441.+ Pregnant woman promises offspring to two individuals. Both bring gifts. Ashanti: Rattray 201.
- K441.+ Father promises beautiful daughter to three different men, all come for her. Frobenius: Atlantis I 207; Slave Coast: Trautmann 35.
- K442. False claim of reward. Barker and Sinclair 151; Ekoi: Talbot 387.
- K442.+ Slave pretends to take presents from master to medicine man for advice, keeps presents. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 79.
- K442.+ Trickster poses as king of termites to receive gifts from wolf and leopard. Meinhof 203.
- K442.1.+ Spider kills god's mother, hides body. He then

- claims reward for finding it. Agni: Tauxier 232.
- K443. Money (or other things) acquired by blackmail.
- K443+. The beheaded cow (or other animal): Trickster buries neck of severed cow's head in mud, asks aid in recovering mired cow. Helpers pull up head, pay damages for beheading cow. Liberia: Cronise 237; Vai: Ellis 249; Klipple 390; Temne: Schlenker 75; Temne: Thomas 73; Kpelle: Westermann 430.
- K443+. Pigeon stands severed horse's head in ground. Tortoise reports horses growing from ground, is punished when unable to prove statement. Yoruba: Ogumefu 79f.
- K443+. Spider crawls into belly of cow to cut its heart. When dead cow is opened, spider accuses people of soiling his cloth, is compensated. Temne: Thomas 74.
- K443+. Trickster loses hand to crocodile, rushes home and puts stump of arm into pot. When wife seizes pot, he accuses her of tearing away his hand, demands compensation. Meinhof 205.
- K443+. Tortoise appropriates dead body of female slave, pretends she is sleeping daughter ready for marriage, gets presents. Eko: Talbot 60f.
- K453. Cheating through knowledge of law.
- K453+. Vulture steals tusk, displays bald head in court as proof that his head is worn bald from carrying tusk. Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXIII 416.

- K453.+ Trickster beats trail into guinea fowl's farm, then claims farm on evidence of trail. Barker and Sinclair 60; Courlander and Herzog 88ff.; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 70f.; Togo: Cardinall 139, 154; Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 416; Probenius: Atlantis XI 106f.; 218; 334.
- K461.1. The bear helps the fox's mother get berries. The fox eats them.
- K461.1.+ Tortoise persuades hornbill to carry him up tree to pick nuts, eats nuts instead of putting them into bag and accuses rat of stealing them. Ibo: Thomas (III) 93.
- K461.1.+ Hornbill and dog as hunting partners; hornbill uses long beak to deprive dog of nuts. Mende: Mgeod 237.
- K461.1.+ Spider and chameleon as partners; spider deprives chameleon of fruit. Himmelheber 92.
- K461.1.+ Spider and bee as partners; bee gets food; spider refuses to share. Temne: Thomas 55.
- K476. Cheating by substitution of worthless articles.
- K476.+ Spider and companion go to funeral. Companion carries pot of gold dust for gift; spider carries pot of excrement, switches pots. Agni: Tauxier 229.
- K476.+ Tortoise substitutes imitation for real charm. Nigeria: Baumann 46.

- K476.+ Lame man gives blind man frog for pork. Nigeria:  
CMS II 36; Vai: Ellis 237; Klipple 535.
- K476.+ Man carves wooden doll to represent child for sacrifice. Nigeria: Baumann 94; Yoruba: Ogumefu 45.
- K476.+ Man trades woman new cooking pot for old one which produces gold by magic. Yoruba: Ogumefu 56.
- K476.+ Woman releases son's captive singing bird, substitutes owl. Sierra Leone: Thomas 56.
- K476.+ Hawk examines tortoise's flute, allows tortoise to hold a feather for security, flies away with flute, leaving feather. Ibo: Basden (1921) 275.
- K476.5.+ Chimpanzee leaves ugly child, takes fishotter's beautiful child. Kpelle: Westermann 442.
- K484. Cheating by raising an alarm.
- K484.+ Hyena warns hare about thieves to take suspicion from himself when he plans to steal from hare. Basset 172.
- K494. Spider (or other animal) announces dawn prematurely to start companion on trip. Slave Coast: Bouche 223; Yoruba: Ellis 272; Togo: Funke, ZSES I 306; Ewe: Spieth 574; Ewe: Werner 328.
- K499. Additional cheats.
- K499.8. Trickster dupes rival by exchanging beds: He receives rival's food. Overhears maiden tell rival she will bring food at night, waits until rival is asleep and carries



him to another bed, takes his place and is fed. Nigeria: CMS III 83; Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 194; Nigeria: Dayrell 53.

K499.8+. Trickster dupes rival (companion) by suggesting that they take ceremonial names when they go on a visit. Trickster arranges names so that all food and favors will be offered to him. Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 264; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 13; Frobenius: Atlantis X 309; Himmelheber 79ff.; Yoruba: Ogumofu 77ff.; Togo: Schönherl 26f.

K499.8+. Ill-dressed spider persuades well-dressed companion to exchange clothing temporarily when the two are seeking brides, runs off and gets first choice. Courlander and Herzog 98; Lee 24.

K499.8+. Greedy trickster takes companion on visit, keeps him from meal. Nigeria: Baumann 3; Ivory Coast, RTP XXVII 571.

K499.8+. Weaver promises hunter cloth, but refuses to give it when they go on visit. Hunter squats outside while weaver is entertained. Kpelle: Westermann 419ff.

#### K500--K699. ESCAPE BY DECEPTION

K500. Escape from death or danger by deception.

K515.1. Children hidden to avoid their execution. Ekwi: Talbot 355.

- K520. Death escaped through disguise, shamming, or substitution.
- K521. Escape by disguise.
- K521.4.+ Escape by pretending to be a mortar: Tortoise pretends to be a mortar, has wife grind medicine on breast to escape pursuit. Ekoi: Talbot 382.
- K521.10.+ Spider and family in snuffbox start singing dirge for elephant's mother. Elephant hurls box to earth; spiders escape. Ewe: Spieth 582; Ewe: Westermann 148f.
- K521.11. Hare and bride travel in pot to escape tiger. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 324.
- K525. Escape by use of substituted object. The object is attacked rather than the intended victim.
- K525.1. Substituted object left in bed while intended victim escapes. Nigeria: CMS III 48f.; Liberia: Cronise 225; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 31; Klipple 413; Ashanti: Rattray 195, 223; Ekoi: Talbot 249, 338; Sierra Leone: Thomas 54.
- K527. Escape by substituting another person in place of the intended victim. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 414; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 116, 414; Klipple 436; Sierra Leone: Migeod 318; Ewe: Spieth 588; Ekoi: Talbot 33; Temne: Thomas 24; Kpelle: Westermann 378.
- K527.+ Hero escapes from cooking pot, puts cannibal's father

in. Cannibal eats father. Togo: Schönherl 22.

K527.+ Rum used to befuddle captor and cause her to kill own child instead of intended victim. Ekoi: Talbot 339.

K540. Escape by overawing captor.

K543. Biting the foot. Captive to animal which holds its foot: "You are biting the tree root." Captor lets go. Nigeria: CMS III 78; Klipple 15; Probenius: Atlantis II 97, 328.

K543.+ Spider's captors fish for him, but he sets their hooks in roots of tree, shouts, "I am caught." They bend hooks. Temne: Thomas 80.

K547.lh. Trickster claims to be holding up sky. Leopard afraid to let sky fall, leaves him. Sierra Leone: Thomas 59.

K551. Respite from death until particular act is performed.

K551.+ Leopard is to kill goat, goat wishes to call dog for witness, escapes. Vai: Ellis 240.

K551.+ Tortoise as judge in dispute between leopard and captive monkey says leopard must clap hands three times. Leopard does so and monkey escapes. Nigeria: CMS II 44.

K551.l.+ Man about to be eaten by monster asks and receives permission to say good bye to god, calls dogs and escapes. Temne: Thomas 59f.

- K551.1.+ Captured Monkey tells leopard to raise his hands in supplication to god, escapes. Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 192.
- K551.16.+ Tortoise evades leopard by having leopard wait while he enters bush to defecate. Tortoise's speaking excrements keep leopard waiting while tortoise escapes. Ibo: Thomas (III) 97.
- K553.+ Ape tells leopard who has captured him that his flesh will not taste good unless he is properly-killed, must be tossed into air seven times. Frobenius: Atlantis I 256.
- K561.2. Goat persuades leopard to sing one song; aroused goat's owner shoots leopard. Epelle: Westermann 444.
- K567. Escape by pretending to perform errand (do work) for captor. Ekei: Talbot 233.
- K567.+ Hare tricks elephants into leaving him, promises to climb tree and throw down fruit if relieved of weight. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 72.
- K567.+ Crow puts head into fox's mouth to remove bone, pretends there is a second bone to be removed to save head. Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 7.
- K567.+ Dog evades being eaten by lion by promising to furnish sheep. Sierra Leone: Mudge-Paris, JAPL XLIII 318.
- K567.+ Tortoise plays drum for medicine man to dance to, thus providing opportunity to escape. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 39.

- K567.+ Hyena and ogre so engrossed with dancing to captive girl's singing that they do not notice her move to escape. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 96f., 180.
- K571. Escape by pretending to dance so as to be untied.  
Vai: Ellis 238.
- K571.+ Tortoise avoids sentence of death by playing and singing so sweetly that other animals dance instead of killing him. Ibo: Basden 435.
- K571.1.+ Man takes captive bird outside to see it dance and sing. It escapes. Liberia: Cronise 247.
- K580. Captor persuaded into illusory punishment.
- K581.1. Drowning as punishment for turtle (eel, crab, spider). Yoruba: Ellis 267; Klipple 426; Vai: Klingenberg, ZSES XVI 89; Sierra Leone: Migeod 320; Gola: Westermann 499.
- K581.2. Briar-patch punishment for rabbit (or the like).  
Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 60; Liberia: Germann 121;  
Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 5; Klipple 426; Nigeria: Mockler-Ferryman 290.
- K581.2.+ Thief pleads that people refrain from impaling him on upright spears. They determine to do so, thus providing him the opportunity to escape up palm tree. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 60; Ekoi: Talbot 399.
- K581.2.+ Tortoise feigns great fear of sand, is buried in sand. Frobenius: Atlantis X 287.

- K581.2.+ Tortoise persuades captors to sell him into slavery. Nigeria: Herakovits, JAPL XLIV 462.
- K600. Captor otherwise beguiled.
- K602.+ Escape by using an equivocal name. Servant gives king his name, "Private." When he is fleeing from palace, king orders guards to catch Private. They lay down their arms and seize their privates. Nigeria: Herkovits, JAPL XXVI 12.
- K605. Witch sent to bring water in perforated calabash. Ashanti: Rattray 223.
- K605.+ Witch sent to find flat rock on which to carve captive; captive escapes. Ekor: Talbot 233.
- K605.+ Captors sent to get money from captive's wife, unwittingly carry message which effects captive's release. Ashanti: Rattray 105.
- K605.+ Captor given task of wiping out all footprints in sand. Boy escapes. Probenius. Atlantis II 82.
- K606. Escape by singing a song. Captive gradually moves away and at last escapes. Probenius: Atlantis XI 180.
- K606.1.1. Escape by playing magic music. Captor is compelled to dance while victim escapes. Barker and Sinclair 100.
- K606.2. Escape by persuading captors to dance. Nigeria: CMS II 31.
- K607.1. The cave call. (Hello, house!). An animal suspecting the presence of an enemy in his cave (house) calls

- and receives no answer. He then says, "Don't you know, oh cave, that we have agreed that I must call you when I come from abroad and that you in turn must answer me?" The hiding animal answers and the other flees. Sierra Leone: Mudge-Paris, JAPL XLIII 318.
- K611.+ Girl cuts captor's throat while shaving him. Agni: Tauxier 239.
- K615.+ Man, forewarned, escapes from pit by previously dug tunnel. Togo: Cardinall 141; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 80f.; Ekoi: Talbot 356; Temne: Thomas 30.
- K619. Murderer or captor beguiled -- miscellaneous.
- K619.+ Rabbit carries pepper in mouth, blows it in eyes of larger animals who would steal his bride. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 323.
- K619.+ Intended victim of spirit rings bells, then throws them. Spirit pursues bells while victim escapes. Togo: Cardinall 44.
- K619.+ Rabbit says he will push knapsack out of hole, then come out himself. He pushes ears out and leopard, thinking ears are knapsack, impatiently seizes them and throws rabbit into brush. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 318f.
- K619.+ Speaking fish asks owner's son to carry it to water so that it may drink, escapes. Epelle: Westermann 427.
- K619.+ Boy announces he will sleep among goats, slips away in the dark. Goats are destroyed. Ekoi: Talbot 361.

- K619.+ Monster's captive says he can eat only in a goat pen, carries poisoned food outside and disposes of it.  
 Etoi: Talbot 250.
- K621. Escape by blinding the guard. Pepper or tobacco thrown into his eyes. Himmelheber 67; Ashanti: Rattray 163; Tekne: Schlenker 163. (Cf. R219.+).
- K640. Escape by help of confederate.
- K641. One animal saves another by frightening enemy away.  
 Ibo: Basden 279.
- K649.+ Spider spins web over antelope's footprints, fools hunter into thinking they are old. Nigeria: CMS II 30.
- K678. Cutting rope to kill ogre who is climbing rope to reach his victim. Barker and Sinclair 97ff.

#### K700--K799. CAPTURE BY DECEPTION

- K700. Capture by deception.
- K710. Victim enticed into voluntary captivity or helplessness.
- K711. Deception into entering bag (basket). Vai: Ellis 221; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 116f.; Himmelheber 66;  
 Kpelle: Westermann 378.
- K711.+ Man offers to share cow, asks hyena to crawl inside hide to loosen a bone, ties hyena in. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 91.
- K711.O.1. Birds enticed into bag. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL



- XXXII 417; Temne: Thomas 85.
- K711.0.2. Hornets (bees) duped into entering gourd to keep out rain. Barker and Sinclair 30; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 4; Lee 25; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 26; Ashanti: Rattray 57.
- K713.1. Deception into allowing oneself to be tied. Liberia: Cronise 212; Nigeria: Dayrell 94f.
- K713.1.+ Spider tricks leopard into tying game. Has leopard tie him and strike his neck, whereupon he spits out a piece of gold. Leopard wishes to spit gold too. Himmelheber 73.
- K713.1.+ Trickster ties snake to stick under pretense of measuring his length. Barker and Sinclair 30; Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 416; Liberia: Cronise 48; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 5; Lee 25; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 25; Ashanti: Rattray 57; Temne: Thomas 9.
- K713.1.+ Ape ties leopard up by tail. Slave Coast: Bouche 226; Cendrars 218; Ewe: Ellis 274; Nigeria: Mockler-Ferryman 287.
- K713.1.+ Tortoise offers to catch louse on leopard's head, binds leopard. Togo: Schéhérri 11.
- K713.1.+ Leopard desires teeth as white as those of his enemy, lies down to have them cleaned. Ekoi: Talbot 387.
- K713.1.4.+ Spider tricks tiger into allowing eyes to be

- sewn shut. Barker and Sinclair 31; Lee 25.
- K713.3.+ Tortoise and rabbit make hole, conceal rabbit with ropes, get leopard to thrust hand in hole. He is tied. Ibo: Basden 429.
- K714. Deception into entering box (prison).
- K714.+ Tortoise dupes leopard into squeezing into drum to prove size of drum. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 35.
- E714.+ Spider pushes chamelion inside bee tree to stop up hole. Temne: Thomas 71.
- K714.9.1.+ Spider dupes elephant into getting wedged between two trees. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 39.
- K725.+ Man lures girl to forest to divide her with man-eating devil. Gola: Westermann 492.
- K730. Victim trapped.
- K735. Capture in a pitfall. Gold Coast: Christaller, Zs.f.Vksk. IV 70; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 6; Frobenius: Atlantis X 290ff.; Klipple 24; Lee 24; Yoruba: Ogumefu 6, 65; Rugoff 35; Seidel 289; Temne: Schlenker 47; Ewe: Spiess 123.
- K735.1. Mats over holes as pitfall. Togo: Cardinall 129, 246; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 80f.; 194; Nigeria: Dayrell 113.
- K741. Capture by tarbaby. An image covered with tar (or other adhesive substance) captures the intruder who

addresses it and finally strikes it so that he sticks to it. Barker and Sinclair 71; Slave Coast: Bouche 234; Togo: Cardinal 236; Nigeria: CMS III 11; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 21f.; Liberia: Cronise 107f.; Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 272f.; Ikon: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 5f.; Ewe: Ellis 276; Yoruba: Ellis 255; Liberia: Germann 125f.; Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 461; Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 5; Klipple 138; Sierra Leone: Mudge-Paris, JAPL XLIII 320; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 27; Ashanti: Rattray 59; Ewe: Spiess 108; Ekoi: Talbot 397.

K741.+ . Cooked okra smeared on tree trunk to trap thief.  
Gola: Westermann 503.

K743.+ . Victim caught in net. Ibo: Thomas (III) 86.

K750. Capture by decoy.

K750.+ . Tortoise distracts pair of leopards so that hunter may kill them. Probenius: Atlantis X 240.

K755.+ . Lion takes place of ram to catch sheep thief.

Barker and Sinclair 131; Togo: Hartter, ZOOS VI 117.

K756. Capture by imitation of animal's voice. Sierra Leone: Mudge-Paris, JAPL XLIII 318.

K770. Other deceptive captures.

K770.+ . Spider dupes hare into coming to his house by pretending he has so many yams he must throw them away to

- make room. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 64f.
- K770.+ Spider tells fugitive bush goat where to hide, then directs pursuers to hiding place. Tanne: Schlenker 75f.
- K770.+ Tortoise directs hunter to young leopards, then directs leopard parents to hunter. Frobenius: Atlantis I 239.
- K770.+ Tortoise betrays other animals to python in exchange for own safety. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 85.
- K770.+ Spider captures hippopotamus by pretending to discuss marriage. Tanne: Thomas 9.
- K770.+ Trickster pretends to want to learn hunting from lion, traps and sells lion. Tanne: Thomas 40f.
- K772. Victim enticed into dancing: captured. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 41; Yoruba: Ellis 257; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 226.
- K778.+ Spider's daughter wishes to discover identity of man who sleeps with her at night, hides key, discovers father. Agni: Tauxier 229.

K800--K999. KILLING OR MAIMING BY DECEPTION

- K810. Fatal deception into trickster's power.
- K811. Victim lured into house and killed (injured).
- K811.+ Trickster puts green leaves on fire to make guest shut his eyes against smoke, hits him with hammer. Liberia: Cronise 43; Tanne: Thomas 86.

- K811.+ . Hare lures other animals into house where they answer call of Death. Hare and wife fatten on their bodies. Tiv: Abraham 67.
- K811.+ . Spider lures series of animals to his house on separate nights to receive knocks from elephant. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 64ff.
- K811.+ . Spider lures fowls into initiation house, slaughters them on pretext of initiation into secret society. Liberia: Cronise 136.
- K811.1.2. Enemies invited to feast and poisoned.
- K811.1.2.+ . Witches invited to feast, given much to drink. When they sleep, the house is set on fire. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 51f.
- K811.1.2.+ . Wonder-child feeds people rice appropriated from forest-devil, then burns city and people. Kpelle: Westermann 384.
- K811.1.2.+ . Chief desires three wives of guest, sends poisoned beer to guest, good beer to wives. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 295.
- K811.1.2.+ . Wonder-child puts arrow poison in host's food. Frobenius: Atlantis X 220.
- K811.5. Pretended friend puts food on far side of ditch; victim falls in and is killed.
- K812. Victim burned in his own house (or hiding place).
- K812.+ . Fish carry tortoise. He dupes them into entering

- pile of grass, fires it and collects dead fish to eat.
- Ibo: Thomas (III) 95; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 47.
- K812.+ . King orders men to set fire to house in which guests are sleeping. Tahi: Bellon, MSOS XVII 11.
- K813.2.+ . Chief invites enemy to sleep with him, causes the guest to be swallowed by serpent. Ekoi: Talbot 308.
- K815. Victim lured by kind words approaches trickster and is killed.
- K815.+ . Trickster being transported by crocodile gets crocodile to tell him of most vulnerable spot. Trickster uses knowledge to kill crocodile at end of journey. Meinhof 202.
- K824. Sham doctor kills his patients.
- K824.+ . Spider poses as doctor to treat leopard's sick children, eats them. Liberia: Cronise 229.
- K824.+ . Leopard volunteers to cure man's pregnant wife of eating beetles, eats wife. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 208.
- K825. Victim persuaded to hold out his tongue: cut off (scalded). Togo: Cardinall 172; Togo: Funke, ZSES X 295; Lee 27; Ekoi: Talbot 360.
- K825.2.+ . Spider hides from bird inside calabash. When bird puts head in, he cuts it off. Ashanti: Battray 181.
- K825.2.+ . Leopard persuaded to put head in hole, is noosed and killed. Tiv: Abraham 71.
- K827. Dupe persuaded to relax vigilance, is seized.

- K827.+ Hero promises to give king magic powers. He has king lay head on anvil, strikes it with hot hammer. Tahi: Bellon, MSOS XVII 13; Meinhof 218.
- K827.+ Spider lures friends on pretended hunting expedition, sends them into bush to be killed by bearded stone. Liberia: Cronise 169f.; Temne: Schlenker 67; Agni: Tauxier 231; Gola: Westermann 503.
- K831. Victim killed while being bathed.
- K831.1. Slave girl pushes mistress into river while mistress bathes. Nigeria: Dayrell 127; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 17; Hadin (Dayrell; Efik-Ibibio) 193; Ekoi: Talbot 333.
- K831.1.+ Girl who gets least firewood proposes bath, pushes more energetic comrade in. Ibibio: Talbot 71; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 24.
- K831.1.1.+ Jealous co-wives tell young woman to take water far from bank of stream; she drowns. Slave Coast: Trautmann 74.
- K831.1.1.+ Jealous woman drowns co-wife's daughter, uses body for dam. Ekoi: Talbot 312f.; Kpelle: Westermann 415.
- K831.1.1.+ Messenger throws woman's husband into water, assumes husband's identity. Sierra Leone: Migeod 315.
- K839. Fatal deception into trickster's power -- miscellaneous.
- K839.+ Spider takes boy fishing, harpoons him. Togo:

Härtter, ZOOS VI.131.

- K839.+ Leopard's child asks father to teach him how to spring. Leopard lies on back, is killed. Ashanti: Rattray 209.
- K839.+ Spider promises to bring reward to crocodile for favor, returns with knife to kill crocodile. Ashanti: Rattray 141.
- K839.+ Spider dupes gazelle and family of apes into being cooked in a pot. Himmelheber 76.
- K839.+ Tortoise lures birds into calabash, turns them out over hot water. Ibo: Thomas (III) 158f.
- K839.+ Tortoise lures elephant to site of sacrifice by flattering elephant on dancing ability. Ekoi: Talbot 380.
- K839.+ Spider kills animals by having them roll up inside mat. He rolls stone down hill onto mats. Sierra Leone: Thomas 54.
- K839.+ Spider persuades leopard to tie tail to spring trap on pretense of helping leopard out of pitfall. Gold Coast: Courlander and Premph 8.
- K840. Deception into fatal substitution.
- K841.1. Substitution for execution obtained by trickery. Ewe: Spieth 588.
- K842. Dupe persuaded to take prisoner's place in sack, is killed. Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 444; Probenius:



- Atlantis XI 116f.; 414; Klipple 436, 461; Sierra Leone: Migeod 318; Temna: Thomas 24; Kpelle: Westermann 378.
- K842.+ . Man pretends to return from rich kingdom in water in which he was presumably drowned. He dupes plotters into entering hampers to be thrown into river. Sierra Leone: Migeod 318.
- K842.3. Tied animal persuades another to take his place.  
Tiv: Abraham 76.
- K843.+ . Antelope being led to slaughter tells leopard he is being taken to god's house to chew bones. Leopard takes his place. Ewe: Toso, ZKS VII 18f.
- K850. Fatal deceptive game.
- K850.+ . King allows men to beat him at a game, pawns magic bangle which winners invariably lose -- and forfeit lives by doing so. Vai: Ellis 225.
- K870. Fatal deception by narcotic (intoxicant).
- K873.1. King given sleeping potion and then beheaded in his bed. Nigeria: Dayrell 34.
- K890. Dupe tricked into killing himself.
- K890.+ . People persuade devil to try to catch alligator; he is eaten. Liberia: Germann 133.
- K891. Dupe tricked into jumping to his death.
- K891.+ . Hare persuades other animals to jump from heaven. All are killed, but hare hides in elephant's ear, lives.

- Tiv: Abraham 80.
- K891.2.+ Night-jar sits on point of spear and taunts leopard. Leopard springs and impales self. Ashanti: Rat-tray 269.
- K897. Dupe tricked into going on road lined with knives, is killed. Barker and Sinclair 36.
- K910. Murder by strategy.
- K911. Feigning death to kill (lure) enemy (victim). Basset 214; Slave Coast: Bouche 226; Cendrars 219; Liberia: Cronise 219; Ewe: Ellis 274; Frobenius: Atlantis X 256, 344; XI 228; Klipple 61; Yoruba: LOMAX, JAPL XXVI 9; Nigeria: Mockler-Ferryman 287; Sierra Leone: Nigeod 321; Togo: Schönhärl 14; Slave Coast: Trautmann 90f.
- K911.+ Wild dog feigns deafness so that snake will stretch head out of hiding place. Togo: Cardinal 197.
- K911.+ Hyena feigns death. Hare observes eyes move, flees. Slave Coast: Trautmann 32.
- K912.0.2. Robbers' hands cut off as they enter house. Kpelle: Westermann 423.
- K925. Victim pushed into fire.
- K925.+ Tortoise joins rabbit family for meal, asks them one by one to look into pot, pushes them in. Ibo: Basden (1938) 430.
- K929. Murder by strategy -- miscellaneous.
- K929.+ Chief sends man who executed son down porcupine hole.

- closes hole by invocation. Ekoi: Talbot 308.
- K929.+ Tortoise gets birds to aid him in trickery by entering pot, puts it on fire instead of releasing them. Ibo: Basden (1921) 279.
- K929.+ Tortoise steals meat from series of animals entrusted with its safekeeping, accuses each of the theft. Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 87.
- K929.+ Spider pretends he has divining knife to detect thief, draws blunt edge across skin of friends, sharp edge across skin of enemies. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempah 57.
- K929.+ Chief orders trickster to exercise his horse, orders six warriors to shoot any horseman who approaches. Togo: Cardinall 144.
- K929.+ Tortoise breaks law by defecating in public place, gets speaking excrement to incriminate others. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 462; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 86.
- K929.+ Jealous man litters place occupied by rival, succeeds in having rival condemned. Ekoi: Talbot 307.
- K929.+ Chief sends man on errand, causes his delay so that man may be executed for failure. Ekoi: Talbot 308.
- K929.+ Serpent hidden where it may bite victim. Tshi: Bellon, MSOS XVII 4; Togo: Cardinall 226; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 284; Meinhof 211.
- K930. Treacherous murder of enemy's children or charges.

- K931. Sham nurse kills enemy's children. Probenius: Atlantis I 252; Agni: Tauxier 243.
- K931.+ Trickster tends woman's child, roasts it in fire. Togo: Schönhärl 24.
- K931.+ Trickster asked to roast cricket for child. He roasts child for cricket. Temne: Thomas 36.
- K931.+ Woman asks trickster to cook frog's leg for child. He cooks child's leg for frog. Kpelle: Westermann 376.
- K931.+ Woman leaves co-wife's infant in sun where it melts. Ashanti: Rattray 189.
- K931.+ Hare takes refuge in crab's home, kills and eats children while mother crab is fighting hare's enemy. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 74.
- K931.+ Spider persuades bush-goat to kill leopard's children. Leopard pursues bush-goat. Spider eats children. Temne: Schlenker 83.
- K931.1. Trickster employed to educate (color) baby crocodiles; he eats them instead. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 59; Probenius: Atlantis XI 325; Klipple 37; Meinhof 202; Sierra Leone: Migeod 318; Togo: Schönhärl 14.
- K931.1.+ Spider volunteers to hatch out eggs for ogres, eats all but one, tells ogres not to open door until he is far away to keep children from following him. Temne: Thomas 78f.

- K933. Trickster eats all of tiger's cubs but one, counts the  
one many times to deceive parent. Tiv: Abraham 71.
- K940. Deception into killing own family or animals.
- K941.+ Dupe believes story that friend ate much pepper to  
get up thirst before drinking up brook to get fish. He  
forces his family to stuff themselves with pepper and  
drink up brook. They drown. Togo: Schönhärl 70.
- K944. Deceptive agreement to kill wives (children). Tricks-  
ter shams the murder; dupe kills his. Liberia: Cronise  
211; Dahomey: Einstein 30; Probenius: Atlantis X 265,  
270; Dahomey: Le Herisse 257; Meinhof 200; Togo: Schön-  
härl 6; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 24; Sierra Leone: Thom-  
as 58f.; Temne: Thomas 71; Ekoi: Talbot 337.
- K946. Bird flies on head of dupe's child. Dupe strikes at  
bird and kills child (wife). Ibo: Basden (1921) 279;  
Liberia: Germann 127; Ibo: Thomas (III) 160; Kpelle:  
Westermann 440.
- K950. Various kinds of treacherous murder.
- K952. Animal (monster) killed from within. Liberia: Cronise  
232; Liberia: Germann 127; Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL  
XLIV 451.
- K955.+ Leopard puts guest in goat house, sets fire to it.  
Guest escapes; goats burn. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3,  
31.

- K955.+ Spider sees leopard hiding in hamper, heats iron and burns leopard to death. Liberia: Cronise 230.
- K955.+ Father arranges for son to work smith's bellows, asks smith to kill boy with hot iron. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 31.
- K959. Other kinds of treacherous murder.
- K959.+ Spider discovers fruit tree in which eagle perches and blinds climbers with dust. Spider dupes others into climbing tree, clubs them while they are temporarily blinded. Gola: Westermann 506.
- K959.+ Mother dislikes one of twin sons, allows his mask to get wet (violates tabu) to cause his death. Terno: Thomas 77.
- K959.+ Man's sons put ahot in gun he believes to be blank, cause him to shoot cow and thus forfeit his life. Ekoi: Talbot 364.
- K959.+ Spider pretends to prepare boulders for cultivation so that other animals will make tabu remarks about him. They are killed by fetish. Himmelheber 103.
- K960. Other fatal deceptions.
- K961. Flesh of certain animal alleged to be only cure for disease: animal to be killed. Togo: Cardinall 178, 198; Gold Coast: Christaller, Zs.f.Vkak. IV 64; Vai: Ellis 238.

- K961.+ Goat seeks hyena's life, tells lion he has good medicine but lacks hyena's flesh to finish it. Frobenius: Atlantis X 340; Liberia: Germann 120; Togo: Harter, ZOOS VI 125.
- K961.+ Goat tells leopard fox has medicine to cure illness. Fox agrees to furnish it if he may have goat horn to put it in. Vai: Ellis 208.
- K961.+ Tortoise cuts strings of his harp during dance, tells dancers that only harp strings obtained from monkey will be suitable for replacement. Ibo: Baden (1938) 436.
- K961.O.l. Blood (flesh) of certain animal said to be sweet. Its death thus brought about.
- K961.O.l.+ Goat loses smoked meat to lion, says it is hyena flesh. Lion eats hyena. Dahomey: Le Herisse 265.
- K961.l. Disease to be cured by heart of animal. Temne: Thomas 29.
- K961.l.+ Spider agrees to cure chief's illness if he may have tongue of blind man for medicine. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 118.
- K961.l.l.+ Tortoise gets king to demand that hare tailor fine clothing. Hare demands thread to be found in neck of tortoise. Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 338.
- K961.l.l.+ Suitor asks for brains of a deceitful person to make medicine for king's wives. Temne: Schlenker 95.
- K982. Dupe induced to stand under falling tree. Ekoi:

Talbot 70.

K1000--K1199. DECEPTION INTO SELF INJURY

- K1000. Deception into self-injury.
- K1010. Deception through false doctoring.
- K1011. Eye-remedy. Under pretence of curing eyesight the trickster blinds the dupe. Ibo: Basden (1921) 140; Nigeria: Dayrell 59; Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 342.
- K1013. False beauty doctor. The trickster pretends to make the dupe beautiful, injures him. Ekoi: Talbot 387.
- K1013.+ . Rat gets cat to cut piece from nose on promise to marry, later refuses because nose is too short. Vai: Dammann, ZSES XIII 276; Kpelle: Westermann 441.
- K1013.+ . Spider persuades elephant to allow him to slice meat from elephant's posterior. Ashanti: Rattray 183.
- K1015.2.+ . Leopard persuaded to display teeth, has them knocked out. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 417; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 85; Temne: Thomas 8.
- K1018. Hare flatters other animals into letting him bite off their ears. Probenius: Atlantis XI 231.
- K1018.+ . Hare ashamed of loss of tail, persuades other hares to crop theirs. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 76.
- K1020. Deception into disastrous attempt to secure food.
- K1021. The tail fisher: The bear is persuaded to fish with his tail through a hole in the ice. When he is attacked



- and tries to escape, he loses his tail. Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XXVI 6.
- K1023.+ Dupe persuaded to use magic whip under assumption that it will produce food. Probenius: Atlantis XI 103, 226, 312; Yoruba: Ogumefu 83; Eko: Talbot 48.
- K1040. Dupe otherwise persuaded to voluntary self-injury.
- K1041.+ Trickster borrows feathers from birds to share in their island of maize, then claims island. Birds leave him marooned. Meinhof 201.
- K1041.1. Flight by putting on bird feathers. Dupe falls. Aahanti: Potter and Cooper 29.
- K1045. Dupe persuaded to oversalt (overpepper) food. Eko: Talbot 197.
- K1045.+ Spider's wife puts pepper on his eyeballs when he removes them. Liberia: Germann 123.
- K1051.1. Dupe induced to dive for alleged jewels. Vai: Klingenheben, ZSES XVI 102.
- K1076.+ Dupe tricked into breaking tabu by pronouncing brother's name. Probenius: Atlantis XI 205.
- K1080. Persons duped into injuring each other.
- K1080.+ Hunters pretend to fight, leave cutlasses so that imitative speas will kill each other. Eko: Talbot 143.
- K1110. Deceptions into self-injury -- miscellaneous.
- K1110.+ Spurned lover of farmer's wife convinces farmer that

wife has ape lover. Farmer shoots ape; ape kills farmer's child, and farmer shoots wife. Nigeria: Dayrell 47.

K1110.+ Bee in tortoise's nose stings repeatedly to force tortoise to insult father-in-law, then to kill bride.

Probenius: Atlantis X 272.

K1110.+ Man beaten and abused by apes to whom he is taking food because his wife believes one of them is her mother. He reports good reception, thus duping his wife to go to them for same treatment. Liberia: Germann 129.

K1116.+ Hare dupes hyena into putting scrotum into crocodile's mouth when crocodile feigns death. Hyena castrated. Togo: Schönherl 14.

K1116.+ Trickster pretends to want to learn to be smith, pierces blacksmith's scrotum with hot iron. Temne: Thomas 37.

K1162.+ Dupe persuaded to try to sell rotten fishtraps in market. He is beaten. Courlander and Herzog 55f.

K1162.+ Trickster tries to sell worthless leaves at market on suggestion of would-be-dupe. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 77.

K1162.+ Pigeon arranges dead horse's head so that tortoise reports horses growing from ground. Tortoise punished for lying. Nigeria: Bauzmann 5.

K1162.+ Dupe tricked into reporting speaking skull, is exe-

cuted for lying. Probenius: Atlantis XI 235.

K1200--K1299. DECEPTION INTO HUMILIATING POSITION

- K1240. Deception into humiliating position -- miscellaneous.
- K1240+. Man binds amazon wife, beats her in public until she promises peace. Kpelle: Westermann 401.
- K1240+. Girls dupe companion into wearing only plantain leaves. Ibibio: Talbot 68f.
- K1240+. Tortoise places food offering in public street during famine, hides and catches king taking offering. Ibo: Thomas (VI) 86f.
- K1241. Trickster rides dupe horseback. Usually by feigning sickness he induces dupe to carry him and then boasts that dupe always acts as his horse. Tiv: Abraham 65; Liberia: Cronise 72; Yoruba: Ellis 265; Probenius: Atlantis I 280; Nigeria: Mockler-Ferryman 287.
- K1290+. Chameleon tricks spider into buying a beautiful coat in which owner dare not defecate. Spider refrains until he is overcome at a public gathering. Probenius: Atlantis II 109.
- K1290+. Trickster hiding in tree urinates and defecates on king's head. Terno: Thomas 34.
- K1290+. King's wives disgrace his favorite by strewing corn on ground at feast. She cannot refrain from eating because she is cock's daughter. Nigeria: Dayrell 44.

- K1290.+ Bird of prey voids in bags and throws them down to woman who expects riches. Yoruba: Ellis 251.
- K1290.+ Spider defecates inside house, accuses the girl he is courting to shame her. Vai: Darmann, ZSES XXIII 268.
- K1290.+ Water poured on woman's cloth. She is reported to have been incontinent. Nigeria: Dennett 219.
- K1290.+ Goddess annoyed by impertinence of goats who ask for her perfume, gives them foul-smelling ointment. Nigeria: Hockler-Perryman 291.
- K1290.+ Tortoise dupes chaste girl into allowing him in her room, marks her belly and publicly exposes her. Probenius: Atlantis X 277f.

K1300--K1399. SEDUCTION OR DECEPTIVE MARRIAGE

- K1310. Seduction by disguise or substitution.
- K1310.+ Divorced husband disguises self, marries old wife again. Ekoi: Talbot 116.
- K1315. Seduction by imposter.
- K1315.12.+ Seduction by posing as rich traveler. Togo: Cardinall 83.
- K1326. Seduction by feigned illness.
- K1326.+ Tortoise plants snake in path of princess, cuts self deliberately as he pretends to kill snake so that princess will carry him, violates her from behind. Yoruba:

Ellis 269.

- K1330. Girl tricked into man's room (or power).
- K1335. Seduction (or wooing) by stealing clothes of bathing girl. Himmelheber 133.
- K1340. Entrance into girl's (man's) room (bed) by trick.
- K1340+. Boy puts out borrowed fire to have excuse to return to beautiful woman's house. Frobenius: Atlantis X 234.
- K1342.1+. Young man has self wrapped, delivered as pillow to cloistered girl. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 206.
- K1349.1+. Spider pretends to go on trip, returns at night in guise of stranger to bed with his daughter. Agni: Tauxier 227.
- K1350. Woman persuaded (or wooed) by trick.
- K1380. Seductions -- miscellaneous.
- K1399+. Tortoise leaves fruit in path. Proud maiden eats it, whereupon he accuses her of theft. He will accept no compensation other than cohabitation. Frobenius: Atlantis X 279.
- K1399+. Trickster puts purgative in host's food so that he may have access to host's wife during night. Radin (Rattray: Ashanti) 156; Ashanti: Rattray 135f.
- K1399+. Girl seduced by transformed ape. Ivory Coast: Joseph RTP XXVII 568.

K1399.+ Hunter hides skin of transformed animal, courts the woman who is unable to resume animal form. Slave Coast: Trautmann 45.

K1399.2.+ The unusual names: Trickster assumes a name which will cause host's wife to believe husband has ordered her to cohabit with trickster. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 157.

K1400--K1499. DUPE'S PROPERTY DESTROYED

K1400.+ Tortoise throws frog off guard by pretending to admire frog's jumping prowess. Frog jumps while tortoise spoils his bugle. Nigeria: Baumann 86f.

K1415. Repairing the house. House or furniture destroyed.

K1415.+ Tortoise sets fire to house to destroy fairy. Ibo: Basden (1938) 428.

K1415.+ Wonder-child makes fire for hostess, burns up her spinning material. Probenius: Atlantis X 219.

K1415.+ Trickster ordered to roast yams, sets fire to yam-stack. Ibo: Basden (1938) 429.

K1418.+ Trickster offers to help blacksmith, puts gun in forge and spoils it. Togo: Schönhärl 23.

K1423.+ Trickster hoes for farmer, chops corn and leaves weeds. Togo: Schönhärl 23.

K1423.+ God dupes people into destroying their harvest to punish them. Togo: Cardinal 58.

K1423.+ Tortoise tricks bee into cutting green corn. Probenius: Atlantis I 269.

K1423.+ Trickster hides in bush, plays harp to get animals to dance instead of clearing enemy's farm. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL ~~XXVI~~ 412; Vai: Dammann, ZSES XIII 275.

K1440. Dupe's animals destroyed or maimed.

K1440.+ Tortoise persuades boy that milk from cow is sign of illness. Boy cuts off cow's udder to cure it. Probenius: Atlantis 309.

K1440.+ Woman advises stepson to wall up his horse if he wants it to multiply. Horse suffocates. Togo: Cardinal 224.

K1500--K1599. DECEPTIONS CONNECTED WITH ADULTERY

K1510. Adulteress outwits husband.

K1517.1.1. One lover disguised and carried out of house by another. Vai: Ellis 229; Klipple 430; Slave Coast: Trautmann 86.

K1517.4. Lover hidden in chest with feathers. Husband believes he is a devil.

K1517.4.+ Wife hides lover in granary; he perspires and drops fall on husband. Wife says roof leaks. Lover announces himself as messenger from heaven. Husband flees as lovers cohabit. Temne: Thomas 62.

K1517.7. Paramour disguised as pregnant woman.

- K1517.7.+ . Woman's lover dons woman's clothing, visits in guise of sister of man's wife, sleeps with her as husband guards door to see that no man intrudes. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 305.
- K1521. Paramour successfully hidden from husband.
- K1521.+ . Woman hides lover in barrel of live crabs when surprised by return of her husband. Slave Coast: Trautmann 88.
- K1549. Adulteress outwits husband -- miscellaneous motifs.
- K1549.+ . Man tells friend of adventures with another man's wife. It is the wife of the friend he confides in. Husband tries repeatedly to catch lovers together, but wife succeeds in hiding lover each time. Slave Coast: Trautmann 72.
- K1549.+ . Tortoise abuses wife because she ate up food for guest, leaves home in anger. Guest enjoys wife. Frobenius: Atlantis X 255.
- K1550. Husband outwits adulteress and paramour.
- K1550.1. Husband discovers wife's adultery.
- K1550.1.+ . Prince forgets pipe, returns to house to find man with wife. Slave Coast: Trautmann 85.
- K1569.+ . Lover and woman poison husband's food. Warned, he feeds poisoned food to dog. Slave Coast: Trautmann 9f.
- K1569.5. Husband catches paramour by using wife's pre-arranged



signal. He meets wife and paramour separately in dark, cuts off noses. They accuse each other. Slave Coast: Trautmarm 87.

K1570. Trickster outwits adulteress and paramour.

K1570.+ Cuckold tortoise gets revenge on civet cat by telling leopard he may obtain food by beating cat. Probenius: Atlantis X 255.

K1580. Other deceptions connected with adultery.

K1580.+ Man feigns illness in king's household, refuses food. King sends various wives with food until guest has had access to all of them. Kpelle: Westermann 409.

K1580.+ Wife and husband arrange pretended journey for husband so that he may catch unwelcome importunate suitor. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 66.

K1580.+ Spider smears wife with cow's blood, has her lie outside and complain that he has such strength in intercourse that he has wounded her, thus frightening ugly old woman with whom he has contracted to cohabit for pay. Probenius: Atlantis XI 214.

K1600--K1699. DECEIVER FALLS INTO OWN TRAP

K1610. Deceiver falls into his own trap -- miscellaneous incidents.

K1612. Message of death fatal to sender.

K1612.+ Trickster changes places with chief's favorite son

before arriving at site of ambush. Togo: Cardinall  
144.

K1613. Poisoner poisoned with his own poison.

K1613.+ Man sends packaged snake to one of his wives. It  
is delivered to his favorite. Slave Coast: Trautmann  
94.

K1613.+ Intended victim of poisoning offers first taste to  
son of woman who is trying to poison him. Sierra Leone:  
Migeod 317.

K1613.+ Man conceals poisonous snake in another man's  
tobacco pouch. Poisoner's brother killed when he borrows  
pouch. Probenius: Atlantis X 202.

K1613.3.+ King tires of blind beggar, gives him poisoned  
loaf. Beggar gives loaf to famished king's son. Slave  
Coast: Trautmann 93.

K1621.+ Deceiver falls into own trap: Leopard wishes to  
eat lamb, pretends friendship and proposes that they  
trade skins. Lamb in leopard skin kills leopard. Eкои:  
Talbot 68.

K1626. Would-be killers killed.

K1626.+ Spider caught in own trap: He tries to get dog to  
comment on bearded stone (tabu), inadvertently makes  
comment himself. Liberia: Cronise 171; Tenne: Schlen-  
ker 71; Agni: Tauxier 232; Gola: Westermann 505.

K1626.+ Hyena overhears spider's plan to trick him into

speaking ill of spider, arranges a foolish undertaking so that spider will speak ill of hyena. Himmelheber 104.

K1626.+ Wife plots to have husband pronounce tabu name and die; he turns tables on her. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 298f.

K1626.+ Fox pretends to be unable to count to seven (tabu). Spider prompts him, dies. Ewe: Westermann 19.

K1626.3.+ Spider caught in own trap when he demonstrates being cooked to lure chimpanzee into pot. Chimpanzee puts lid on. Himmelheber 77f.

K1641. Ambushed trickster killed by intended victim. Ekoi: Talbot 69.

K1641.+ Leopard goes to get fire to smoke antelope out of hole. Antelope slips out, pushes leopard into hole. Liberia: Germann 121.

K1655. Lawyer's mad client. On the advice of a lawyer, the client feigns insanity when arraigned in court. When the fee is decided, he still feigns insanity. Barker and Sinclair 140.

K1685. The treasure-finders who murder one another. Two (three) men find a treasure. One of them secretly puts poison in the other's wine, but the other kills him before drinking wine. Bassot 185f.; Yoruba: Clarke, No. 2.

## K1700--K2099. DECEPTION THROUGH SHAMS

- K1700. Deception through bluffing.
- K1710. Ogre (large animal) overawed.
- K1715. Weak animal (man) makes large one believe that he has eaten many of the large one's companions. Vai: Ellis 191; Probenius: Atlantis XI 123; Klipple 94.
- K1715.+ Hare bluffs lion by claiming that he can kill lions by pointing. Tiv: Abraham 69.
- K1715.+ Goat rides wife for horse, has son sing of killing five hyenas to frighten hyena. Probenius: Atlantis XI 121.
- K1715.+ Monkey steals from pig; fearing reprisal, he carries basket on head, pretends to be on errand for god. Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 193.
- K1715.+ Hare makes elephant and hippopotamus believe he killed antelope in anger. Probenius: Atlantis XI 230.
- K1715.+ Hare borrows horns from kob, explains them as dangerous illness, frightens elephant and hippopotamus. Togo: Cardinal 206.
- K1715.+ Rabbit hides from leopard inside dead buffalo. When leopard questions carcass, rabbit answers, saying rabbit killed buffalo with magic. Probenius: Atlantis XI 319.
- K1715.+ Owl agrees to allow ogre to eat family of hares, says he will then eat ogre. Tiv: Abraham 78.

- K1715.12.+ . Rabbit bluffs larger animals, fills basket with tobacco and lays glowing ashes on top, pretends to smoke it for pipe. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 316.
- K1715.12.+ . Hare finds horn, pot of beer, and pot of brewing dregs. He goes to various houses pretending a call of nature, shows pot of beer as his urine, pot of dregs as excrement, blows horn to represent flatulence. In each case the animals fear him. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 232.
- K1723. Goat pretends to be chewing rock, frightens wolf (elephant). Temne: Schlenker 63.
- K1723.+ . Goat pretends such appetite before eating contest that elephant runs away. Basset 197.
- K1723.+ . Captive child chews pebbles, replies to question that he is eating nuts, is released. Ashanti: Rattray 225.
- K1760. Other bluffs.
- K1761. Bluff: provisions for swimming match. In a swimming match from a ship the hero takes a knapsack of provisions on his back. His rival is afraid and gives up. Vai: Ellis 233.

K1800--K1899. DECEPTION BY DISGUISE OR ILLUSION

- K1810. Deception by disguise.
- K1810.1. Disguise by putting on clothes (carrying accoutrements) of certain person.

- K1810.2.+ Spider assumes disguise as bird to learn secret from sky-god. Togo: Cardinal 20; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 87; Ashanti: Rattray 73.
- K1810.2.+ Leopard catches deer by disguising self with deer skin. Sierra Leone: Migeod 322.
- K1810.2.+ Spider's children wear clothing of white ants to attend feast. Barker and Sinclair 58.
- K1811. Gods (saints) in disguise visit mortals. Ekoi: Talbot 177.
- K1813.1. Disguised husband wins his father's wife's love. Ekoi: Talbot 116.
- K1818. Disguise as sick man.
- K1818.+ Man smears face with excrement, feigns illness, gains access to king's household and wives. King is not suspicious because of man's condition, but wives have washed him. Kpelle: Westermann 408.
- K1818.1. Man disguises self as leper to test sister's honesty. Slave Coast: Trautmann 64.
- K1821. Disguise by changing bodily appearance.
- K1821.+ Hawk makes large clay feet for disguise. Nigeria: CMS III 27.
- K1821.+ Boy disguises self as pregnant woman by binding gourd to abdomen. Ashanti: Rattray 225.
- K1821.+ Old priestess disguises self as beautiful woman. Tahi: Bellon, MSOS XVII 34.

- K1821.2. Disguise by painting body.
- K1821.2.+ Spider promises to deliver one white man to god, smears self with white clay. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 59f.
- K1823. Man disguises as animal.
- K1823.+ Transforming man becomes elephant, frightens robbers and takes their treasure. Nigeria: Baumann 25.
- K1825. Disguise as professional man.
- K1825.+ Spy disguised as hunter with skins to sell sent to spy on powerful king. Nigeria: Baumann 126f.
- K1832. Disguise by changing voice.
- K1832.+ Hyena uses human voice to request purchase at merchant's house, bites off arm of merchant's wife who serves him. Slave Coast: Trautmann 33.
- K1840. Deception by substitution.
- K1860. Deception by feigned death (sleep).
- K1860.+ Spider feigns death to conceal intended journey. Vai: Cendrars 271.
- K1860.+ Mother feigns death so that abandoned son will be sent to mourn at her funeral. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 2.
- K1860.+ God feigns death to lure wife to his side. Himmelheber 25.
- K1860.+ Host feigns death to get rid of guest. Liberia:

Bundy, JAPL XXXII 413f.; Liberia: Cronise 303; Tenne:  
Thomas 5.

K1867. Trickster shams death to get food.

K1867.+ Spider instructs wife to bury him on farm, feigns  
death so that he may come out of grave at night to eat  
rice. Bassett 179; Togo: Cardinall 235; Gold Coast:  
Courlander and Prempeh 20; Liberia: Cronise 102; Vai:  
Dammann, ZSES XXIII 262; Liberia: Germann 125; Klipple  
139; Ashanti: Rattray 143; Ewe: Spiess 108.

K1868. Deception by pretending sleep. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI  
No. 3, 52; Probenius: Atlantis XI 285.

K1868.+ Fly catches thief by feigning sleep. Nigeria:  
Baumann 65.

K1868.+ Thief feigns sleep, makes owner of property subject  
to fine for awakening sleeper. Vai: Ellis 206.

K1870. Illusions.

K1875. Deception by sham blood.

K1875.+ Eagle strews nephew's feathers, causes other birds  
to believe he has killed their enemy. Seidel 280.

K1883.8. Images set up to resemble watchmen.

K1883.8.+ Spider carves figure of man with gun to frighten  
elephants. Ashanti: Rattray 149.

K1883.8.+ Grasshopper takes off outside skin, leaves it to  
guard food. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 15.

K1886.3.+ Mock sunrise: Spider (or other animal) makes fire



- to simulate dawn. Ewe: Spieth 574; Ewe: Werner 328.
- K1886.3.1. Mock sunrise: Person causes cock to crow (simulates cock's crow). Slave Coast: Bouche 223; Yoruba: Ellis 272; Togo: Funke, ZSES I 306; Ewe: Werner 328. (Cf. K494).
- K1886.6.+ . Tortoise and family drive old woman away from food by pretending to be ghosts. Nigeria: CMS III 10.
- K1886.6.+ . Slaves impersonate ghosts on a hill to keep king from building there. Yoruba: Ogumefu 60.
- K1887. Illusory sounds.
- K1887.+ . Spider sends bee inside dying man's nose to speak to relatives. Relatives believe dying man is speaking. Teme: Thomas 53f.
- K1887.+ . Spider has tunnel dug to end just beneath god's throne, sends sons with talking drums to cause god to believe spider should not be sacrificed. Togo: Cardinall 171; Ashanti: Rattray 265.
- K1887.+ . Spider hides son in tree. Son sings of catastrophe if spider dies. King changes mind about killing spider. Ewe: Spiess 126.
- K1887.+ . Tortoise puts slave inside drum, boasts of drum's voice. Yoruba: Ellis 261.
- K1890. Other deceptions by disguise or illusion.
- K1890.+ . Mother recovers captured son, but continues to wear mourning cloth to bring kidnapers into open. Nigeria:

Dayrell 149.

K1890.+ . Wonder-child fabricates false corpse, gets people to cry to lure corpse-eating devil to capture. Kpelle: Westermann 387.

K1892.1.1. Trickster hides in box in order to be carried. Probenius: Atlantis XI 336; Ewe: Spieth 586; Ekoi: Talbot 396; Ibo: Thomas (III) 140; Ewe: Werner 329.

#### K1900--K1999. IMPOSTURES

K1910. Marital impostures.

K1918. Monster (or animal) disguises and wins girl. Borrows wedding garments (limba) one by one; later returns them one by one and reveals monster form. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 88; Yoruba: Ogumefu 39; Gola: Westermann 486; Sierra Leone: Werner 251.

K1941. Disguised flayer. An imposter dresses in the skin of his victim. Ashanti: Rattray 161.

K1945. Imposition by sham sickness.

K1945.+ . Rabbit binds feet with leaves, pretends illness while other animals work. Probenius: Atlantis XI 333.

K1945.+ . Lizard feigns illness to avoid punishment for theft. Slave Coast: Bouche 224; Yoruba: Ellis 272; Klipple 341.

K1945.+ . Tortoise arranges with soothsayer to tell his wife that he must eat goats to get well, sends wife to sooth-

- sayer for advice. Frobenius: Atlantis X 294.
- K1945.+ Spider desires yam, says when he has monthly periods he must have yam. Ashanti: Rattray 215.
- K1945.+ Hyena puts egg in mouth to feign toothache, dupes spider into putting finger in mouth. Himmelheber 100.
- K1945.+ Trickster sends wife to medicine man for cure, takes shortcut to her destination and shouts cure to her from behind house. Meinhof 205.
- K1945.+ Spider instructs wife to feed any blind man she sees, removes his eyes to be fed. Liberia: Germann 123f.
- K1950. Sham prowess.
- K1954. Sham rich man.
- K1954.+ Poor man pretends wealth by shouting orders to imaginary servant. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 318.
- K1955. Sham physician. Cendrars 272.
- K1970. Sham miracles.
- K1970.+ Spider installs tortoise in his household to act as voice of god. When spider asks for advice before meals, tortoise advises him to eat all the meat, wife to eat none. Gola: Westermann 505.
- K1970.+ Spider, pretending to be dead, calls from hole and gives ghost message to wife. Ashanti: Rattray 143.
- K1973.+ Ape speaks from antelope carcass, warns elephant to beware of apes. Frobenius: Atlantis X 343.

- K1973.+ Spider concealed inside dead cow shouts when people are about to cut it up. Temne: Schlenker 55.
- K1980. Other impostures.
- K1980.+ Tortoise poses as messenger, recovers stolen flute from hawk's mother, says hawk sent him for it. Ibo: Basden (1921) 276.
- K1980.+ Spider announces self as son of god. Meinhof 210.
- K1980.+ Boy secretly buries mother, substitutes coffin full of stones for funeral rites. Ekoi: Talbot 227.
- K1980.+ Tortoise promises unique gift, brings five hundred coconuts, calls them heads. Nigeria: Baumann 15.
- K1980.+ Spider, jumping because of hot beans concealed in hat, says it is time of hat-shaking festival. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prampch 15; Ashanti: Rattray 121.
- K1980.+ Man constructing trap for hyena dissuaded by transformed hyena. Slave Coast: Trautmann 34.
- K1980.+ Spider tells son to run to neighbor's house and complain about being beaten so that neighbors will take him in overnight. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 101.
- K1980.+ Tortoise anchors self to ant hill, defies other animals to lift him, declares he is king, for he has sent root into land of fathers. Ibo: Thomas (III) 71f.
- K1980.+ Hare's wife sets out to see if other hares have lost their tails. Hare runs ahead of her, greets her at each house in guise of house owner. She is convinced. Ikoni:

Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 76.

K2000--K2099. HYPOCRITES

- K2011. Wolf poses as grandmother and kills child. Ibo:  
Thomas 83.
- K2090. Other hypocritical acts.
- K2090.+ . Tortoise binds wet leaves over his head to feign  
tears while grieving for dead daughter. Frobenius:  
Atlantis I 286; Ibo: Thomas (III) 100.
- K2090.+ . Tortoise feigns grief at funeral, hides cricket in  
bag to cry for him, puts wet sponge under hat to shed  
tears. Ibo: Basden (1938) 426.
- K2090.+ . Tortoise feigns grief at funeral, puts grasshopper  
under hat to cry for him. Ibo: Thomas (III) 101.
- K2090.+ . Spider feigns grief at funeral, puts bird, monkey,  
and sheep in bag to cry for him in three different ways.  
Ashanti: Rattray 249.
- K2090.+ . Guest of stingy couple goes to bed with club at his  
side, feigns sleep and hits hosts with club when they  
try to eat privately. Frobenius: Atlantis II 290f.
- K2090.+ . Greedy host sends watch-pot for calabash so that he  
may eat while watch-pot is gone. Liberia: Cronise 308f.

K2100--K2199. FALSE ACCUSATIONS

K2110. Slanders.

- K2115. Animal-birth slander. A woman is accused of having given birth to animals. Her children are put out of the way and animals are substituted. Togo: Cardinall 37; Frobenius: Atlantis I 205; Togo: H rtter, ZOOS VI 215; Radin (Krachi: Cardinall) 33; Slave Coast: Trautmann 75.
- K2127. False accusation of theft. Yoruba: Ellis 264.
- K2129.+. Messenger gives king false information about king's son. Liberia: Cronise 251.
- K2129.+. King's son falsely accused of causing father's illness. Nigeria: Dayrell 13.
- K2129.+. Hare falsely accuses bush-cat of defecating on king's ground. Bush-cat executed. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 4.
- K2130. Trouble-makers.
- K2130.+. False diviner tells king and wife separately that one has designs on the other's life. He warns each to carry a razor. Slave Coast: Trautmann 62.
- K2130.+. False messenger delivers infuriating messages to half-brothers who are chiefs of their respective towns, brings about declaration of war. Nigeria: Dayrell 77.
- K2130.+. Devil makes cap white on one side, red on the other, walks between two friends to start argument about color of cap. Nigeria: Harskovits, JAPL XLIV 455.
- K2130.+. Spider guest of friend at wedding feast. He creates

a disturbance which appears to be friend's fault. Probenius: Atlantis XI 116.

K2130.+ Spider kills other animals with gun, blames witches.

Liberia: Cronise 283.

K2150. Innocent made to appear guilty.

K2150.+ Murderer hangs victim's body in tree, persuades dupe to shake tree. When body falls, dupe assumes guilt for murder. Togo: Cardinal 152; Lee 23; Barker and Sinclair 64; Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 337.

K2150.+ Spider splashes sleeping bride with water, wakens her and accuses her of incontinence, agrees to keep secret for certain concessions. Ashanti: Rattray 131.

K2155. Evidence of crime left so that dupe is blamed.

K2155.+ Tortoise kills bird, scatters feathers near chief's door. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 451.

#### K2200--K2299. VILLAINS AND TRAITORS

K2213. Treacherous wife.

K2213.+ Bird king's wife cuts off king's hand, sends it to her own country. Bird king's magic is lost, and he is defeated. Probenius: Atlantis XI 192.

#### K2300--K2399. OTHER DECEPTIONS

K2320. Deception by frightening.

K2320.+ Frogs from whom tortoise steals meat pretend to be

- dead. One reports to tortoise that meat was poisoned.  
Tortoise leaves meat. Ibo: Thomas (III) 155.
- K2320.+ Tortoise pretends forest is afire, frightens lion  
away. Nigeria: Baumann 110.
- K2320.+ Hare drags calabash to make noise to frighten  
other animals from well. Nigeria: Mockler-Ferryman  
288.
- K2320.+ Spider frightens bush-buck, puts on rotten skin  
of bush-buck, tells companion he is rotting because  
spider spat on him. Temne: Thomas 63.
- K2320.+ Dove soaks self in oil, sits dripping on limb, com-  
plaining that curse is causing flesh to melt away.  
Cheat, fearing same affliction, leaves treasure. Togo:  
Schönhärl 29f.
- K2320.+ Tortoise conceals self in tree, pretends to be god,  
causes other animals to flee and leave sacrifices which  
tortoise eats. Ibo: Basden (1938) 434.
- K2320.+ Dog buries self, leaving only eyes exposed, stares  
at tortoise who tries to placate ground-with-eyes with  
gifts of meat. Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 340.
- K2350. Military strategy.
- K2367.+ Chief of city bedecks his city with beautiful arti-  
cles when an army of women is sent against him. The  
women are so attracted that they desert to him. Gola:  
Westermann 497.



- K2369.+ . Woman allows self to be captured to learn secrets from enemy. Yoruba: Ogumefu 15.
- K2369.+ . Uncooked seed of maize smuggled out of kingdom in crops of four fowls, thus destroying kingdom's monopoly on seed. Basset 222; Cendrars 209; Togo: Schönherl 83.
- K2370. Miscellaneous deceptions.
- K2370.+ . Spider holds funeral dance for eagle, secretly disinters eagle's body and has wife cooking it while he beats drum. Gola: Westermann 507.
- K2370.+ . Woman eats secretly. When asked why she took so long, she replies that she was answering a call of nature. Ewe: Spieth 584.
- K2370.+ . Spider escapes from burden of carrying old woman by pretending the call of a bird is the call of a secret society. Liberia: Cronise 289.
- K2370.+ . Spider pours palm wine into drum to make it play better. Wine is actually for tortoise concealed inside. Togo: Funke, ZSES X 294.
- K2370.+ . Crow gets palm nuts from tree guarded by snakes, flatters them, picking up a nut at each bow. Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 418.

L. REVERSAL OF FORTUNE

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  - L310. Weak overcomes strong in conflict
  - L330. Easy escape of weak (small)
  - L350. Mildness triumphs over violence
  - L390. Triumph of the weak -- miscellaneous

- L400--L499. Pride brought low
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- L410. Proud ruler (deity) humbled
- L420. Overweening ambition punished
- L430. Arrogance repaid
- L450. Proud animal less fortunate than humble
- L460. Pride brought low -- miscellaneous

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L0--L99. VICTORIOUS YOUNGEST CHILD

- L10. Victorious youngest son. Barker and Sinclair 171;  
Yoruba: Clarke, No. 1; Klipple 384; Ashanti: Rattray  
157; Ekoi: Talbot 207.
- L11. Fortunate youngest son.
- L11.+ Younger brother always finds milk in calabash; his  
brothers find only water. Togo: Cardinall 221.
- L31. Youngest brother helps (saves) elders. Togo: Cardin-  
all 42; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 82f.; Ashanti: Rattray  
191f.
- L31.+ Young brother not allowed to accompany bride because  
he is not smart, follows in spite of warning and saves  
bride and groom from devil. Gola: Westermann 492;  
Kpelle: Westermann 390.
- L52. Abused youngest daughter.
- L52.+ Ugly and foolish youngest daughter becomes beautiful  
and desirable when advised to smile all the time and to  
pretend to know more than others. Nigeria: Baumann 37ff.

L100--L199. UNPROMISING HERO (HEROINE)

- L101. Unpromising hero (male cinderella).
- L101.+ Mulatto boy teased by companions who point out his  
white father. Boy approaches white father who gives him

- status by sending gifts to family. Slave Coast: Trautmann 47f.
- L101.+ . Mistreated stepchild follows directions of step-mother, profits from unusual chance. Togo: Cardinall 224.
- L102. Ugly girl spurned by companions when they go to dance. She goes alone, meets series of people who prepare her so that she is the most beautiful one at dance. Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 45.
- L102.+ . Hero chooses crippled girl for mate. Togo: Cardinall 241.
- L111.1. Exile returns and succeeds. Nigeria: Dayrell 18.
- L111.10. Unpromising son succeeds.
- L111.10.+ . Son of man about to be attacked succeeds in defeating enemy in spite of unbelieving father. Ekoi: Talbot 392.
- L111.10.+ . Poor man's son eventually becomes rich because he had to learn much to survive. Rich man's son does not fare well. Ibo: Thomas (VI) 83f.
- L112.2. Very small hero. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 82f.
- L112.2.+ . Diminutive son outwits father who tries to kill him. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 80f.
- L112.3. Deformed child as hero.
- L112.3.+ . Mistreated boy with yaws cured by girl who wishes to marry him, becomes handsome. Temne: Thomas 69.

- L113.4.+ Peasant's son as hero. Kpelle: Westermann 383.
- L114.2. Spendthrift hero.
- L114.2.+ Child wastes money buying pigeon. Bird turns out to be kidnapped prince and child is greatly rewarded.  
Ashanti: Rattray 112.
- L115. Successful foolish son. Ashanti: Rattray 99.
- L141.4. Inept child eventually surpasses other. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 32.
- L141.4.+ Boy who never gets his share at mealtime is also neglected when death is distributed. Barker and Sinclair 130.
- L160. Success of unpromising hero (heroine).
- L160.+ Strong swimmers fail to release girl from water spirit, but the persuasion of sick old woman succeeds.  
Ibibio: Talbot 74.
- L160.+ Girl duped into wearing only leaves to a party is complimented by a man for her good looks. Girl's jealous companions insist that she trade leaves for clothing. Second man compliments her on fine clothing. Ibibio: Talbot 68f.
- L160.+ Intruder in king's palace strikes a light just as king is retiring, reveals a snake in king's bed, is rewarded. Togo: Cardinal 225.
- L160.+ Woman tells stepson to put his arm into a hole which is presumed to hold a concealed snake. He withdraws

treasure. Togo: Cardinall 226.

L200--L299. MODESTY BRINGS REWARD

- L210. Modest choice best. Ashanti: Rattray 15.
- L212. Choice among several gifts: The worst horse, armor, or the like proves best. Ibo: Basden (1938) 432; Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 254ff.; Himmelheber 83; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 573; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 45; Kpelle: Westermann 411.
- L212.+. Hero assisted in choice of chest (basket) by cock's crow which indicates the correct one. Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 406; Kpelle: Westermann 414.
- L212.+. Wise choice: God gave whites and blacks choice of calabash or paper. Blacks chose first and took calabash, full of trinkets; whites got paper with directions for making everything. Tshi: Ellis 339.
- L215. Unpromising magic object chosen. Hero refuses to take one that cries out "Take me!" Barker and Sinclair 94; Ibo: Basden (1938) 432; Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 406; Liberia: Cronise 275; Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 256, 259; Yoruba: Ellis 246; Frobenius: Atlantis X 227; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVI 11; XXVII 573f.; Klipple 234f.; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 46; Ashanti: Rattray 213f.; Kpelle: Westermann 410f.
- L220. Modest request best: Goat makes immodest request for

perfume, gets foul-smelling ointment. Tahi: Ellis 338.

- L290. Modesty brings reward -- miscellaneous.  
 L290.+ Meek water mussel scorned by other creatures, but sky-god hears its prayers. Ashanti: Rattray 95.  
 L290.+ Hunter who has been ill-treated because he is not well dressed acquires weaver's four wives when they find that their husband cannot furnish food.- Kpelle: 419f.  
 L290.+ Mistreated child finds gold in head of fish (his share of meal). Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 215; Ashanti: Rattray 155.

L300--L399. TRIUMPH OF THE WEAK

- L310. Weak overcomes strong in conflict.  
 L315. Small animal overcomes large.  
 L315.+ Spider triumphs over elephant: dupes other animals into receiving elephant's knocks, uses hammer to knock elephant. Gold Coast: Courlander and Fremph 63ff.  
 L315.+ Spider kills monstrous bird by hacking pieces from its beak. Ewe: Werner 330.  
 L315.+ Small surpasses larger animals in wrestling match. Liberia: Cronise 64f.  
 L315.+ Small bird protects spider against pursuing pumpkin though larger animals have failed. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 106.  
 L315.+ Dwarf antelope (chevrotain) wins suitor contest after

- larger animals have failed. Vai: Klingenheben, ZSES XVI 86.  
 L315.+ Crab victorious over elephant by virtue of control over water. Ekoi: Talbot 146.  
 L315.+ Hyena beats panther in contest. Slave Coast: Trautmann 36. =  
 L315.+ Lamb in leopard's skin kills leopard. Ekoi: Talbot 68.  
 L315.+ Sheep surpasses lion and leopard at hunting. Agni: Tauxier 243.  
 L315.+ Elephant denies antelope's request that animals come to work on latter's farm. Antelope plays harp to distract workers on elephant's farm. Meinhof 222.  
 L315.+ Tortoise outwits leopard when leopard tries to steal his fish, gets leopard to play at tying up. Nigeria: Dayrell 94.  
 L315.+ Tortoise discovers that lion fears fire, pretends forest is burning. Nigeria: Baumann 110.  
 L315.+ Hare frightens lion by claiming he can kill by pointing. Tiv: Abraham 69.  
 L315.+ Hare cooks and helps consume all of leopard's children except one, kills leopard himself when found out. Tiv: Abraham 70.  
 L315.+ Hare frightens elephant and hippopotamus by feigning dangerous illness. Togo: Cardinal 207.



- L315.+ Hare keeps larger animals from stealing from him by blowing pepper into their eyes. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 323.
- L315.+ Heavy animals unable to budge tortoise from ant hill. Bush-rat digs in, bites tortoise's tail, succeeds. Ibo: Thomas (III) 72.
- L315.+ Frog victorious over elephant in wrestling match. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXIII 420.
- L315.14. Ants overcome serpent. Nigeria: Baumann 83.
- L390. Triumph of the weak -- miscellaneous.
- L390.+ Clever child answers god's riddles when men fail. Himmelheber 128.
- L392.+ Larger animals fail to break into fort and steal diamond. Little tortoise finds small hole, succeeds. Togo: Härtter, ZOOS VI:123f.

L400--L499. PRIDE BROUGHT LOW

- L412. Rich man made poor to punish pride.
- L412.+ Rich man who wasted surplus crops has series of bad years, is reduced to poverty. Courlander and Herzog 18.
- L420. Overweening ambition punished.
- L430. Arrogance repaid.
- L430.+ Tortoise held in contempt by magician, outwits magician by stealing charm. Nigeria: Baumann 46ff.

- L430.+ Strong man pinned to ground by feather; only a frail old woman can lift it. Courlander and Herzog 44.
- L430.+ Chief who tries to trick truthful man into a lie because of truthful man's arrogance is publicly shamed for his own arrogance. Courlander and Herzog 85f.
- L430.+ Victim of arrogantly imposed impossible task rebukes the absurdity of the task by counter-absurdity. Tiv: Abraham 74; Himmelheber 126.
- L431.+ Fly overlooked at banquet, gets judgment from queen. Nigeria: Dayrell 66.
- L432.+ Young man forced to perform difficult task does so in such a way that the chief's favorite son is killed. Togo: Cardinall 209.
- L432.+ Spider's son being reprimanded for stupidity points out father's stupidity. Barker and Sinclair 34; Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 425; Himmelheber 95.
- L432.+ Mistreated boy leaves stepmother caught in top branches of tree. Togo: Cardinall 228.
- L450. Proud animal less fortunate than humble.
- L450.+ Wild animals sell dog to hunter to get rid of him. Hunter uses him to bring down wild animals. Yoruba: Clarke, No. 3.
- L450.+ Abused monkey gets choice of most handsome girl. Ashanti: Rattray 47.
- L450.+ Chameleon duped by spider gets better treatment at

god's house because god has learned about spider's  
duplicity. Himmelheber 83.

L450.+. Beaten rooster gets hen. Victor carried off by  
eagle when he hops on wall to crow. Liberia: Bundy,  
JAFL XXVI 6f.

## M. ORDAINING THE FUTURE

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  - M100.          Vows and oaths
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- M200--M299.    Bargains and promises
  - M200.          Bargains and promises
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- M300--M399.    Prophecies
  - M300.          Prophecies

- M310. Favorable prophecies
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- M360. Other prophecies
- M370. Vain attempts to escape fulfillment of prophecy
- M390. Prophecies -- miscellaneous motifs
  
- M400--M499. Curses
  - M400. Curses
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  - M490. Curses -- miscellaneous

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M0--M99. JUDGMENTS AND DECREES

- M2. Inhuman decisions of king.
- M2.+ King proclaims that anyone who has a daughter more beautiful than wives of prince will be killed together with daughter. Nigeria: Dayrell 1.
- M2.+ King gets report of conversation of six sons, each of whom has expressed desire to live riotously for six days and die on the seventh. King grants wishes. Probenius: Atlantis II 85f.
- M2.+ King executes 160 subjects: 80 who disagreed with him, 80 who agreed too eagerly. Yoruba: Ogumefu 8.
- M50. Other judgments and decrees.
- M50.+ King proclaims that when people die they are not to return from spirit land to cure people. Nigeria: Dayrell 103.
- M50.+ King decrees that man must kill his pet cock and that thereafter no one may keep a tame animal. Nigeria: Dayrell 78.
- M50.+ King decrees that wronged husband may have offspring of errant wife and lover. Nigeria: Dayrell 63.
- M50.+ Chief decrees that no one will lend money without security. Ewe: Spieth 580.

- M90. Judgments and decrees -- miscellaneous.
- M90.+ Man gives reward for his resuscitation to infant son rather than to infant's elder brothers because infant's questions sent brothers on quest for missing father. Courlander and Herzog 11.
- M90.+ Man decrees that his debts will be assumed by anyone who steals from him. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 77.
- M90.+ Accused son requests trial by ordeal to prove innocence. Meinhof 206; Ewe: Spieth 572.
- M90.+ Man and wife condemned to die of starvation. Slave Coast: Trautmann 99.
- M90.+ Trial by ordeal: Each animal is to throw himself from tree. The innocent will be spared injury. Ibo: Basden (1938) 433.
- M90.+ Wise man's decision on three-suitor controversy: The first man girl touches while blindfolded will be the one she is to marry. Ibo: Basden (1938) 425f.
- M90.+ God proclaims that men must give gifts to women if men wish to have intercourse. Probenius: Atlantis XI 75.
- M90.+ People hear snake's complaint, decide he is in the right if he swallows hunter's family. Togo: HErrter, ZOOS VI 111.
- M90.+ Anyone who touches froth of palm wine must pay compen-

sation. Ashanti: Rattray 5.

M90.+ Lion and man agree to let old woman judge their dispute. Togo: Cardinall 211.

M90.+ God decrees that original owner should have women transformed from pipe. Himmelheber 28.

M90.+ Three men with marvelous power take dispute to god. He decrees that men will no longer work wonders. Himmelheber 28f.

M90.+ Remedy for death denied by god because it leads to strife. Himmelheber 33.

M100--M199. VOWS AND OATHS.

M114.2. Oath-taking by putting hands on sacrificing stone. Togo: Cardinall 83.

M119. Taking of vows and oaths -- miscellaneous.

M119.+ Swearing by Daily Death by placing hand on body. Tiv: Abraham 75.

M119.+ Oath: May my mouth burn if I tell. Frobenius: Atlantis I 257.

M150. Other vows and oaths.

M151.+ Woman vows not to eat after daughter dies. Ewe: Spieth 58h.

M161.+ Lion cub vows to avenge death of human playmate's mother. Togo: Cardinall 190.



## M200--M299. BARGAINS AND PROMISES

- M201. Making of bargains and promises.
- M201.1.1. Blood of contractors mixed to seal bargain. Eko: Talbot 269.
- M201.2.+ . Bargain sealed by both parties biting from same kola nut. Eko: Talbot 269.
- M210. Bargain with devil.
- M210.+ . Tortoise offers self as substitute for walking stick in exchange for food. Devil agrees. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 448.
- M221. Beheading bargain: Spider promises his head if he is unable to complete bargain. Ashanti: Rattray 257, 265.
- M225.+ . Antelope will give self for feast later if god will send rain and grass now. Ewe: Spieth 588.
- M234. Life spared in return for life-long service.
- M234.+ . Man promises to be slave if tortoise will help him out of pit. Slave Coast: Bouche 230; Yoruba: Ellis 261.
- M242. Bargains and promises between mortals and supernatural beings.
- M242.+ . Pregnant woman promises sky-god child in exchange for relationship of in-law. Ashanti: Rattray 201.
- M242.+ . Man agrees to become servant of Death in exchange for

- food. Togo: Cardinall 30; Radin (Krachi: Cardinall) 60.
- M242.+ Spider promises god one hundred slaves in exchange for one ear of corn. Togo: Cardinall 15.
- M242.+ Sky-god gives sacrificial sheep in exchange for maiden. Ashanti: Rattray 77.
- M242.+ High god will trade farm land for one white man. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 58.
- M242.+ Spider bargains with sky-god for stories. Ashanti: Rattray 55.
- M242.+ Woman promises first-born to supernatural tree. Yoruba: Ogumefu 44.
- M242.+ Jinn saves drowning man on man's promise to give his first child in payment. Sierra Leone: Migeod 315.
- M244. Bargains between men and animals.
- M244.+ Vulture promises to show boy what "poor" means. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 92.
- M244.+ Boy releases ichneumon and snake from trap on their promise that they will some day save him. Kpelle: Westermann 434.
- M244.+ Snake promises hunter antidote for snakebite in exchange for two rats. Vai: Ellis 231.
- M244.+ Fisherman promises helpful turtle he will never again trap turtles. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXV 440.
- M244.+ Baboon promises to provide meat if mother will name

- her child after him. Ibibio: Talbot 58f.
- M244.+ Hawk accepts basket of eggs in exchange for custody of foster child. Ikom: Dayrell, HAI No. 3, 3.
- M244.+ Man releases deer from trap on deer's promise to make him rich. Vai: Ellis 230.
- M246.+ Covenant of friendship: Panther swears he will do no harm to rat if rat will help him escape from trap. Seidel 290.
- M246.+ Covenant of friendship between sheep and leopard. Ekoi: Talbot 337.
- M246.+ Covenant of friendship between spider and deer. Vai: Ellis 189f.
- M250. Promises connected with death.
- M256. Promise to dying man broken.
- M256.+ Wife promises to follow husband in death, forgets her promise when he dies. Slave Coast: Trautmann 65.
- M268. Marriage promised to save life.
- M268.+ Woman aids fugitive couple on condition that she may become co-wife. Vai: Ellis 223ff., 255ff.; Atlantis: Probenius XI 68, 294ff.
- M290. Bargains and promises -- miscellaneous.
- M290.+ Woman promises daughter to two men; both claim her when she is grown. Probenius: Atlantis XI 192.
- M290.+ Forest-devil gives poor man bride price, later demands

- half of the bride. Epelle: Westermann 390f.
- M290.+ Man agrees to being sacrificed for father-in-law's burial if he may have girl for bride. Vai: Ellis 255.
- M290.+ Princess gives man answer to riddle in exchange for his promise to marry her. Togo: Prietze, ZAOS III 40f.
- M290.+ Blind man and legless man make suicide pact. Vai: Ellis 206.
- M290.+ Suicide pact between mother and son. Ekoi: Talbot 35ff.
- M290.+ Friends make funeral rite compact. Whoever dies first shall have elephant killed for his rites. Ekoi: Talbot 380.
- M290.+ Hornbill and owl make burying pact. If one dies, the other will bury. Ibo: Thomas (III) 161.
- M290.+ Dog's mother promises to feed him from the grave after she dies. Probenius: Atlantis X 266.
- M290.+ Devoted sons make promises to mother. One will send two slaves to otherworld when she dies; the other will bury tail of queen of elephants with her. Togo: Cardinal 101.
- M290.+ Old woman extracts promise from boy that he will bury her when she dies. She refuses to die at a convenient time, so he kills and buries her to keep promise. Ekoi: Talbot 228.
- M290.+ Spider agrees to have intercourse with ugly old woman

- in exchange for cow. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 213.
- M290.+ Ogre promises to help girl with firewood in exchange for intercourse. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 271.
- M290.+ Bargain: If guest can pick chief's first wife from group of wives, guest will kill chief. If he fails, chief will kill him. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 295f.
- M290.+ Lion agrees not to eat rabbit if rabbit can furnish dog, agrees not to eat dog if dog can furnish sheep. Sierra Leone: Mudge-Paris, JAPL XLIII 317f.
- M290.+ Son sets out to find head of forest-devil to keep promise made to mother before her death. Tahi: Bellon, MSOS XVII 30.
- M290.+ Man loses borrowed axe. He makes a new one for owner, but owner insists on the original. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 279.
- M290.+ Suitor who comes to dance mounted will get bride. Tiv: Abraham 65.
- M290.+ Animals agree to cut tips from ears and sell them. Slave Coast: Bouche 233; Ewe: Ellis 275; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 231; Nigeria: Mockler-Ferryman 288.
- M290.+ Animals agree to eat mothers during famine. Sierra Leone: Mudge-Paris, JAPL XLIII 319.
- M290.+ Sun and moon agree to kill mothers and eat them. Himmelhofer 18f.
- M290.+ God's wife promises to bear him a child of gold.

Togo: Cardinall 37.

M290.+ Bargain between Death and God: If a man falls ill he goes to whichever one gets there first. Togo: Cardinall 66.

M300--M399. PROPHECIES

- M301.20. Child as a prophet: Extraordinary child predicts that he will be chief of village. Togo: Cardinall 128.
- M306.+ Enigmatical prophecy: God grants woman a child, but predicts that he will get her in debt. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 133; Ashanti: Rattray 111.
- M312.4. Prophecy: superb beauty for girl. Ekoi: Talbot 401.
- M314. Boy will become king. Gola: Westermann 497.
- M340.5. Prediction of danger.
- M340.5.+ Transformed leopard warns girl of danger. Yoruba: Ogumofu 19.
- M340.5.+ Dream warns fish of impending danger. Tiv: Abraham 72.
- M341. Death prophesied.
- M341.+ Hyena informs man that if his promised bride is brought back to life, she will some day kill him. Togo: Cardinall 218.
- M341.+ Death prophesied: Hare greets group of other animals as "the dead." Shortly afterward, all are killed.

Tiv: Abraham 76f.

M341.+ . Prophecy that young man will be rich but die a violent death. Ibo: Thomas (VI) 92.

M341.+ . God predicts death or recovery for sick people. Ashanti: Rattray 247.

M341.1.2.+ . Woman predicts her own death. Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 24.

M343.5. Prophecy: death at hands of parents. Ibibio: Talbot 59.

M369.7.+ . Oracle tells chief he will have twenty-one children. Ibibio: Talbot 104.

M369.7.+ . Bird predicts birth of girl hunter is to marry. Ibo: Thomas (III) 69.

M370.1. Prophecy of death fulfilled. Ashanti: Rattray 29.

#### M400--M499. CURSES

M490.+ . Jealous woman uses spell against co-wife's daughter. Mende: Migeod 257.

M490.+ . Spurned princess places curse on anyone who marries man. Nigeria: Baumann 124.

## N. CHANCE AND FATE

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    - N320. Person unwittingly killed
    - N330. Accidental killing or death



- N340. Hasty killing or condemnation
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- N360. Man unwittingly commits crime
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- N530. Discovery of treasure
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- N590. Treasure trove -- miscellaneous motifs
  
- N600--N699. Other lucky accidents
- N610. Accidental discovery of crime
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- N630. Accidental acquisition of treasure or money
- N640. Accidental healing
- N650. Life saved by accident
- N680. Lucky accidents -- miscellaneous

- N700--N799.      Accidental encounters
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NO--N99. WAGERS AND GAMBLING

N0. Wagers and gambling.

N2. Extraordinary stakes at gambling.

N2.0.1. Play for unnamed stakes.

N2.0.1.+ Slave and giant gamble their respective baggage on outcome of bout. Slave vanquishes giant, wins sack containing master's son. Agni: Tauxier 244.

N2.1. Own body as stake: to be taken as slave.

N2.1.+ Family as stake: loser's family to become slaves.  
Vai: Ellis 199.

N2.1.+ Man refuses to pawn wife for gambling debt, becomes servant of winner. Epelle: Westermann 46f.

N2.2. Lives wagered.

N2.2.+ Hero being warned against journey by various men hears them make pledge of self-destruction if he returns.  
Meinhof 213.

N2.2.+ Race between frog and bush-buck: Winner to cut up loser for meat. Ibo: Thomas (III) 153f.

N2.3.1. Head wagered.

N2.3.1.+ Chief makes wager with visitor. If visitor can pick the one bad wife, out of assembled wives, he may behead the chief. If visitor fails, chief will behead him. Atlantis: Probenius XI 89.

- N2.6.1. Sister as wager.
- N2.6.1.+ Boys boast of being clever thieves. King learns of it, forces them to wager sister, compete as thieves.  
Kpelle: Westermann 424.
- N50. Other wagers.
- N50.+ Wager on sleeping contest. Vai: Ellis 186.
- N50.+ Tortoise makes wager that he will ride elephant.  
Yoruba: Ellis 265.
- N50.+ Fox and crab lay wager on race. Togo: Schönknecht 76.
- N50.+ Lazy man challenges champion to fight. Each man wagers three cows. Vai: Ellis 234.
- N50.+ Goat wagered in wrestling contest. Ibo: Thomas (III) 107f.
- N50.+ Wager on eating contest. Kpelle: Westermann 441.

#### N100--N299. THE WAYS OF LUCK AND FATE

- N100. Nature of luck and fate.
- N113.1.1.+ Luck given by god to man. Togo: Cardinal 221.
- N170. The capriciousness of luck.
- N170.+ Woman lost in bush gives birth to male child as same time nearby lioness gives birth to male cub. The infants become friends. Togo: Cardinal 190.
- N170.+ Rich man's son looks exactly like poor man's son.  
Togo: Cardinal 183. □

- N170.+ Child on foolish errand happens to fulfill desires of rich man, is well paid. Togo: Cardinall 224.
- N170.+ Possum refuses to release palm nut, but is forced to drop it by hunter. Nut grows up into tree from which fibre is taken to make trap to catch possum. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 418.
- N200. The good gifts of fortune.
- N200.+ Man saved from suicide by observation of man less fortunate than he. Slave Coast: Trautmann 17.
- N200.+ Judge favors one man in dispute, sends a pound in a bowl of rice so that man will have money to aid in release. Man not favored by judge eats last, gets pound. Vai: Ellis 213r.
- N211.1. Lost ring found in fish. Barker and Sinclair 133; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 198; Slave Coast: Trautmann 30f.
- N250. Persistent bad luck.
- N250.+ Man hangs himself because his luck is bad. Togo: Cardinall 222.
- N251.+ Fate brings about scattering of treasure, death, and accusation of theft. Mysterious voice announces that these result from the will of god who is evening up old scores. Slave Coast: Trautmann 93.
- N270. Crime inevitably comes to light.

N271.+ Singing bones incriminate murderer. Yoruba: Clarke,  
No. 1.

N271.+ Singing mushroom growing from bones incriminate murderer. Slave Coast: Bouche 232.

N275.+ Bird's song reveals woman's duplicity. Ewe: Spieth  
584.

#### N300--N399. UNLUCKY ACCIDENTS

N330. Accidental killing or death.

N330.+ Rope breaks as boy crosses stream: lucky accident for sister who would have been next to cross. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 98.

N333.+ Man shoots at goblin, hits own child in goblin's arms. Himmelheber 114.

N333.+ Man slashes at baboon holding his child, kills child. Ibibio: Talbot 59.

N333.+ Man strikes at bird on wife's (child's) head, kills wife (child). Ibo: Baden (1921) 279; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 330; Liberia: Germann 127; Ibo: Thomas (III) 160; Kpelle: Westermann 440.

N338. Death as a result of mistaken identity. Togo: Cardinall 200.

N350. Accidental loss of property.

N350.+ Fisherman loses borrowed harpoon in fish. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXV 439.

- N350.+ Woman loses chief's ring while bathing in river.  
 Frobenius: Atlantis XI 198.
- N350.+ People struggle so violently for food produced by  
 magic spoon that they break it. Frobenius: Atlantis  
 XI 102.
- N350.+ Man accidentally spills medicine which would enable  
 him to read thoughts of others. Frobenius: Atlantis  
 XI 200.
- N350.+ Man's magic pot destroyed while he is in serpent  
 form; he is unable to effect transformation to original  
 form. Yeruba: Ogumefu 43.
- N350.+ Hunter's wife accidentally spills tabu horn while  
 sweeping floor. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 68, 177.

N400--N699. LUCKY ACCIDENTS

- N410. Lucky business venture.
- N411.1. Boy forced to buy worthless cat, comes upon a vil-  
 lage where mice are a problem. Ashanti: Rattray 157.
- N421.+ Generous stranger buys worthless yams from mis-  
 treated boy. Togo: Cardinall 223.
- N440. Valuable secrets learned.
- N440.+ Girl gives suitor secret for performing task. Him-  
 melheber 134; Mende: Migeod 230; Togo: Prietze, ZAOS  
 III 40f.; Mende: Westermann 454.
- N440.+ Son spies on father, discovers secret of magic plate.

- Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 20.
- N440.+ Boy discovers neighbor's magic source of food when he comes to borrow fire. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 101.
- N440.+ Tortoise learns rabbit's secret source of food by pretending friendship. Frobenius: Atlantis I 263.
- N440.+ Child discovers father's secret source of food. Gola: Westermann 500.
- N450. Secrets overheard.
- N451. Secrets overheard from animal (demon) conversation. Berker and Sinclair 110; Himmelheber 117; Lee 18.
- N451.+ Hunter learns secret of parentage from dying song of guinea-fowl. Frobenius: Atlantis I 205.
- N453.+ Man transformed as fly learns plans of robbers. Nigeria: Baumann 17.
- N453.+ Elephants learn hunter's secret by sending transformed (to woman) elephant to visit him. Liberia: Cronise 261; Sierra Leone: Migeod 312.
- N453.+ Man learns secret of contents of calabash by transforming self to bird, perching near king's house. Slave Coast: Trautmann 52.
- N455.+ Elephant learns plot against him from conversation of children. Ekoi: Talbot 381.
- N455.+ Woman learns secret of co-wife's origin from husband. Slave Coast: Trautmann 46.
- N455.+ Child delivered from abdomen of dead mother learns



- of his birth from conversation of swimming companion.  
Ivory Coast; Joseph, RTP XXV 315.
- H455.+ Boys learn of mother's death from jeering playmates.  
Ewe: Spieth 595.
- H455.3. Secret formula for opening treasure mountain (rock,  
tree) overheard from robbers (ogres). Slave Coast:  
Bouche 223; Yoruba: Ellis 271; Klipple 342; Agni:  
Tauxier 233; Epelle: Westermann 395.
- H475. Secret names overheard by eavesdropper. Barker and  
Sinclair 45; Nigeria: Dayrell 80; Frobenius: Atlantis  
XI 221; Togo: Funke, ZSES X 295; Himmelheber 91; Ewe:  
Toso, ZKS VII 16.
- H475.+ Spider learns way to secret place by putting ashes  
in owner's sack, cutting small hole to leave trail.  
Basset 205; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 217; Ekol: Talbot  
57, 62; Barker and Sinclair 51f.; 83; Nigeria: Dayrell  
27; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 50; Togo: Funke, ZSES  
X 307; Klipple 606; Ashanti: Rattray 215.
- H475.+ Spider (or other animal) learns secret place by con-  
cealing self in sack carried by owner. Nigeria: Bannmann  
63; Yoruba: Ogunefu 68f.; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 58;  
Frobenius: Atlantis XI 270.
- H475.+ Wager won by ruse: Overlord sends spy to learn  
names before contest. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 69.
- H475.+ Rabbit disguises son, places him in nest to learn

- secret name of chief's son. Frobenius: Atlantis I 339.
- N475.+ Spider perches in tree to overhear secret. Togo: Hartter, ZOOS VI 211.
- N475.+ God's son acquires secret by sitting outside home in disguise until he overhears his father tell others. Togo: Einstein 8.
- N475.+ Crafty suitor bribes king's servant to tell secret content of amulet. Tenne: Schlenker 91.
- N475.+ Man learns secrets of priestcraft from wife while she is intoxicated. Togo: Cardinal 244.
- N475.+ Lesser god tells woman the child she bears is really the child of the queen mother. Ashanti: Rattray 27.
- N475.+ One magician learns another's secret by sending parrot as spy. Nigeria: Baumann 132.
- N475.+ Wild animal learns man's means of identifying himself to gain entrance to his home, uses formula and devours man's wife. Slave Coast: Trautmann 25.
- N475.+ Mice overhear leopard's wife instructing leopard in catching mice. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 229.
- N475.+ Secret of bridegroom's female sex discovered by man in palm tree which allows him to see groom at bath. Ibo: Thomas (III) 121.
- N475.+ Chief sends daughter to be bride of chief from whom he wishes to learn secret. Bassot 221.
- N475.+ Man's wife learns his secret power of transformation.

Slave Coast: Trautmann 31f.

- N475.+ Jealous friend plies owner of magic calabash with drink to learn its secret hiding place. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAFPL XLIV 453.
- N475.+ Monkey conceals self in tree to discover what happens to sacrificial food. Ibo: Basden (1938) 435.
- N475.+ Ape spies on hunter to discover his secret of killing. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 94.
- N475.+ Boy secretly observes woman plant snake in clothing of bathing man. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 284.
- N475.+ Keeping a secret: Woman promises man she will not tell. Man asks her to call her best friend, asks best friend to call her best friend, and so on until one hundred people are assembled. He then explains that the secret would travel in this manner. Vai: Ellis 228.

N500--N599. TREASURE TROVE

- N500. Treasure trove. Barker and Sinclair 110; Nigeria: Baumann 24; Yoruba: Clarke, No. 2; Himmelheber 39, 117; Lee 18; Togo: Schönherl 28.
- N510. Where treasure is found.
- N525.+ Gazelle discovers pot of gold. Himmelheber 39.
- N529.+ Mistreated child finds gold in head of fish. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 215; Ashanti: Rattray 155.

- N531. Boy learns location of treasure in dream. Nigeria:  
Dayrell 122.
- N534. Treasure discovered by accident. Bassett 185f.; Nigeria:  
Baumann 30; Yoruba: Clarke No. 2; Eкои: Talbot  
389.
- N538. Treasure pointed out by supernatural creature. Mende:  
Westermann 456f.
- N570. Guardian of treasure.
- N572.1.+ "White men" owners of treasure house. Eкои: Talbot  
389.
- N572.1.+ Spirit of "white man" gives treasure to visitor to  
land of dead. Mende: Westermann 456.
- N590. Treasure trove -- miscellaneous.
- N590.+ Bird returns stolen child and contributes treasure  
in the package. Probenius: Atlantis X 223.

N600--N699. OTHER LUCKY ACCIDENTS

- N610. Accidental discovery of crime.
- N610.+ Yam-child told of mother's tabu speech by bird which  
overhears mother. Ewe: Toso, ZKS VII 21.
- N610.+ Hunter stumbles on skeleton of murdered prince.  
Yoruba: Clarke, No. 1.
- N610.+ Bird observes man breaking tabu, reports to chief.  
Ikoni: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 93f.

- N610.+ Spider's daughter hides key to detain nocturnal visitor, discovers incest of father. Agni: Tauxier 229.
- N610.+ Old woman observes young wife of jealous husband have intercourse with snake. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 203.
- N610.+ Daughters eat pot of meat, discover mother's hand at bottom of pot. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 195.
- N640. Accidental healing.
- N640.+ Lame man being whipped for trying to cheat is restored the use of his limbs. Vai: Ellis 237.
- N640.+ Blind man fed piece of skin rather than meat is restored the use of his eyes. Vai: Ellis 237.
- N680. Lucky accidents -- miscellaneous.
- N680.+ Spider loses hatchet, searches for it, finds calabash spoon which produces food. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 101, 233.
- N680.+ Spider dives into water to recover lost palm nuts, discovers house of water spirit. Yoruba: Lomax, JAPL XLVI 11.
- N680.+ Woman falls into river, comes out with beautiful cloth. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 185.
- N680.+ Tortoise discovers god's home when searching for lost fruit. Frobenius: Atlantis X 310.

## N700--N799. ACCIDENTAL ENCOUNTERS (MEETINGS)

N700. Accidental encounters (meetings).

N700.+ Goat, hyena, and lion driven to same shelter by rain. Togo: Hörtter, ZOOS VI 125.

N700.+ Wizard and thief select same place to build, work alternately at house and thank helpful spirits who seem to be aiding them. Nigeria: Dennett 98.

N700.+ Leopard and goat work alternately on same plot of ground; each thinks the work done by the other is god's aid. Ibo: Thomas (VI) 90.

N711.+ Prince finds hidden girl by shooting bird and watching where it falls. Nigeria: Dayrell 2.

N730. Accidental reunion of families.

N733. Accidental meeting of brothers. Strangers inquire about names, discover relationship. Ternet: Thomas 32.

N733.+ Twins separated in captivity, one becomes rich and later buys his brother as a slave. Slave Coast: Trautzmann 22.

N734. Accidental meeting of brother and sister: Girl wanders in forest, stumbles on brother who was abandoned at birth. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 2.

N736. Accidental meeting of mother and daughter: Mother purchases lost daughter at slave market. Probenius: Atlantis X 206.

N760. Other accidental encounters.

N760.+ Hunter finds god's children hidden in tree. Togo:  
Cardinal 38.

N770. Experiences leading to adventures.

N770.+ Young hunter encounters ghosts using magic medicine,  
steals their calabash. Ekoi: Talbot 179.

N770.+ Hunter hides in tree, sees father of animals. Frobenius:  
Atlantis XI 177.

N770.+ Hunter hides in tree to discover father of animals,  
sees giant red man. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 67.

N770.+ King learns of the wishes of three young men, calls  
them and promises them that their wishes will be fulfilled.  
Frobenius: Atlantis X 307.

#### N800--N899. HELPERS

N810. Supernatural helpers.

N812. Giant or ogre as helper.

N812.+ Mysterious helpers -- forest-devils. Epelle: Westermann 381.

N817. Deity as helper.

N817.+ Lesser god directs pregnant woman concerning birth  
and care of extraordinary child. Ashanti: Rattray 27.

N819.2. Transformed person as helper.

N819.2.+ Helpers: Calabash takes over household to rear an  
abandoned child. Ekoi: Talbot 28.

N819.2.+ Mysterious housewife: Girl born from calabash.

Ekoi: Talbot 134.

N819.2.+ Mysterious helpers: four beautiful girls transformed from herbs. Ekoi: Talbot 136.

N820. Human helpers.

N822. Lame boy as helper. Ekoi: Talbot 35, 58, 248, 280.

N831.1. Mysterious housekeeper. Ekoi: Talbot 28, 134, 136, 371.

N832. Abandoned twin returns from home in cloud to help brother in field. Gola: Westermann 483.

N886. Blind man carries lame man. Nigeria: CMS II 36; Vaf: Ellis 237; Klipple 535; Togo: Hartter, ZOOS VI 210f.



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- P170.+ Boy as pawn, becomes slave. Probenius: Atlantis X 214.
- P170.+ Man loses in gambling game, becomes slave of winner, refuses to pawn his wife for debt. Kpelle: Westermann 416.
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- P210.+ . Husband plots to kill wife's paramour, tells wife he is taking a trip and goes next door to wait. Vai: Ellis 229.
- P210.+ . Husband favors one of three wives. When he dies, she is the one who refuses to lament. Ashanti: Rattray 177.
- P210.+ . Husband beats wife because she has no children. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 28.
- P210.+ . Wife threatens to break pregnancy unless husband brings special fruit. Eko: Talbot 375.
- P210.+ . Husband shames new wife by making her sleep in goat pen. Eko: Talbot 341.
- P210.+ . Man leaves pregnant wife in bush. Mende: Westermann 449.
- P210.+ . Man tricks amazon wife into allowing herself to be tied, beats her in public until she swears peace. Epelle: Westermann 401f.

- P210.+ Man kills self when wife dies in childbirth. Tahi:  
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- P210.+ Man drowns self after wife's suicide. Mende: Migeod  
213; Mende: Westermann 452.
- P211.2.+ Woman aids in murder of husband whom she hates.  
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- P214.1. Wife commits suicide (dies) on death of husband.  
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- P230. Parents and children.
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- P230.+ Woman gives firstborn to python in exchange for  
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- P230.+ Spider and family locked in house and starving. Spi-  
der devises contest to determine which of children will  
be eaten first, eats all the children. Kpelle: Wester-  
mann 397.
- P230.+ Chief offers to have his children killed in retri-  
bution for imagined crime. Togo: Cardinall 19.
- P230.+ Man flees from monster, leaves his children for it  
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- P230.+ Parents pretend to die to see whether children will  
mourn for them. Ekoi: Talbot 196.
- P230.+ Father favors one son, refuses favors to the other.  
Mother accepts the unloved one. Ekoi: Talbot 207.

- P230.+ Father gives tasks to three sons to find fault with the one he does not love. Ekoi: Talbot 355.
- P231. Mother and son.
- P231.+ Extraordinary youth so mischievous his mother turns him out of home at early age. Lee 19.
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- P231.3.+ Mother throws self into water and drowns when father seeks to burn son. Hende: Westermann 452.
- P231.3.+ Mother destroys self by drowning when son is killed. Hende: Migeod 213.
- P231.3.+ Mother risks life to save children while timid husband hides in bush. Ekoi: Talbot 103.
- P231.3.+ Grieving woman refuses food after only child dies. Ewe: Spieth 584.
- P232. Mother and daughter.
- P232.+ Woman who tried to prevent daughter's marriage drowns self when suitor succeeds in performing suitor task. Hende: Migeod 231.
- P233. Father and son.
- P233.+ Father lies on death bed, calls eleven sons and asks what they will sacrifice when he dies. Probenius: Atlantis XI 190.

- P233.+ Indulgent father gives child eggs (tabu) because child demands them. Kpelle: Westermann 437.
- P234. Father and daughter.
- P234.+ Father-daughter incest. Probenius: Atlantis I 285; Agni: Tauxier 229.
- P236. Undutiful children: Disobedient girl refuses to allow parents to arrange her marriage. Nigeria: Dayrell 38; Ashanti: Rattray 205.
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- P252.1.1. Elder sister murders younger sister, burns body and throws ashes on water. Kpelle: Westermann 373.
- P253. Younger brother aids in escape of captive sister.

Liberia: Cronise 185; Agni: Tauxier 237; Slave Coast: Trautmann 63; Sierra Leone: Werner 251; Gola: Westermann 492. (Cf. R156.).

P282. Stepmother.

P282.+ . Cruel stepmother. Barker and Sinclair 129; Togo: Cardinal 228; Liberia: Cronise 265; Klipple 358; Ekoi: Talbot 401.

P290. Other relatives.

P290.+ . Co-wives hate woman with beautiful child. Nigeria: Dayrell 13; Mende: Migeod 251; Mende: Westermann 456.

P290.+ . Co-wife leaves woman helpless as her baby is being born. Ekoi: Talbot 233.

P290.+ . Jealous co-wife feeds favorite wife herbs which are tabu for her. Ekoi: Talbot 138.

P290.+ . Man agrees to being sacrificed for father-in-law's burial if he may marry daughter. Vai: Ellis 255.

P290.+ . Penalty for not shedding tears at father-in-law's funeral: forfeiture of wife. Ibo: Basden (1938) 426.

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- P522.+ Spider's default of debt causes decree that no one will lend money without security. Ewe: Spieth 580.
- P522.+ Tribe jealously guards valuable grain seed, imposes

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RAI No. 3, 49.

P522.+ King decrees that unboiled maize may not be sold.  
Togo: Schönhärl 83.

P522.+ Penalty for failure to shed tears at funeral: forfeiture of wife. Ibo: Basden (1938) 426.

P522.+ Victim of theft demands pawn -- one of thief's children. Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 74.

P522.+ Man sentenced to be sold as punishment for amorousness. Temne: Thomas 7.

P525. Contracts.

P525.+ Murderer must pay blood money to bereaved family.  
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P525.+ King dismissed from office for failing to live up to bargain. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 419. (Cf. P16.+).

P525.+ Child's leg cut off to recover borrowed bangle.  
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P525.+ Law that bargains must be carried out by both parties causes old woman to be sentenced to die so that young man may bury her as he promised to do. Eko: Talbot 228.

P525.+ Man sold when he cannot pay fine. Probenius: Atlantis X 208.

P525.+ Children sold to raise money for fine. Probenius:

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P551.+ . Origin of custom of prohibiting a large army. Terms:  
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every animal, fowl, or fish consumed in household.

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P690.+ Girl circumcised before marriage. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 57, 65, 90.

P690.+ Girls kept in fasting house after circumcision.

Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 97.

P690.+ Custom of avunculate. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempah 100.

P690.+ Custom of taking gall of animal for ceremonial purposes. Eko: Talbot 27ff.

P690.+ One of pair of twins must be abandoned. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 1.

P690.+ Custom of destroying both infants and mother when twins are born. Yoruba: Ogumefu 33.

P690.+ Lazy old man turned out of home to make own way.

Nigeria: Dennett 148.

- P690.+ Widow cooks sweet yams and gives them to children to cry for her deceased husband. Courlander and Herzog. 101; Lee 24.
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- P690.+ Greedy spider unwillingly entertains guest to avoid gossip which would result if he turned traveler away. Courlander and Herzog 107.
- P690.+ "Secret" passes through family via one favorite to another. Mende: Migeod 244.
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- Q10. Deeds rewarded.
- Q20. Piety rewarded.
- Q33. Reward for saying prayers: Poor man rewarded for thanking god. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 459.
- Q40. Kindness rewarded. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 406; Togo: Cardinall 170; Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 256; Himmelheber 39; Klipple 240, 504; Probenius: Atlantis XI 232, 282; Yoruba: Ogunefu 51; Radin (Ashanti:

- Rattray) 135; Ashanti: Rattray 37; Seidel 284; Ekoi: Talbot 211; Sierra Leone: Thomas 56.
- Q41. Politeness rewarded. Slave Coast: Bouche 236; Gold Coast: Werner 209f.
- Q41.2. Reward for cleansing loathsome person, cleansing eyelids, bathing, lousing, etc. Frobenius: Atlantis X 242; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 46; Ekoi: Talbot 20, 100, 209, 235; Agni: Tauxier 242; Epelle: Westermann 410f.
- Q42. Generosity rewarded.
- Q42+. Bearded rock rewards hunter who feeds it. Mende: Migeod 265; Sierra Leone: Migeod 326.
- Q42+. Generosity rewarded: Trader gives beggar all his goods. Later, knocking down nuts from a tree, he finds them full of gold. Togo: Cardinall 216.
- Q45. Hospitality rewarded. Ivory Coast: Joseph RTP XIV 439; Ekoi: Talbot 208.
- Q45.+ Man befriended by Jinn who is spirit of man he once buried (grateful dead). Sierra Leone: Migeod 316.
- Q45+. Hunter rewarded for befriending dwarf fairy. Togo: Cardinall 162.
- Q47. Kindness to orphans repaid by dead parents. Ekoi: Talbot 99.
- Q51. Kindness to animals rewarded. Tiv: Abraham 73; Frobenius: Atlantis X 240; Ashanti: Rattray 61; Slave

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- Q60. Other good qualities rewarded.
- Q62. Reward for ability to keep secrets. Ekoi: Talbot 178.
- Q66. Humility rewarded. Ibo: Basden (1938) 432; Frobenius: Atlantis 227.
- Q68. Integrity rewarded.
- Q68+. Dog which did not stop to eat while on god's errand allowed to live with man. Himmelheber 65.
- Q68+. Child rewarded for following forest-devil's directions. Water turns to silver. Epelle: Westermann 414.
- Q68+. Obedient boy rewarded. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVI 11.
- Q72. Loyalty rewarded.
- Q72+. Loyalty rewarded: Only one of three suitors offers to pay funeral money when girl pretends to be dead. He is the one she chooses to marry. Barker and Sinclair 86.
- Q72+. Young man rewarded for giving his father proper burial. Ibo: Thomas (VI) 93.
- Q72+. Sons who bring fish home to father rewarded. Frobenius: Atlantis X 246f.
- Q72+. God rewards wife who grieves when he feigns death. Togo: Einstein 7.
- Q80. Rewards for other causes.

- Q88. Reward for proficiency: King rewards slave who accomplishes mission. Yoruba: Ogumefu 2.
- Q95.+. Reward for musician: Fairies pleased by boy's music; old woman pleased by his courtesy. He is rewarded by gift of magic pot. Nigeria: CMS III 60ff.

Q100--Q199. NATURE OF REWARDS

- Q100. Nature of rewards.
- Q110. Material rewards.
- Q111. Riches as reward. Ibo: Basden (1938) 432; Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 406; Klipple 125; Sierra Leone: Migeod 326; Ashanti: Rattray 213; Seidel 285.
- Q111.+. Two hundred baskets of money as reward for generous hunter. Mende: Migeod 265.
- Q111.6. Treasure chest as reward for kindness. Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 256; Kpelle: Westermann 410.
- Q140. Miraculous or magic rewards.
- Q140.+. Magic drum as reward for kindness. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 46.
- Q140.+. Magic hunting talisman reward for kindness. Agni: Tauxier 242.
- Q140.+. Magic calabash as reward for poor man. Slave Coast: Bouche 236; Frobenius: Atlantis X 227, 232.
- Q140.+. Magic mucous as reward for helpful cock. Frobenius: Atlantis X 242.



- Q140.+ Magic pot as reward for pleasing music. Nigeria:  
CMS III 60ff.; Ibo: Thomas (IV) 93.
- Q141.2. Pull fish traps as reward for fisherman. Yoruba:  
Ogunefu 51.
- Q150. Immunity from disaster as reward.
- Q151. Life spared as reward.
- Q151.+ Rescue from hanging as reward for kindness. Tiv:  
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211.
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- Q190. Rewards -- miscellaneous.
- Q190.+ Copper ring to protect newborn children as reward  
for kindness. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 282.
- Q190.+ Antidote for snakebite as reward for kindness.  
Seidel 284.
- Q190.+ Dress as reward for helpful crow. Ashanti: Rattray  
37.
- Q190.+ Understanding of animal languages as reward for  
kindness. Eko: Talbot 100.
- Q190.+ Faithful dog rewarded by being allowed to live with  
man. Himmelheber 65.

Q190.+. Antelope as gift from grateful leopard. Slave  
Coast: Trautmann 15.

Q200--Q399. DEEDS PUNISHED

Q200. Deeds punished.

Q210. Crimes punished.

Q211. Murder punished. Tiv: Abraham 73; Barker and Sinclair  
66; Nigeria: Donnett 99; Probenius: Atlantis X 273;  
Lee 23; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 203; Ashanti: Rattray  
31; Agni: Tauxier 242; Ibo: Thomas (III) 68; Slave  
Coast: Trautmann 74, 76, 90; Epelle: Westermann 380.

Q211.0.3.+. Cruel king murdered by subjects. Vai: Ellis  
217.

Q211.4. Murder of children punished. Ashanti: Rattray 31;  
Epelle: Westermann 380.

Q211.8. Punishment for desire to murder. Ikom: Dayrell,  
RAI No. 3, 19, 27; Nigeria: Dayrell 441; Liberia:  
Germann 137; Radin (Efik-Ibibio: Dayrell) 196; Ashan-  
ti: Rattray 105; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 24; Ekoi:  
Talbot 334; Epelle: Westermann 416.

Q211.9. Fratricide punished. Slave Coast: Bouche 232.

Q211.10. Punishment for murder of co-wife. Slave Coast:  
Trautmann 76.

Q212. Theft punished. Slave Coast: Bouche 224; Nigeria:  
CMS III 45; Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 273; Nigeria:

Dayrell 68; Frobenius: Atlantis X 288; XI 118; Klipple 599; Yoruba: Ogumefu 70; Ashanti: Rattray 3; Temne: Schlenker 57; Ekoi: Talbot 371, 391; Sierra Leone: Thomas 60.

- Q213. Abduction punished. Slave Coast: Bouche 229; Yoruba: Ellis 252; Togo: Härter, ZOOS VI 221.
- Q215. Cannibalism punished. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 36.
- Q217. Treason punished. Togo: Cardinall 246; Gold Coast: Christaller, Zs.f.Vkak. IV 69; Liberia: Cronise 256; Nigeria: Dayrell 19.
- Q220. Impiety punished.
- Q223.2. Neglect to thank god punished. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 459.
- Q237. Idolatry punished. Togo: Cardinall 237.
- Q241. Adultery punished. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 67; Nigeria: Dayrell 31; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 204; Temne: Thomas 7.
- Q241.4. Servant who aids queen in adultery punished. Nigeria: Dayrell 32.
- Q253.1. Bestiality punished. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 204.
- Q260. Deceptions punished.
- Q261. Treachery punished. Nigeria: Dayrell 132; Frobenius: Atlantis X 264; Slave Coast: Trautmann 68.
- Q263. Lying (perjury) punished. Nigeria: Dayrell 48, 78;

- Nigeria: Dennett 219; Dahomey: Einstein 29; Himmelheber 27, 40; Klipple 126; Sierra Leone: Migeod 316; Ekoi: Talbot 307.
- Q263+. Death for false diviner. Slave Coast: Trautmann 62.
- Q270. Misdeds concerning property punished.
- Q270+. Cheating punished. Barker and Sinclair 175; Probenius: Atlantis XI 22f.; Klipple 384.
- Q272. Avarice punished.
- Q272+. Greed punished. Barker and Sinclair 44, 83, 94; Ibo: Basden (1938) 428, 432; Nigeria: Baumann 15; Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 406; Togo: Cardinall 164; Liberia: Cronise 248, 275; Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 259; Yoruba: Ellis 247; Probenius: Atlantis X 233; Togo: H€rtter, ZOOS VI 109; Himmelheber 93, 100; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP LXVII 573; Klipple 237, 598; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 22, 29, 51, 85; Ashanti: Rattray 121, 213; Ewe: Spieth 574; Ekoi: Talbot 238; Ibibio: Talbot 79; Epelle: Westermann 410, 414. (Cf. Q2.)
- Q280. Unkindness punished. Ibo: Basden (1921) 282; Nigeria: Dayrell 113; Togo: Cardinall 228; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 217; Ashanti: Rattray 45, 157; Ekoi: Talbot 211; Ibo: Thomas (III) 127; Temne: Thomas 70.
- Q281. Ingratitude punished. Togo: Cardinall 170; Gold

Coast: Christaller, Zs.f.Vksk. IV 64f.; Klipple 114;  
 Ashanti: Rattray 89; Slave Coast: Trautmann 82; Kpelle:  
 Westermann 436.

Q285.1. Cruelty punished: Man whose mother was abandoned before he was born finds father, kills him. Mende: Migeod 201; Mende: Westermann 449.

Q292. Inhospitallity punished. Agni: Tauxier 235.

Q297. Slander punished. Nigeria: CMS III 69.

Q301. Jealousy punished. Barker and Sinclair 113; Vai: Ellis 190f.; Leo 19; Slave Coast: Trautmann 78.

Q306. Quarrelsomeness punished: Members of secret society discovered, tortured and killed. Nigeria: Dayrell 153; Frobenius: Atlantis X 220.

Q314. Scandal-mongering punished. King orders gossip drowned for troublemaking. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 44.

Q321. Laziness punished. Ashanti: Rattray 143.

Q325. Disobedience punished. Togo: Einstein 8; Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 456; Himmelheber 45; Liberia: Germann 122; Slave Coast: Trautmann 22; Ewe: Westermann 18; Gola: Westermann 496.

Q327. Discourtesy punished. Barker and Sinclair 74; Nigeria: Baumann 75ff.; Slave Coast: Bouche 237; Nigeria: CMS III 64; Tahi: Ellis 338; Ibibio: Talbot 183.

Q331. Pride punished. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 207; Ashanti: Rattray 53; Gola: Westermann 495.

- Q341. Curiosity punished. Togo: Cardinal 58ff.
- Q342. Inquisitiveness punished. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 211; Ashanti: Rattray 67.
- Q380. Deeds punished -- miscellaneous.
- Q380.+. Death penalty for defecating on king's ground. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 3.
- Q380.+. Punishment for feigning grief at funeral. Ibo: Thomas (III) 106.
- Q380.+. Punishment for littering house of secret society. Ekoi: Talbot 307.
- Q380.+. Fairy punishes people for cutting off its hair. Ashanti: Rattray 97.
- Q380.+. Impatience punished. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 10.
- Q380.+. Witchcraft punished. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 36, 52; Ekoi: Talbot 404; Ibibio: Talbot 167.
- Q380.+. Breaking tabu punished. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 420; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 70, 178; Ekoi: Talbot 377; Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 84; Ibo: Thomas (III) 81.
- Q380.+. Stubbornness punished. Togo: Einstein 6f.
- Q380.+. Giving away secret (object) punished. Nigeria: Baumann 130; Himmelheber 54.

#### Q400--Q599. KINDS OF PUNISHMENT

- Q400. Kinds of punishment -- general.

- Q410. Capital punishment.
- Q411. Death as punishment.
- Q411.+ Death as punishment for kidnapping. Slave Coast:  
Bouche 229; Yoruba: Ellis 252.
- Q411.+ Death as punishment for feigning grief at funeral.  
Ibo: Thomas (III) 106.
- Q411.+ Death as punishment for cruelty. Vai: Ellis 217.
- Q411.+ Death as punishment for tempting king. Vai: Ellis  
220.
- Q411.+ Death as punishment for mistreating girl. Nigeria:  
Dayrell 113.
- Q411.+ Death as punishment for false accuser. Nigeria:  
Dennett 219; Klipple 127.
- Q411.+ Death as punishment for false diviner. Slave Coast:  
Trautmann 62.
- Q411.+ Death as punishment for ingratitude. Slave Coast:  
Trautmann 82f.
- Q411.+ Death as punishment for king who killed unjustly.  
Slave Coast: Trautmann 90.
- Q411.+ Death and dismemberment for troublemaking. Proben-  
ius: Atlantis X 220.
- Q411.+ Death as punishment for abandoning wife and child.  
Mende: Migeod 201; Mende: Westermann 449.
- Q411.+ Death as punishment for plotting against devil.  
Liberia: Germann 137.

- Q411.6. Death as punishment for murder (attempted murder).  
 Slave Coast: Bouche 232; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 19,  
 27; Sierra Leone: Migeod 316; Radin (Efik-Ibibio) 496;  
 Ashanti: Rattray 105; Agni: Tauxier 242; Ekoi: Tal-  
 bot 334; Kpelle: Westermann 416.
- Q411.13. Death as punishment for thievery. Slave Coast:  
 Bouche 224; Nigeria: CMS III 45; Frobenius: Atlantis  
 X 288; Ekoi: Talbot 391.
- Q413. Punishment: hanging.
- Q413.+ . Hanging as punishment for witchcraft. Ekoi: Talbot  
 404.
- Q413.4. Hanging as punishment for murder. Tiv: Abraham 73;  
 Ibo: Thomas (III) 68.
- Q413.4.+ . Hanging as punishment for attempted murder. Ibo:  
 Thomas, Man XVIII 24.
- Q414. Punishment: burning.
- Q414.+ . Lashing, burning alive, and scattering ashes as pun-  
 ishment for plotting against prince. Nigeria: Dayrell  
 19.
- Q414.+ . Burning as punishment for cannibalism. Ikom: Day-  
 rell, RAI No. 3, 36.
- Q414.+ . Household and residents destroyed by fire for lack  
 of respect for secret society. Ibibio: Talbot 183.
- Q414.+ . Burning as punishment for jealousy. Barker and Sin-  
 clair 113; Lee 19.



- Q414.0.4.2. Burning as punishment for abduction. Togo: H<sup>er</sup>rtter, ZOOS VI 221.
- Q414.0.10. Burning for witchcraft. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 52; Ibibio: Talbot 167.
- Q414.0.12. Burning as punishment for murder. Nigeria: Dennett 99.
- Q414.3.+ . Burning alive, ashes used to mark foreheads of co-wives as punishment for informer. Slave Coast: Trautmann 68.
- Q414.3.1.+ . Pounding in mortar as punishment for causing child's death. Ashanti: Rattray 31.
- Q415. . Punishment: being eaten by animals. Barker and Sinclair 44, 94; Slave Coast: Bouche 237; Vai: Daxmann, ZSES XXIII; Liberia: Germann 122; Togo: H<sup>er</sup>rtter, ZOOS VI 109; Klipple 237; Epelle: Westermann 410; 414.
- Q415.0.1. Punishment: being eaten by demon. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXIII 406ff.; Eкои: Talbot 238; Gola: Westermann 495.
- Q417. Punishment: dropping and dashing to pieces. Eкои: Talbot 307.
- Q421. Punishment: beheading.
- Q421.+ . Beheading as punishment for littering<sup>g</sup> secret society house. Eкои: Talbot 307.
- Q421.+ . Beheading as punishment for cheating in contest. Barker and Sinclair 175; Klipple 384.

- Q421.+ . Flogging and beheading as punishment for false messenger. Nigeria: Dayrell 78.
- Q421.+ . Flogging and beheading as punishment for false witness. Nigeria: Dayrell 48.
- Q421.+ . Beheading as punishment for slander. Nigeria: CMS III 69.
- Q421.+ . Beheading as punishment for giving away magic ring. Nigeria: Baumann 130.
- Q421.+ . Beheading as punishment for traitor. Gold Coast: Christaller, Zs.f.Vksk. IV 69.
- Q421.+ . Beheading as punishment for lying. Himmelheber 27.
- Q421.+ . Offending slaves' heads used for footstools. Ibo: Thomas (III) 79.
- Q421.+ . Beheading as punishment for jealousy. Slave Coast: Trautmann 78.
- Q421.0.4.+ . Beheading as punishment for murder conspirators. Nigeria: Dayrell 141.
- Q421.0.4.+ . Beheading and burning for causing death of sibling. Slave Coast: Trautmann 74.
- Q421.0.4.+ . Beheading as punishment for poisoning. Slave Coast: Trautmann 76.
- Q422.0.1. Punishment: beating to death. Man is beaten to death for killing people who contradicted him. Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 203.
- Q424. Punishment: strangling. Liberia: Bundy, JAFL XXXII

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- Q428. Punishment: drowning. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 28.
- Q428.+ Death by drowning for sacrificing grandchildren.  
Kpelle: Westermann 380.
- Q429. Capital punishment -- miscellaneous.
- Q429.+ Death caused by spirits for disobedience. Ewe:  
Westermann 18.
- Q429.+ Death by starvation as punishment for slave who im-  
personates mistress. Nigeria: Dayrell 132.
- Q429.+ Heart cut out as punishment for false witness. Him-  
melheber 40.
- Q430. Abridgement of freedom as punishment.
- Q431. Banishment as punishment for witches and poisoners.  
Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 49.
- Q431.2.1. Brothers banished for treachery. Radin (Ashanti:  
Rattray) 217; Ashanti: Rattray 157; Temne: Thomas 70.
- Q437. Selling into slavery as punishment. Temne: Thomas 7.
- Q450. Cruel punishments.
- Q450.1. Torture as punishment. Nigeria: Dayrell 153.
- Q451. Mutilation as punishment.
- Q451.+ Loss of limbs (for snake) as punishment for eating  
forbidden fruit. Ekoi: Talbot 377.
- Q451.2. Laming as punishment. Ekoi: Talbot 371.
- Q451.2.3. Feet cut off as punishment for murder. Frobenius:

Atlantis X 273.

- Q451.3.+ Lower jaw cut off as punishment for adultery.  
Nigeria: Dayrell 31.
- Q451.4.1. Tongue cut off as punishment. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 118. =
- Q451.7. Blinding as punishment.
- Q451.7.+ Blinding and exposure as punishment for aiding in adultery. Nigeria: Dayrell 32.
- Q451.7.0.2. Miraculous blindness as punishment. Blindness restored as punishment for jealousy. Vai: Ellis 190.
- Q451.10. Punishment: genitalia cut off.
- Q451.10.+ Choice between loss of eyes or loss of penis for adultery. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 67.
- Q451.10.+ Woman forced to cook and eat lover's (snake lover) penis as punishment for adultery. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 204r.
- Q451.11. Piecemeal mutilation as punishment.
- Q451.11.+ Witch forced to eat bits of own flesh roasted before his eyes. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 36; Ibibio: Talbot 167.
- Q456. Burial alive as punishment. Togo: Cardinall 246.
- Q458. Flogging as punishment. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 222; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 211; Ashanti: Rattray 67.
- Q458.0.3. Flogging as punishment for theft. Nigeria: Dayrell 68; Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 273; Yoruba: Ogunefu

- 70; Ashanti: Rattray 3; Temne: Schlenker 57; Sierra Leone: Thomas 60.
- Q467. Punishment by drowning.
- Q467+. Drowning as punishment for king's evil adviser.  
Liberia: Cronise 256.
- Q467+. Drowning as punishment for troublemaking gossip.  
Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 414.
- Q467+. Drowning as punishment for cheating. Yoruba: Ogumefu 84.
- Q467+. Drowning as punishment for greed. Ibibio: Talbot 79.
- Q469. Other cruel punishments.
- Q469+. Punishment: Victim tied in bush for vulture to come and take eyes. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 452.
- Q469+. Menstruation as punishment for breaking tabu. Probenius: Atlantis XI 70, 178.
- Q469+. Woman tied to hyena, released in bush for <sup>lying</sup> lying.  
Dahomey: Einstein 29; Dahomey: Le Herisse 270.
- Q469.10. Scalding as punishment. Probenius: Atlantis XI 194.
- Q470. Humiliating punishments.
- Q470+. Grinding stone stuck on head as punishment for greed.  
Barker and Sinclair 83; Ewe: Spieth 574.
- Q470+. Eating five hundred coconuts as punishment for bringing king poor gift. Nigeria: Baumann 15.

- Q470.+ Growth of four tails as punishment for making fun of another person's misfortune. Ibo: Thomas (III) 127.
- Q500. Tedious punishment.
- Q511.2. Punishment: carrying corpse of murdered man until another can be induced to take it. Barker and Sinclair 66.
- Q511.2.+ Punishment: carrying corpse of murdered man in box. Lee 23.
- Q550. Miraculous punishments.
- Q551.3. Punishment: transformation.
- Q551.3.2.3. Transformation to frog as punishment for indiscretion. Slave Coast: Trautmann 46.
- Q551.6.0.1. Punishment: man stricken with leprosy. Togo: Einstein 6f.
- Q551.8. Deformity as punishment.
- Q551.8.+ Pointed mouth as punishment for laughing at another's misfortune. Ashanti: Rattray 45.
- Q551.8.+ Shortened limbs as punishment for greed. Ibo: Baden (1938) 428.
- Q552.10.+ Pestilence as punishment for rudeness. Nigeria: CMS III 64.
- Q552.13.+ Hot wind as punishment for idolatry. Togo: Cardinall 237.
- Q552.13.+ Village destroyed as punishment for breaking tabu. Togo: Cardinall 170; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 220;

- Ashanti: Rattray 19; Kpelle: Westermann 436.
- Q553.3.6. Painful birth of children as punishment. Togo: Einstein 8.
- Q555.+ Madnes as punishment for rudeness to spirit. Nigeria: Baumann 75ff.
- Q556. Curse as punishment.
- Q556.+ Condemnation to aimless flitting about as punishment for theft. Ashanti: Rattray 3.
- Q556.+ Animal condemned to wild state for disobedience. Himmelheber 45, 65.
- Q556.+ Dog deprived of high station for being unfaithful. Nigeria: Cotton, JAS V 194.
- Q585. Fitting destruction (disappearance) of property as punishment.
- Q585.+ Destruction of food supply as punishment for greed. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 51.
- Q585.+ Destruction of magic plate as punishment for greed. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 22.
- Q590. Miscellaneous punishments.
- Q590.+ Worthless or noxious gift package as punishment for greed. Ibo: Baden (1938) 432; Liberia: Croniss 275; Yoruba: Ellis 274f.; Probenius: Atlantis X 233; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 573; Ashanti: Rattray 213. (Cf. Q2.).
- Q595. Loss or destruction of property as punishment.

Q595.+ . Loss of borrowed wings as punishment for greed.

Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 29f.

Q595.3.+ . Forfeiture of wealth as punishment for inhospitality. Agni: Tauxier 235.



## R. CAPTIVES AND FUGITIVES

### Detailed Synopsis

- RO --R99.      Captivity
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  - R100.    Rescues
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  - R310.    Refuges
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RO--R99. CAPTIVITY

- R9. Captivity -- miscellaneous.
- R9.+ Fowls captured by being induced to dance. Yoruba:  
Ellis 257; Probenius: Atlantis XI 226f.
- R9.+ Ichneumon steals kola nuts, leaves a trail to buy so  
that boy may be captured. Kpelle: Westermann 432.
- R9.+ Frog with killing stare captured by burrowing up to  
it from behind. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 47.
- R9.+ Ogre enticed hares from hole by squeezing drops of  
honey for hares to reach. Tiv: Abraham 78.
- R10. Abduction.
- R11. Abduction by ogre. Probenius: Atlantis XI 96.
- R11.+ Girl held prisoner beneath water by spirit. Radin  
(Efik-Ibibio: Dayrell) 194; Ibibio: Talbot 72.
- R11.+ Girl lured from market to ghost home by ghost man.  
Ekoi: Talbot 280.
- R11.3. Abduction by giant. Agni: Tauxier 239.
- R13. Abduction by animal.
- R13.3.+ Boy carried to rocky island by vulture. Probenius:  
Atlantis XI 92.
- R13.3.2. Abduction by eagle. Ewe: Spieth 596; Ewe: Westermann 149, 233.
- R13.4.+ Abduction by crocodile. Nigerian: Dayrell 147;

Togo: Schönherl 81; Ekoi: Talbot 334, 402.

R40. Places of captivity.

R41.5.1. Queen kept in palace of forty doors, each watched by a dog. Dahomey: Einstein 25.

R43. Captivity on island. Probenius: Atlantis XI 92; Ewe: Westermann 149, 233.

R46. Captivity under water. Radin (Efik-Ibibio: Dayrell) 194; Ibibio: Talbot 72.

R49.1. Captivity in tree. Agni: Tauxier 239.

R49.3. Captivity in drum. Gold Coast: Courlander and Frem-pah 36.

R50. Condition of captivity.

R50.+. Young men who boast that they would be willing to die, after pleasure with king's wives are locked up with wives and sentenced to death after their confinement. Togo: Prietze, ZAOS III 39.

R50.+. Girl forced to scratch back of captor python. Ashanti: Battray 171.

R50.+. Captive fattened for eating. Togo: Schönherl 81.

R51.4.+. War prisoners condemned to die, may choose between fire and water. Vai: Klingenberg, ZSES XVI 88.

R70. Behavior of captives.

R70.+. Woman allows self to be captured to learn secrets of enemy. Yoruba: Ogumefu 15.

R70.+ . Captive refuses to allow his people to pay ransom for him. Frobenius: Atlantis X 348.

R100--R199. RESCUES

R110. Rescue of captive.

R111. Rescue of captive maiden.

R111.1.1. Rescue of maiden from ogre. Epelle: Westermann 387.

R111.1.1.+ . Maiden rescued from river spirit. Nigeria: Dayrell 113; Ibibio: Talbot 74.

R111.1.1.+ . Boy rescued from water spirit. Ikcm: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 26.

R111.1.1.+ . Bride of transformed leopard rescued by hunter. Ewe: Ellis 273.

R111.1.1.+ . Girl swallowed by python, calls out until people come and rescue her from snake's belly. Temne: Thomas 83.

R111.1.1.+ . Maiden captive of crocodile rescued by people with nets. Eko: Talbot 334.

R112.+ . Hero overpowers demon, releases people in captivity. Meinhof 215.

R112.+ . God's son rescued from giant. Agni: Tauxier 244.

R130. Rescue of abandoned or lost persons.

R131.8.+ . Old woman rescues stolen child. Togo: Hartter,

EOOS VI 217; Slave Coast: Trautmann 75.

- R131.8.+ Magician rescues abandoned children. Nigeria:  
Dayrell 14ff.
- R150. Rescuers.
- R150.+ Bird as rescuer. Tahi: Bellon, MSOS XVII 19, 27;  
Ikoni: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 12; Probenius: Atlantis X  
300; Himmelheber 39; Klipple 79; Ibo: Thomas (III) 86,  
107f.
- R150.+ Bird as rescuer: Girl in skull land carried home  
by helpful bird. Ekoi: Talbot 276; Slave Coast: Traut-  
mann 64; Gola: Westermann 483; Kpelle: Westermann 415.
- R150.+ Hunter as rescuer. Seidel 283; Slave Coast: Traut-  
mann 33, 41, 51.
- R150.+ Fisherman as rescuer. Slave Coast: Trautmann 96.
- R156. Brother rescues sister(s). Liberia: Cronise 185;  
Agni: Tauxier 237; Slave Coast: Trautmann 63; Sierra  
Leone: Werner 251; Gola: Westermann 492. (Cf. P253.).
- R161.+ Lover rescues young man. She is the only one who  
can understand his cryptic message. Himmelheber 131.
- R166. Brothers having extraordinary skill rescue princess.  
Ewe: Spieth 596; Ewe: Westermann 149.
- R169.15. Rescue by stranger: Boy trapped in hole rescued  
when traveler lowers pot for water. Mende: Migeod 212.
- R170. Rescue -- miscellaneous motifs.
- R170.+ King saves wife and twins by concealing them instead  
of killing them. Yoruba: Ogumefu 33.

- R170.+ . Slave inside drum indicates his presence by words of his song. His family rescues him. Yoruba: Ellis 261.
- R170.+ . Group of people imprisoned by swallowing rock released by man who uses magic knife to cleave rock. Togo: Cardinal 189.
- R170.+ . River releases young man when sacrifice is made. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 99.

## R200--R299. ESCAPES AND PURSUITS

- R210. Escapes.
- R211. Escape from prison.
- R211.+ . Stranger shames executioner, who lets intended victim go. Himmelheber 92.
- R211.+ . Man and wife locked up and condemned to die of starvation, escape by use of magic talisman. Slave Coast: Trantmann 99.
- R211.2. Captive bores way out of prison. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 87f.; Togo: Prietze, ZAOS III 37.
- R211.3. Escape through underground tunnel. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 202, 294.
- R211.8.+ . Girl captive of brigand cuts his throat while shaving him. Agni: Tauxier 239.
- R219. Escapes -- miscellaneous.
- R219.+ . Trickster escapes from bag by persuading hunter to

- exchange places with him. Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 414; Klipple 436.
- R219.+ . Woman escapes from hyena by draping her cloth over a sharp stake. Hyena leaps and is impaled. Slave Coast: Trautmann 24.
- R219.+ . Woman carries supply of razors, allows herself to be swallowed by drum. Razors are used to cut way out. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 55.
- R219.+ . Goat wishes to escape from shelter which he shares with lion and hyena, gets lion to chase hyena. Togo: Hërter, ZOOS VI 125.
- R219.+ . Escape from captor by sending him to dip water in net (strainer) or using other impossible task. Liberia: Cronise 185; Ewe: Spieth 578; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 38; Ashanti: Rattray 195; 223.
- R219.+ . Tortoise caught in spider's trap promises to act as god in spider's household if spared. Gola: Westermann 505.
- R219.+ . Escape from captor by blowing pepper (salt) into eyes. Himmelheber 67; Ashanti: Rattray 163; Temne: Schlenker 77. (Cf. K621.).
- R219.+ . Escape by stuffing sentry's horn so that it cannot sound. Yoruba: Ellis 268.
- R219.+ . Captive in disguise as member of household eases self in house, has excuse to go outside. Ashanti: Rat-

tray 227.

- R219.+ Goat escapes from leopard on pretext of calling witness. Vai: Ellis 240f.
- R220. Flights.
- R220.+ Escape from pursuit by transformation. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 184; Togo: Schönherrl 75; Slave Coast: Trautmann 32, 46.
- R220.+ Dormouse escapes from ghost town by blowing magic pipe which causes ghosts to sleep. Ekoi: Talbot 63.
- R220.+ Fugitive pursued by ghost from whom he stole cloth. Vai: Ellis 238; Ekoi: Talbot 226; Ibo: Thomas (III) 125.
- R220.+ Fleeing couple helped across river by man with beard long enough to reach across. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 88.
- R220.+ "Idol" which man carries in hair gives him directions for successful flight from elephants. Barker and Sinclair 125.
- R220.+ Tree falls across river so that girl may escape leopard. Yoruba: Ogumefu 20.
- R220.+ Pursued boy springs out of calabash, enters man's eye. Ibo: Basden (1938) 429; Togo: Cardinall 128.
- R231. Obstacle flight -- Atlanta type. Objects are thrown back which the pursuer stops to pick up while the fugitive escapes. Barker and Sinclair 99; Togo: Cardinall



- 249; Yoruba: Ellis 269; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 87; Klipple 490; Himmelheber 137; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 207; Ashanti: Rattray 55.
- R231.+ Obstacle flight -- objects thrown behind fugitives block pursuit. Togo: Cardinall 239; Eko: Talbot 250; Mende: Westermann 450.
- R231.+ Obstacle flight -- miraculous changes of terrain block pursuit. Ibo: Baden (1938) 428; Togo: Cardinall 47.
- R231.+ Pursuing ghosts stopped by sacrifice of seven leaves on ground. They can count only to six. Eko: Talbot 9, 240.
- R235. Fugitives cut support of bridge (rope) so that pursuer falls. Barker and Sinclair 100; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 6; Temne: Thomas 42.
- R243. Fugitives aided by helpful animal.
- R243.+ Antelope diverts attention of pursuers from boy to self. Togo: Cardinall 47.
- R243.+ Driver ant multiplies self a million times to cause boy's pursuers to stop and eat. Togo: Cardinall 47.
- R243.+ Escape from crocodile through directions from old woman. Kpelle: Westermann 410.
- R260. Pursuits.
- R260.+ Hero pursued by god, prays for aid, gets none. Ibo: Baden (1938) 429.

- R260.+ Fugitives from ghost city pursued by black ants and river's water. Ekoi: Talbot 9.
- R260.+ Tortoise pursued by speaking calabash plant. Probenius: Atlantis I 299.
- R261.1. Pursuit by animated head. Yoruba: Ellis 268.

## R300--R399. REFUGES AND RECAPTURE

- R310. Refuges.
- R310.+ Tortoise hides within his shell; searching ghosts think he is merely a stone. Ekoi: Talbot 56.
- R310.+ Goats give refuge to boy fleeing from cannibal mother. Probenius: Atlantis XI 286.
- R311. Tree refuge. Ibo: Baaden (1938) 429; Slave Coast: Trautzmann 82.
- R311.+ Refuge in ground-nut shell. Nut eaten by fowl. Togo: Cardinal 158.
- R311.1. Tree magically hides a fugitive. Ekoi: Talbot 253.
- R315. Cave (hole) as refuge. Liberia: Germann 120f.
- R318.+ Corpse of animal as refuge. Probenius: Atlantis I 343; XI 230, 319.
- R323. Refuge in upper world.
- R323.+ Ladder to heaven used to escape from dragon's lair. Barker and Sinclair 99.
- R326. Escape to fairyland.
- R326.+ Refuge with goblins. Probenius: Atlantis XI 70.

R326.+ . Escape into land of dead. Nigeria: Talbot (1932)

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R336. Refuge under kettle.

R336.+ . Refuge from fire in pot of water. Crippled witch saves himself from trap. His seven companions burn.

Ikon: Dayrell, HAI No. 3, 52.

R336.+ . Refuge in snuffbox. Meinhof 208; Ewe: Spieth 582;

Ewe-2: Westermann 220f.

R336.+ . Rabbit and bride hide inside calabash, roll to lion waiting for them. Lion hurls calabash across river so that it will not bother him while he waits for rabbits.

Probenius: Atlantis XI 324.

S. UNNATURAL CRUELTY

Detailed Synopsis

- S0 --S99. Cruel relatives
  - S0. Cruel relatives
  - S10. Cruel parents
  - S20. Cruel children and grandchildren
  - S30. Cruel step- and foster relatives
  - S40. Cruel grandparents
  - S50. Cruel relatives-in-law
  - S60. Cruel spouse
  - S70. Other cruel relatives
  
- S100--S199. Revolting murders or mutilations
  - S100. Revolting murders or mutilations
  - S110. Murders
  - S140. Cruel abandonments and exposures
  - S160. Mutilations
  - S180. Wounding or torturing
  
- S200--S299. Cruel sacrifices
  - S200. Cruel sacrifices
  - S210. Children sold or promised
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3. UNNATURAL CRUELTY

30--399. CRUEL RELATIVES

- S10. Cruel parents.
- S11. Cruel father. Himmelheber 115.
- S11.+ Man cuts off daughter's head to recover borrowed copper ring (collar). Probenius: Atlantis XI 283.
- S11.+ Father keeps food supply to himself during famine. Probenius: Atlantis XI 80f.; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 20.
- S11.+ Husband kills wife and two children in rage, because one child released his pet bird. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 40.
- S11.+ Father orders (enchanted) son burnt. Mendis: Migeod 212.
- S11.+ Man slaughters son to obtain blood to cure friend. Vai: Ellis 216.
- S11.+ Man sets out to find food for family, stays where there is food and lets family starve. Ewe-2: Westermann 208.
- S11.+ Father hates son because he dislikes son's mother. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 29.
- S11.6.+ Man beats son to death for losing speaking fish. Kpelle: Westermann 427.
- S12. Cruel mother.

- S12.+ . Woman seeks to have her eleven children killed. Togo: Cardinall 41; Radin (Aahanti: Rattray) 36; Aahanti: Rattray 191ff.
- S12.+ . Woman eats her children as soon as they are born. Probenius: Atlantis XI 285.
- S12.+ . Woman works her sons in field so hard they die. Gola: Westermann 484.
- S12.2. Cruel mother kills child. Barker and Sinclair 172; Vai: Dammann, ZSES XIII 255.
- S20. Cruel children and grandchildren.
- S20.+ . Married daughters refuse to aid father ill with leprosy. Probenius: Atlantis XI 195.
- S20.+ . Animals agree to slaughter and eat mothers during famine. Probenius: Atlantis X 263.
- S21. Cruel son.
- S21.+ . Man beats mother until she sinks into ground for releasing his captive bird. Sierra Leone: Thomas 56.
- S21.+ . Hawk throws mother into fire in fit of rage. Ibo: Baaden (1921) 276.
- S21.+ . Magician son causes death of parents. Mende: Westermann 451.
- S21.+ . Boy betrays own father, has him put to death for theft he did not commit. Togo: Cardinall 126.
- S21.2. Twin sons punish father by blinding him. Togo: Cardinall 87.

- S30. Cruel step- and foster relatives.
- S31. Cruel stepmother. Togo: Cardinall 222; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 9.
- S33. Cruel stepbrother: Man cuts head from dead stepsister, puts it before his house door. Frobenius: Atlantis 232.
- S36.+ . Foster parents mistreat orphaned child. Slave Coast: Trautmann 5f.
- S40. Cruel grandparents.
- S41. Cruel grandmother: Old woman puts snake under bush to bite grandson. Tahiti: Bellon, MSOS XVII 4.
- S50. Cruel relatives-in-law.
- S60. Cruel spouse.
- S60.+ . Woman beheads husband to inherit his property. Ibo: Thomas (VI) 95.
- S60.+ . Woman poisons husband because she prefers life of prostitute to one of marriage. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 63.
- S62. Cruel husband.
- S62.+ . Man drives pregnant wife into bush to bear child. Mende: Migeod 201.
- S62.+ . Man slays bride because she formerly gave attentions to other men. Togo: Cardinall 136.
- E70. Other cruel relatives.



- S72. Cruel aunt. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP IXVI 11; Slave Coast: Trautmann 2.
- S73. Cruel brother (sister).
- S73+. Man decapitates sister for eating fish head. Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 84.
- S73+. Two jealous girls kill sister, tell her parents a beast has devoured her. Slave Coast: Trautmann 73.
- S73+. Boy with yaws abused by older brothers. Temne: Thomas 67.
- S73.l. Fratricide. Slave Coast: Bouche 231; Mende: Migeod 211; Mende: Westermann 451.
- S73.l.l. Fratricide in order to gain kingship. Yoruba: Clarke, No. 1; Ibo: Thomas (III) 67.
- S75. Cruel co-wife: Jealous co-wife mistreats woman or woman's child. Ekoi: Talbot 233; Slave Coast: Trautmann 76; Mende: Westermann 456.

S100--S199. REVOLTING MURDERS OR MUTILATIONS

- S110. Murders.
- S110+. Trickster cuts throats of girls he and brother are sleeping with. Temne: Thomas 33.
- S110+. Wizard kills man, drains blood to make disease-producing magic. Ekoi: Talbot 279.
- S110+. Wonder-child kills father, feeds his eyes to one wife, his liver to another. Frobenius: Atlantis X 217f.

- S110.+ Tortoise kills mother in expectation of gifts from corpse. Probenius: Atlantis I 270.
- S112. Burning to death.
- S112.+ Witch killed by having red-hot pot placed over his shoulders while he is standing in water. He is suffocated by steam. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 52.
- S131. Murder by drowning.
- S131.+ Boys weight body of companion with stone, sink him in river. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 26.
- S140. Cruel abandonments or exposures.
- S140.+ King orders offending slave shut up in box, cast in river. Slave Coast: Trautmann 96.
- S140.+ Master ties slave to tree, leaves him to driver ants. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 79.
- S143.4. Husband abandons wife in childbirth in jungle. Mende: Migeod 201; Mende: Westermann 449. (Cf. Q285.).
- S160. Mutilations.
- S161. Mutilations: cutting off hands (arms).
- S161.+ Mutilation: Leopard cuts off hand of betrothed to recover silver bangle. Ashanti: Rattray 201.
- S163. Mutilation: cutting (tearing) out tongue.
- S163.+ Spider demands tongue of blind man for medicine for chief. Blind man who stole from spider has tongue cut. Probenius: Atlantis XI 118.

- S165. Mutilation: putting out eyes.
- S165.+ Bride plucks out eyes of groom. Ashanti: Rattray 225.
- S168. Mutilation: tearing off ears.
- S168.+ King cuts off son's ears when son releases captive cowrie-voiding bird. Yoruba: Ellis 257.
- S176. Mutilation: sex organs cut off.
- S176.+ Surprised would-be adulterer has sex organs cut off by husband of woman he is with. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 67.
- S180. Wounding or torturing.
- S180.+ Branding with hot iron: Tortoise brands dog's nose for theft of food. Probenius: Atlantis I 302.
- S180.+ Trickster pierces blacksmith's scrotum with hot iron. Temne: Thomas 37.
- S180.+ Torture: Witch forced to eat roasted pieces of his own flesh. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 36.

S200--S299. CRUEL SACRIFICES

- S211.+ Sorcerer demands head of baby as fee for assisting at its delivery. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 38.
- S222.+ King agrees to throw infant son into river in exchange for remedy. Nigeria: Dayrell lhf.
- S263.4. Sacrifice to river-god who has stopped boat mid-stream: child thrown in. Vai: Ellis 256.

S300--S399. ABANDONED OR MURDERED CHILDREN

- S301. Children abandoned (exposed). Ikóm: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 1; Probenius: Atlantis XI 85; Nigeria: Mockler-Ferryman 283; Ibibio: Talbot 56; Gola: Westermann 483.
- S302. Children murdered. Ibo: Basden (1938) 428; Nigeria: Dayrell 133; Klipple 602; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 135, 158; Ashanti: Rattray 137.
- S310. Reasons for abandonment of children.
- S312. Illegitimate child exposed (murdered). Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 158; Ashanti: Rattray 137.
- S314. Twins (triplets) exposed. Ikóm: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 1; Nigeria: Dayrell 133; Nigeria: Mockler-Ferryman 283; Gola: Westermann 483.
- S322.3. Jealous co-wife kills woman's child. Agni: Fernor, RFP XXVIII 25; Ashanti: Rattray 189; Ekoi: Talbot 233; Slave Coast: Trautzmann 76; Mende: Westermann 456.
- S325.+ . Father throws child with snake soul into river.  
Ibibio: Talbot 56.
- S329.+ . Cannibal parents devour own children. Ibo: Basden (1938) 428.
- S329.+ . Cowardly father deserts son pursued by lion. Probenius: Atlantis XI 85.

## S400--S499. CRUEL PERSECUTIONS

- S410. Persecuted wife.
- S411.+ God sends wife into exile because he believes she bore frogs instead of children. Togo: Cardinal 37.
- S411.+ Woman mistreated by co-wives must live like animal. Togo: Hürtter, ZOOS VI 213.
- S441. Cast-off wife and child abandoned in forest. Gola: Westermann 497.
- S460. Other cruel persecutions.
- S460.+ War prisoners condemned to die, may choose method of execution: fire or water. Vai: Klingenheben ZSES XVI 88.
- S460.+ Cruel master flogs slaves. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 77.
- S460.+ People make sport of woman with one hand. Ibo: Thomas (III) 126.
- S460.+ Young man disciplined to letter of law demands his own cowrie swallowed by his employer's son. The boy is killed and cut open to recover the cowrie. Himmelheber 115.

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- T0. Love.
- T0.+ . Woman first to visit between cities of men and cities of woman. Men then start visiting women. Probenius: Atlantis XI 74f.
- T0.+ . Men must pay for intercourse with women--god's decree. Probenius: Atlantis XI 75.
- T10. Falling in love.
- T10.+ . Girl agrees to help couple across river if she may become co-wife. Probenius: Atlantis XI 88.
- T10.+ . Female forest spirit bargains to revive man if she may become his second wife. Probenius: Atlantis XI 294.
- T10.+ . Girl has father resuscitate young man so that she may have him for husband. Slave Coast: Trautmann 100.
- T45.+ . Young man has self wrapped as pillow and delivered to cloistered girl. Probenius: Atlantis XI 206.
- T50. Wooing.
- T50.+ . Head or ghost fitted out with borrowed limbs woo girl. Nigeria: Baumann 96ff.; Nigeria: Deyrell 39; Probenius: Atlantis XI 292; Yoruba: Ogumefu 39; Ekoi: Talbot 239, 274; Sierra Leone: Werner 251; Gola: Westermann 494; Epelle: Westermann 385.
- T50.+ . Transformed elephant courts girl. Liberia: Germann

- 128.
- T50.+ Man and woman each want clever mate, test each other with riddling messages. Himmelheber 129.
- T50.+ Courtship: Prince steals cloth from princess while she bathes. Himmelheber 133.
- T61. Betrothal.
- T61.4.+ Men bring gifts to betrothed for puberty rites. Ashanti: Rattray 201.
- T61.4.+ Circumcision of girl before marriage. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 57, 90.
- T62.+ Maiden will marry the man who can break her calabash with a thrown stone. Probenius: Atlantis XI 275.
- T62.+ Maiden will marry the man who can hit her walking stick with a thrown stone. Probenius: Atlantis XI 191.
- T65. Betrothal restrictions.
- T65.+ Woman unable to find husband because her guardian spirit has made certain restrictions on her choice. Togo: Cardinall 184.
- T65.+ Rat agrees to marry cat if latter has piece of nose cut off. Epelle: Westermann 441.
- T65.+ Chief will give daughter only to man with extraordinary penis. Probenius: Atlantis XI 210.
- T70. The scorned lover.
- T75.0.1. Suitors ill-treated: Girl (princess) refuses all

suitors (frequently because of vanity). Togo: Cardinall 203; Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 267; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 88; Yoruba: Ellis 269; Ewe: Ellis 271; Frobenius: Atlantis X 278; XI 205, 291, 322; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 207; Ashanti: Rattray 53, 103, 171, 275; Ekoi: Talbot 273; Temne: Thomas 82; Slave Coast: Trautmann 40; Kpelle: Westermann 385.

T90. Love -- miscellaneous motifs.

T91. Unequals in love.

T91.+ Prince falls in love with daughter of tortoise. Nigeria: Dayrell 2.

T91.+ Transformed ape makes love to woman. Yoruba: Dennett 35; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 568.

T92.0.1.+ Woman promises daughter to two men; both claim her when she reaches marriageable age. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 192.

#### T100--T199. MARRIAGE

T110. Unusual marriage.

T110.+ Sibling marriage. Ekoi: Talbot 367.

T111. Marriage of mortal and supernatural being.

T111.+ Marriage of mortal girl and transformed skull (ghost). Slave Coast: Trautmann 21; Agni: Tauxier 236; Gola: Westermann 486.

T111.+ Marriage of mortal man and transformed animal.

- Klipple 505; Slave Coast: Trautmann 42, 43, 44, 45.
- T111.+ Marriage of mortal girl and transformed animal.  
Ikoni: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 90; Ewe: Ellis 272; Probenius: Atlantis XI 192, 201; Ewe: Spieth 576; Ekoi: Talbot 275; Agni: Tauxier 236; Slave Coast: Trautmann 40.
- T111.+ Dead girl's spirit marries spirit of man in underworld. Mende: Westermann 456.
- T111.5. Marriage of mortal and dwarf. Slave Coast: Trautmann 62.
- T117.5. Marriage with a tree (transformed). Slave Coast: Trautmann 95.
- T130. Marriage customs.
- T130.+ Marriage feast for ghost man and living girl. Ekoi: Talbot 280.
- T132. Preparation for wedding.
- T132.1. Girl fattened before wedding. Ekoi: Talbot 357.
- T132.+ Girl circumcised before wedding. Ikoni: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 57, 90. (Cf. T61.4.+).
- T160. Consummation of marriage.
- T182. Death from intercourse. Probenius: Atlantis XI 304.
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- T210. Faithfulness in marriage.
- T210.+ Blood-pact between husband and wife. Ekoi: Talbot

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- T211. Faithfulness to marriage in death.
- T211.4.1. Wife's corpse kept after death: Husband vows to hold wife's body until it rots. Himmelheber 33.
- T211.4.2. Husband's corpse kept after death: Wife vows to hold husband's body until it rots. Himmelheber 33.
- T211.9.2.+ . King drowns self in grief over his wife's death. Nigeria: Baumann 130.
- T215. Faithfulness of married couple in misfortune.
- T215.+ . Uxorious king gives up kingdom rather than part with wife. Nigeria: Dayrell 134.
- T215.4.+ . Ordinary wife married to Head requests that he cut off her body so that she may be like him. Nigeria: Baumann 102.
- T230. Faithlessness in marriage.
- T230.+ . Man's wife forgets vow to remain with husband's body when friends invite her to feast. Himmelheber 34f.
- T230.+ . Woman prefers life of prostitution to married life. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 12.
- T230.+ . Chief's wives desert him after he becomes impotent. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 67.
- T230.+ . Wife of jealous husband asks snake to have intercourse with her. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 203.
- T230.+ . Prince commits suicide when he discovers that his wife is unfaithful. Slave Coast: Trautmann 85.

- T230.+ Faithful husband, unfaithful wife. Himmelheber 33.
- T231.+ The faithless widow: Woman prefers living with new spouse to following old one in death. Slave Coast: Trautmann 66.
- T231.4.+ Wife plots with lover to kill her husband. Discovering her perfidy, lover turns against her. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 298.
- T250. Characteristics of wives and husbands.
- T251. The shrewish wife.
- T251.+ Medicine in woman's food causes her to dislike her husband. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 63.
- T251.+ Pregnant wife demands elephant's tongue for food. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XV 314.
- T251.+ Wife threatens to divorce husband unless he ceases participating in warfare. Ekoi: Talbot 269.
- T257. Jealous wife or husband.
- T257.2. Jealousy of rival wives. Himmelheber 37; Slave Coast: Trautmann 74f.
- T257.+ Jealous husband builds house in forest so wife cannot meet other men. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 203.
- T257.+ Jealous husband will not allow young men near wives. If a wife bears a son, it must be wet-nursed outside the compound. Temne: Thomas 60f.
- T258.+ The curious wife. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 73; Liberia: Germann 136.

- T261. The ungrateful wife: Husband orders slave killed for informing him of his wife's unfaithfulness. Ekoi: Talbot 118.
- T299. Other aspects of married life -- miscellaneous.
- T299.+ . King's daughter married to child; child turns out to be girl disguised as boy. Ibo: Thomas (III) 121.
- T299.+ . After man gorges on food and has painfully distended belly, he asks for same cure his wife had when she suffered labor pains. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXV 315.
- T299.+ . Husband beats wife because she has no children. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 28.
- T299.+ . Chief chooses to live with one of his ten wives because she makes superior beer. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 79f.
- T299.+ . Uxorious husband allows wife to break tabu. Yoruba: Bennett 50; Yoruba: Parkinson, Man VI 104.

T300--T399. CHASTITY AND CELIBACY

- T315.2.+ . The continent husband. Wife urges husband to break tabu on intercourse on the last night of the period of continence. He does so and loses his wealth. Mende: Westernmann 458.
- T360. Chastity and celibacy -- miscellaneous.
- T360.+ . Youths who have reached the age of puberty but have

had no sex experiences are unable to go to the land of the dead if they die. Togo: Cardinall 34.

T400--T499. ILLICIT SEXUAL RELATIONS

- T410. Incest.
- T411. Father-daughter incest. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 272.
- T411+. Tortoise has intercourse with daughter. Frobenius: Atlantis X 285.
- T411+. Spider has intercourse with daughter. Agni: Tauxier 229.
- T415. Brother-sister incest: Girl insists that she will marry only her brother. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 205.
- T450. Prostitution and concubinage.
- T450+. Spider agrees to have intercourse with ugly old woman in exchange for cow. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 213.
- T450+. King orders virgins to sleep with guests. Tenne: Thomas 32.
- T450+. Girl admits stranger to her bed on his request. Agni: Tauxier 229.
- T450+. Chief's son who expresses desire to have continual sexual intercourse for six days and die on seventh has wish granted. He escapes with girl on seventh day. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 87.
- T455+. Ogre helps girl with firewood in exchange for intercourse. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 271.



- T465. Bestiality. Intercourse of a human being and an animal.
- T465. Intercourse between woman and snake. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 204.
- T465+. Speaking vagina invites antelope to have intercourse with owner, then tells woman's husband of her unfaithfulness. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 302.
- T470. Illicit sexual relations -- miscellaneous motifs.
- T471+. Tortoise forces maiden to cohabit by duping her into eating his fruit, demanding compensation. Frobenius: Atlantis X 279.
- T481. Adultery.
- T481+. Spider and giant contest to see which will have greater success with women. Spider does well, but women fear giant because of his size. Agni: Tauxier 232.
- T481+. Adultery between leopard's wife and fish. Nigeria: Dayrell 49.
- T481+. One of king's wives dislikes old husband, sends servant to market to purchase young man (slave). Nigeria: Dayrell 29.
- T481+. Lover gets to man's wife disguised as her sister. He sleeps with her while husband guards door to see that no man intrude. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 305.
- T481+. Months after king has entertained man feigning illness all his wives become pregnant at once. Epelle:

Westermann 409.

T481.+ Man has access to king's wife via tunnel under floor.

Tah: Bellon, MSOS XVII 26.

T500--T599. CONCEPTION AND BIRTH

T510. Miraculous conception.

T510.+ Woman cut open to determine cause of repeated magic pregnancy. Agni: Fernor, RTP XXVII 378.

T510.+ Fairies decide to be born as humans, enter a woman to be born again. Togo: Cardinal 86.

T513.1.1. Impregnation by magician's power. Mende: Migeod 256; Mende: Westermann 456.

T523.1.2.+ Childless woman gets child through aid of tree.

Nigeria: Baumann 91; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 184;

Yoruba: Ogumefu 44; Ashanti: Rattray 49.

T526. Conception because of prayer. Ashanti: Rattray 111.

T539.1. Extraordinary infant returns to mother's womb repeatedly after adventures in forest. Agni: Fernor, RTP XXVII 376.

T540. Miraculous birth. Himmelheber 127.

T541. Birth from unusual part of person's body.

T541.+ Birth from woman's shin. Togo: Schönherl 31; Temne: Thomas 18.

T541.5.+ Child born out of swelling on goblin's thigh.

Frobenius: Atlantis XI 72.

- T543. Birth from plant. Barker and Sinclair 77; Ekoi: Talbot 133.
- T543.3. Birth from fruit. Ekoi: Talbot 134.
- T543.4. Birth from fungus ball. Ekoi: Talbot 135.
- T549. Miraculous birth -- miscellaneous.
- T549.+ Woman conceives and gives birth within three days.  
Ahanti: Rattray 49.
- T549.+ Man with three wives has one son by each. One is black; one is red; and one is white. Togo: Cardinal 25.
- T549.+ Spider has himself swallowed by barren woman, is reborn from her. Cendrars 272.
- T549.1. Vegetable comes to life at woman's prayer. Barker and Sinclair 77.
- T550. Monstrous birth.
- T551. Child with extraordinary members.
- T551.+ Child with snake soul has no strength in feet.  
Ibibio: Talbot 54.
- T551.+ Child born with numerous wounds on head. Epelle: Westermann 382.
- T552. Child born bearing an object.
- T552.+ Child born with small horn in pocket. Epelle: Westermann 385.
- T552.+ Boy born with fetish on right arm. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVI 239.
- T552.+ Twins born to girl: One has bag under belly; one

- has bag under arm. Gola: Westermann 487.
- T552.3. Child born carrying knife and calabash. Ekoi: Talbot 32.
- T553.+ Chief's firstborn son does not grow in size. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 77.
- T554. Woman gives birth to animal.
- T554.+ Magician treats king's wives for sterility. They bear animals. Togo: Härtter, ZOOS VI 215.
- T554.+ King's wife begets sheep and cat. Temne: Thomas 10.
- T554.+ Antelopes born through human anus. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 311.
- T554.8. Woman bears frog. Himmelheber 25.
- T570. Pregnancy.
- T571. Unreasonable demands of pregnant women. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 207; Ekoi: Talbot 374.
- T574. Long pregnancy.
- T574.+ Long pregnancy: fourteen years. Temne: Thomas 18.
- T574.+ Long pregnancy: forty years. Sierra Leone: Migeod 316f.
- T574.2. Long pregnancy: seven years. Ekoi: Talbot 127.
- T575. Child speaks before birth.
- T575.1. Child about to be born announces from mother's womb that it will attend to its own birth. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 193.

- T579. Pregnancy -- miscellaneous motifs.
- T579.+ . Woman pretends pregnancy by binding calabash to abdomen. Probenius: Atlantis X 205.
- T579.+ . None of king's two hundred wives can bear a son. Nigeria: Dayrell 11.
- T580. Childbirth.
- T584.+ . Baboon aids woman in labor. Ibibio: Talbot 58.
- T584.2.+ . Extraordinary twins delivered by Caesarian operation. Agni: Fernor, RTP XXVII 378.
- T584.2.+ . Child saved from mother's womb while she is being cut up for meat. Ashanti: Rattray 207.
- T585. Precocious infant. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XVI 239; Ashanti: Rattray 207; Eko: Talbot 312.
- T585.+ . Extraordinary infant washes mother. Togo: Schönherl 18.
- T585.+ . Spider's child sings and dances as an infant. Togo: Hörter, ZOOB VI 135.
- T585.+ . Infant matures in seven days. Barker and Sinclair 147; Lee 19; Ashanti: Rattray 111; Eko: Talbot 128.
- T585.+ . Infant runs to forest as soon as born. Agni: Fernor, RTP XIVII 375ff.
- T585.1. Child born full (nearly) grown. Eko: Talbot 126.
- T585.2. Child speaks at birth. Probenius: Atlantis XI 198; Lee 19; Togo: Schönherl 37.
- T585.8. Child stands (walks) at birth. Ibo: Basden (1938)

428; Togo: Cardinal 97, 128; Togo: Einstein 8; Togo: Hörtter, ZOOS VI 129; Himmelheber 127; Probenius: Atlantis X 217; Ashanti: Battray 49; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 24.

T585.8.+ Wonder-child goes to work on farm as soon as born. Probenius: Atlantis X 217.

T600--T699. CARE OF CHILDREN

T611.+ Abandoned child reared by calabash. Ekoi: Talbot 29.

T611.+ Abandoned twin reared by hawk. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 2.

T615. Supernatural growth. Barker and Sinclair 147; Ekoi: Talbot 33.

T680.+ Barren woman abducts infant, cannot feed it. Real mother drawn by child's cries proves ownership by ability to feed it. Yoruba: Ogumefu 32.

## U. THE NATURE OF LIFE

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- U100--U299. Nature of life -- miscellaneous motifs
- U110. Appearances:deceive
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- U130. The power of habit
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- U160. Misfortune with oneself to blame the hardest
- U170. Behavior of the blind
- U180. In vino veritas
- U210. Bad ruler, bad subject
- U220. Forced peace valueless
- U230. The nature of sin
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- U250. Shortness of life
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U. THE NATURE OF LIFE

U0--U99. LIFE'S INEQUALITIES

- U10. Justice and injustice.
- U10.+ Sea turtle tells man how to prevent floods. Instead of being rewarded, she is caught and eaten. Barker and Sinclair 88.
- U10.+ Man saved from death jealous of friend's power, has savior killed. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAFI XLIV 453.
- U30. Rights of the strong.
- U30.+ Slave killed by man when slave informs man of wife's unfaithfulness. Ekoi: Talbot 118.
- U30.+ Father who has had incestuous relations with daughter forbids incest between daughter and son. Probenius: Atlantis XI 293.
- U31.+ Rabbit's advice overruled by serpent. Vai: Ellis 197f.
- U31.+ Elephant deprives crab of game. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 48; Ekoi: Talbot 197.
- U31.+ Dog settles quarrel by eating rat. Himmelheber 60.
- U31.+ Cat and dog find meat. Dog demands bones which cat willingly gives. Dog opens mouth and cat gives flesh also. Liberia: Germann 123.
- U31.+ Tortoise helps himself to frog's meat. Ibo: Thomas (III) 154.



- U31.+ Frog tells buffalo not to drink in frog's stream.  
Buffalo ignores challenge. Frobenius: Atlantis X 260.
- U34.+ Chief kills three maidens for refusing to spend  
night with him. Frobenius: Atlantis X 293.
- U34.+ Princess has slaves behead bridegroom. Frobenius:  
Atlantis X 277.
- U35.+ Man who carries palm wine to king is slain by king's  
followers when king becomes intoxicated. Cendrars 208;  
Tahi: Ellis 337.
- U35.+ King passes law that everyone who passes town must  
count ten rocks. If they count correctly, citizens must  
catch and kill them; if they count incorrectly, king  
will kill them himself. Vai: Ellis 216f.
- U35.+ King demands that woman become his wife, kills her  
when she refuses. Liberia: Germann 129.
- U35.+ King summons subject reported to have beautiful wife,  
takes woman for himself. Slave Coast: Trautmann 95.
- U35.+ King declares thief caught in act of thievery inno-  
cent to save face. He has recently praised thief.  
Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 413.
- U60. Wealth and poverty.
- U60.+ Master's debt transferred to slave. Himmelheber 52.
- U60.+ Man has wonderful dream of riches, awakes to poverty  
and kills self. Sierra Leone: Migeod 326.
- U60.+ Poor boy's property destroyed by animals. Rich boy's

- property unharmed. Ekoi: Talbot 19.
- U60.+ Rich chief's son chooses poor man's son for friend.  
Togo: Cardinal 193.
- U60.+ Man so rich he cannot decide what to do with surplus corn, makes bricks and mortar of it. Courlander and Herzog 15ff.
- U65. Wealth is relative: Man about to hang self because he has only a penny hears poorer man thank god for food-wrapping leaf the would-be suicide has dropped. Nigeria: Herakovits, JAPL XLIV 458; Klipple 360; Slave Coast: Trautmann 16f.

U100--U299. NATURE OF LIFE -- MISCELLANEOUS MOTIFS

- U110. Appearances deceive.
- U111.+ Gift box beautiful on the outside, filthy on the inside; alternate gift filthy on the outside, beautiful inside. Ashanti: Rattray 15.
- U111.+ Girl admires man from distance, makes advances. As he approaches he is revealed to be disfigured. Agni: Tauxier 240.
- U111.+ Spider and companion acquire wives while away from home. Spider gives impression of wealth, takes wife to poor hut; companion gives impression of poverty, takes wife to mansion. Agni: Tauxier 230.

- U119.+ Son of rich man and son of poor man born on same day, look exactly alike. Togo: Cardinall 163.
- U120. Nature will show itself.
- U124.+ Monkey rescues lion from pit, is eaten. Vai: Ellis 231.
- U124.+ Frogs invite birds to swamp; birds eat frogs. Himmelheber 55.
- U124.+ Snake says he must bite man who befriended him because to do otherwise would be contrary to nature. Tahi: Bellon, MSOS XVII 21; Togo: Cardinall 197.
- U129.+ In time of famine, king steals food sacrifice. Ibo: Thomas (VI) 87.
- U130. The power of habit: Wise man cooks only what he needs, has plenty; fool cooks all, runs out. Ibo: Thomas (VI) 84.
- U140. One man's food another man's poison.
- U140.+ Frog's child plays with snake's child until both are instructed by parents. Ekoi: Talbot 386.
- U140.+ Leopard persuaded to sing to goat before eating it. Aroused owner of goat shoots leopard. Dying leopard observes that creatures are endowed with certain abilities, singing not a proper ability of leopards. Kpelle: Westermann 445.
- U140.+ Group of animals living together make such stringent

laws that when they start punishing each other, all are  
killed. Tiv: Abraham 76.

RELIGION

Detailed Synopsis

- V0 --V99. Religious services
- V0. Religious services
  - V10. Religious sacrifices
  - V20. Confession of sins
  - V30. Sacrament
  - V40. Mass
  - V50. Prayer
  - V60. Funeral rites
  - V70. Religious feasts and fasts
  - V80. Religious services -- miscellaneous
- V100--V199. Religious edifices and objects
- V100. Religious edifices and objects
  - V110. Religious buildings
  - V120. Images
  - V130. Other sacred objects connected with worship
  - V140. Sacred relics
  - V150. Sacred objects -- miscellaneous
- V200--V299. Sacred persons
- V200. Sacred persons
  - V210. Religious founders
  - V220. Saints

- V230. Angels
- V250. The Virgin Mary
- V290. Other sacred persons
- V300--V399. Religious beliefs
  - V300. Religious beliefs
  - V310. Particular dogmas
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  - V330. Conversion from one religion to another
  - V340. Miracle manifested to non-believers
  - V350. Conflicts between religions
  - V360. Christian and Jewish traditions about each other
  - V380. Religious beliefs -- miscellaneous

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VO--V99. RELIGIOUS SERVICES

- VO. Religious services.
- V1. Objects of worship.
- V1.10. Worship of fetish. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII  
570.
- V10. Religious sacrifices.
- V11. Power to which sacrifice is made.
- V11.1. Sacrifice to tree. Nigeria: Baumann 91; Ibo:  
Basden (1938) 434; Nigeria: Dayrell 99.
- V11.2.1. Sacrifice to river (spirit). Togo: Cardinall 187;  
Ikoni: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 19, 99; Nigeria: Dayrell  
112; 130; Yoruba: Ogumefu 16; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII  
57.
- V11.6. Sacrifice to the dead.
- V11.6.1. Human sacrifice in connection with funeral. Ikoni:  
Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 98; Nigeria: Dayrell 120; Nigeria:  
Talbot (1932) 86.
- V11.6.2. Animal sacrifice in connection with funeral. Pro-  
benius: Atlantis X 292; XI 191.
- V11.7. Sacrifice to animal.
- V11.7.+ . Annual sacrifice of bull to sacred crocodile. Togo:  
Cardinall 99; Kpelle: Westermann 412.
- V12.+ . Human sacrifice. Togo: Cardinall 60, 187; Ikoni:

- Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 19, 22, 98; Nigeria: Dayrell 115, 117, 120; Yoruba: Ogumefu 16; Ibibio: Talbot 181; Nigeria: Talbot (1932) 86; Slave Coast: Trautmann 22, 41.
- V12.1. Blood as sacrifice. Nigeria: Talbot (1923) 252.
- V12.3. Skulls as sacrifice to a god. Nigeria: Dayrell 116.
- V12.4.+ Hyena as sacrifice. Probenius: Atlantis XI 91.
- V12.4.+ Leopard as sacrifice. Probenius: Atlantis X 238.
- V12.4.+ Tortoise as sacrifice. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 39.
- V12.4.+ Antelope as sacrifice. Ewe: Toso, ZKS VII 17.
- V12.4.+ Elephant as sacrifice. Probenius: Atlantis X 292.
- V12.4.4. Ox (bull) as sacrifice. Togo: Cardinall 99; Yoruba: Parkinson, Man VI 103; Kpelle: Westermann 412.
- V12.4.4.1. Cow as sacrifice. Togo: Cardinall 170.
- V12.4.4.1.+ Cattle as sacrifice. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XIVII 570; Ekoi: Talbot 9.
- V12.4.5. Goat as sacrifice. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 32, 79; Speiss 125; Ibibio: Talbot 53, 102; Ekoi: Talbot 9; Ibo: Thomas (III) 91.
- V12.4.10. Fish as sacrifice. Ibibio: Talbot 53.
- V12.4.11. Bird as sacrifice. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 7, 32, 79; Klipple 358; Ibibio: Talbot 102; Ekoi: Talbot 403.
- V12.9.+ Food as sacrifice. Ibo: Baaden (1938) 434; Ibibio:



Talbot 53, 102; Ekoi: Talbot 9.

V17. Purpose of sacrifice.

V17.0.1. Sacrifice to deity in order to obtain favors. Ibo:

Basden (1938) 434; Nigeria: Dayrell 117; Yoruba:

Ogunafu 14; Ibibio: Talbot 53; Ekoi: Talbot 9.

V17.1. Sacrifice for a good year, crops. Nigeria: Dayrell 116.

V17.1.+ Young girl sacrificed to river every time it dries up. Togo: Cardinall 187.

V17.9.+ Sacrifice to promote fertility. Nigeria: Dayrell 115; Probenius: Atlantis X 238; Yoruba: Parkinson, Man VI 103; Ibibio: Talbot 102.

V18. Ceremony of sacrifice (sacrifice as part of ritual).

Togo: Cardinall 99; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 22, 39;

Nigeria: Dayrell 115; Nigeria: Dennett 270; Speiss

125; Ibibio: Talbot 181; Ibo: Thomas (III) 91; Slave

Coast: Trautmann 22, 41.

V19.+ God demands human sacrifice. Togo: Cardinall 60.

V19.+ Sacrifice on father's grave to keep promise. Probenius: Atlantis XI 91.

V19.+ Sacrifice of cattle in honor of fetish. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVII 570.

V50. Prayer.

V52.8.+ Battle inconclusive until holy man prays. Togo: Cardinall 258.

- V57.+ Barren queen prays for child. Ashanti: Rattray 99.
- V59.+ Flood waters recede in answer to prayer. Ekoi: Talbot 369.
- V59.+ Singing prayer brings boy aid in performance of impossible task. Frobenius: Atlantis X 215.
- V59.+ Poor man lives like rat but thanks god when he eats. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 457.
- V59.+ Woman in labor prays for aid. Ibibio: Talbot 58.
- V59.+ Sky-god sends rain in response to prayer. Ashanti: Rattray 95.
- V59.+ Woman who sits and waits on god obtains what other woman is unable to obtain by magic. Vai: Ellis 242.
- V60. Funeral rites.
- V67.4.+ Ten men killed for funeral. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 98.
- V67.4.+ Live slaves tied up with corpse and left to die. Nigeria: Dayrell 120.
- V67.5.+ Father asks sons what they will sacrifice when he dies. Each promises an animal. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 90.
- V67.5.+ Elephant sacrificed for grave of dead chief. Frobenius: Atlantis X 292.
- V69.+ Special ritual at grave to secure protection of spirit. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempah 21.

## V100--V199. RELIGIOUS EDIFICES AND OBJECTS

- V110. Religious buildings.
- V111. Churches (places of worship).
- V111.+ God shows people where to worship. Yoruba: Dennett 49.
- V111.+ God shows people how to prepare shrine. Yoruba: Parkinson, Man, VI 104.
- V150. Sacred objects -- miscellaneous.
- V150.+ God gives people piece of himself (bullroarer) for ritual purposes. Yoruba: Dennett 49; Yoruba: Parkinson, Man VI 104.
- V150.+ "Idol" which man carries in hair gives him directions. Barker and Sinclair 125.
- V150.+ Priest set as guard over fire when community first acquires it. Nigeria: Talbot (1923) 252.

## V300--V399. RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

- V330.+ Conversion from one religion to another: Man turns to the religion of Islam to try to get children, gets none, returns to native religion. Frobenius: Atlantis X 238.
- V380. Religious beliefs -- miscellaneous.
- V380.+ Transformed ape worshiped as a god after his death. Yoruba: Dennett 35.

- V380.+ Will of gods learned through dream. Yoruba: Dennett 48.
- V380.+ Antelope seeks protection of god; god offers self to hunter in antelope's place. Ashanti: Rattray 247.
- V380.+ New god (image) found for tribe by diviner. Yoruba: Dennett 47; Yoruba: Parkinson, Man VI 103.
- V500--V599. RELIGIOUS MOTIFS -- MISCELLANEOUS
- V500.+ Mohammedan saves snake from hunter because snake asked in the name of Allah. Togo: Cardinal 197.
- V500.+ God appears at a village with bag of death. He has a helping for everyone except the mistreated boy who never got his share. Barker and Sinclair 130.
- V500.+ Gods give youth directions for recovery of lost property. Ashanti: Rattray 115.

## W. TRAITS OF CHARACTER

### Detailed Synopsis

- W0 --W99. Favorable traits of character
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  - W10. Kindness
  - W20. Other favorable traits of character.
- W100--W199. Unfavorable traits of character
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  - W110. Unfavorable traits of character -- personal
  - W150. Unfavorable traits of character -- social
- W200--W299. Traits of character -- miscellaneous
  - W200. Traits of character -- miscellaneous

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W0--W99. FAVORABLE TRAITS OF CHARACTER

W0. Favorable traits of character.

W10. Kindness.

W10+. Man discovers that bush-devil has been stealing his palm wine, decides not to be angry at poor creature.

Himmelheber 117.

W10+. When boy acquires riches he sends gift to step-sister who formerly mistreated him. Frobenius: Atlantis X 228.

W34. Loyalty.

W34+. Man refuses to leave body of promised bride, says he will stay until he dies also. Togo: Cardinal 218.

W34+. Mother carries dead child on her back until it rots.

Ashanti: Rattray 29.

W34+. Human kills self in grief over leopard friend's death.

Togo: Cardinal 192; Klipple 264; Ashanti: Rattray 211.

W37. Conscientiousness.

W37+. Man for whom it is impossible to tell a lie. Courlander and Herzog 80.

W37+. Incurable boy becomes model of good behavior after he learns of violent death of mother. Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XIV 315.

W100--W199. UNFAVORABLE TRAITS OF CHARACTER

- W110. Unfavorable traits of character -- personal.
- W111. Laziness.
- W111.+ Messenger of king of beasts always sleepy, lies down and sleeps instead of delivering message. Ekoff: Talbot 198.
- W111.+ Man so lazy he sits and watches ants destroy home.  
Yoruba: Ogumefu 40ff.
- W121. Cowardice.
- W121.+ Boy hunts lion to impress father. Father deserts son when son is pursued by lion. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 84f.
- W125. Gluttony.
- W125.+ Dog with uncontrollable hunger. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 49.
- W125.+ Greedy spider eats cloth dyed with color made from honey, borrows piece of elephant's ear to replace cloth, eats it also. Meinhof 208; Ewe: Spieth 582.
- W125.+ Man with reputation for gluttony. Courlander and Herzog 119.
- W126. Disobedience.
- W126.+ Disobedient daughter refuses to allow parents to arrange marriage. Nigeria: Dayrell 38.
- W128. Dissatisfaction.
- W128.+ Man hangs himself because his luck is bad. Togo: Cardinal 222.

- W128.+ King finds no food to his liking. Vai: Klingenberg, ZSER XVI 90.
- W128.+ King with 250 wives still not contented. Nigeria: Dayrell 42.
- W128.+ Prince has fifty young girls as wives but does not like any of them. Nigeria: Dayrell 1.
- W137. Curiosity.
- W137.+ Jealous wife forces husband to break speaking tabu to explain his laughter. He dies. Nigeria: CMS II 22; III 30; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 13; Himmelheber 119; Klipple 331; Lee 18; Ashanti: Rattray 243; Ekoi: Talbot 101; Sierra Leoné: Thomas 58.
- W141. Talkativeness.
- W141.+ Spider too talkative to be entrusted with secret. Ewe: Spieth 574; Ewe: Werner 328.
- W141.+ Cock unable to refrain from crowing at sight of food. Probenius: Atlantis X 347; Ekoi: Talbot 58.
- W141.+ Talkative woman unable to refrain from exclaiming at strange sights. Slave Coast: Trautmann 50f.
- W151. Greed.
- W151.+ Greedy woman eats in secret, refuses to share food with daughter. Yoruba: Clarke No. 9.
- W151.+ Greedy man takes all of friend's belongings, then demands eyes. Togo: Cardinal 193.
- W151.+ Tortoise cutting up meat hears wind, thinks it is



- people with whom he must divide, hurries so much he falls on knife and kills self. Ibo: Basden (1921) 277.
- W151.+ Man and wife so greedy they refuse to feed guest, go to sleep with food secretly placed by bed. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 290.
- W151.+ Greedy woman refuses to share food. Frobenius: ... Atlantis XI 332.
- W151.+ Tortoise unable to hold back appetite for ram's scrotum, kills ram who has rescued him. Frobenius: Atlantis I 301.
- W151.+ Spider so greedy he overuses his magic transportation to travel from feast to feast, gets nothing to eat. Vai: Ellis 208.
- W151.+ Blind man carries lame man to hunt. Lame man tries to cheat blind man out of meat. Vai: Ellis 236.
- W151.+ Watch-pot and Greedy: Visitor refuses to leave host until he is fed. Host refuses to give food. Tenne: Thomas 2ff.
- W151.+ Spider hides magic food-producing pot instead of feeding hungry family from it. Barker and Sinclair 41.
- W151.9.+ Greedy frog eats until he bursts. Nigeria: Baummann 87.
- W152. Stinginess.
- W152.+ Rich man so stingy he gave only one gift during lifetime. Slave Coast: Trautmann 78.

- W152.+ Greedy spider dissatisfied with honey and flour from magic millstone, carries it around community to make profit from it. Ewe: Werner 328.
- W152.2.+ Greedy man so stubborn he will be buried alive (as he shams death) before he will allow a guest a meal. Liberia: Cronise 308.
- W153. Miserliness.
- W153.+ Miserly man discovers that he can get dinners free by waiting every day to guide blind man home. Vai: Ellis 218.
- W153.+ Miserly woman loves her wealth more than her child. Nigeria: CMS III 15f.
- W154. Ingratitude.
- W154.+ Ungrateful chameleon rewards man who tried to kill it, bites off hand of man who saved it. Togo: Cardinal 196.
- W154.+ Ungrateful king steals eggs of magic eagle which saved him from poverty. Vai: Klingenberg, ZSES XVI 100.
- W154.2.1. Rescued animal threatens rescuer. Togo: Cardinal 196; Nigeria: CMS II 42; Yoruba: Lomax, JAFI LXVI 7; Seidel 290; Ibo: Thomas (III) 86, 160f.
- W154.2.2. Man ungrateful for rescue by animal. Tahiti: Bellon, MSOS XVII 24; Probenius: Atlantis II 72; Terne: Thomas 35.

- W154.5.+ . Boy shoots eagle which is carrying him and his brother. Vai: Ellis 243.
- W154.5.1.+ . Ungrateful trickster gets transportation from crocodile, kills crocodile when they reach shore. Meinhof 202.
- W154.5.1.+ . Ungrateful trickster gets birds to help him fly to island with maize crop, claims island and denies birds food. Meinhof 201.
- W154.8. Grateful animals; ungrateful man: A traveler saves a monkey, a snake, a tiger, and a jeweler from a pit. Animals reward him; man accuses him. Seidel 286.
- W157. Dishonesty: Dog unable to resist temptation to thieve. Ashanti: Rattray 233.
- W165. False pride.
- W165.+ . King so self-conscious over having but one eye he passes law that everyone who passes city must count rocks. No one can get beyond "one" at which point the king has the counter slain for making fun of his one eye. Vai: Ellis 216.
- W165.+ . Chimpanzee forgets curtain for new house, leaves community in shame. Himmelheber 64.
- W165.+ . Dog likened to house without walls; rat's sharp snout likened to chisel. Both take offense. Himmelheber 60.
- W165.+ . Wealthy man too proud to listen to advice. Courlander and Herzog 15.

- W165.+ Woman refuses all suitors. Togo: Cardinall 203; Liberia: Cronise 178; Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 267; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 88; Ewe: Ellis, 271; Frobenius: Atlantis X 278; XI 201, 205, 291, 322; Yoruba: Ellis 269; Ashanti: Rattray 53, 103, 171, 275; Ekoi: Talbot 273; Agni: Tauxier 236; Temne: Thomas 82; Slave Coast: Trautmann 40; Gola: Westermann 486; Epelle: Westermann 385.
- W167. Stubbornness.
- W167.+ Man in sleeping contest washed to sea by flood which he sleeps through. Fish swallows him, and he is rescued, complaining about being awakened. Vai: Ellis 186.
- W167.+ Man engaged in sleeping contest has foot in fire, complains to people who awaken him as his leg burns. Vai: Ellis 186.
- W167.+ Willful boy goes out against mother's orders to seek trouble. Sierra Leone: Mudge-Paris, JAPL XLIII 319.
- W167.+ Disobedient boy farms devil's bush in spite of warning. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 456.
- W167.+ Boy persists in fishing in tabu area. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXIII 420.
- W167.+ Wife persists in asking for tabu eagle's egg. Vai: Klingenheben, ZSES XVI 99.
- W167.+ Princess refuses to speak. Yoruba: Ellis 263;

## Klipple 373.

- W171. Childless woman pretends to mourn loss of friend's child, is secretly pleased. Slave Coast: Trautmann 61.
- W175. Changeableness: Bride asks husband to file teeth down. After he completes task, she says she prefers them long. Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXIII 419.
- W181. Jealousy.
- W181.+ Jealous husband builds house in forest so that wife cannot meet other men. Probenius: Atlantis XI 203, 301; Radin (Ashanti: Rattray) 155; Ashanti: Rattray 133.
- W181.+ Jealous man keeps wives away from young man. Male infants must be wet-nursed outside compound. Teme: Thomas 60.
- W181.+ Jealous king guards his many wives, will allow no other man to speak to them. Kpelle: Westermann 408.
- W186. Contentiousness.
- W188.+ Leopard cannot stand anyone throwing dust in his eyes; lion cannot stand anyone staring at him; snake cannot stand anyone treading on his tail. Togo: Cardinal 208.
- W188.+ Man kills those who contradict him. Ashanti: Rattray 107.
- W188.+ Old woman insists on return of borrowed bangle stuck on borrower's leg, refuses any substitute. Teme: Thomas 15.

W188.+ Spider must outdo others no matter what they are doing. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 14.

W200--W299. TRAITS OF CHARACTER -- MISCELLANEOUS

W200.+ Man goes into bush to hunt, forgets wife and children for two years. Ewe: Westermann 17.

W200.+ Uxoriousness. Nigeria: Dayrell 134; Yoruba: Dennett 50; Himmelheber 33; Ekoï: Talbot 118; Slave Coast: Trautmann 85.

W212. Eagerness for combat: Man who takes gun and makes war by himself. Ekoï: Talbot 268.

W212.+ Strong man hunts with bar of iron instead of conventional weapons. Courlander and Herzog 41.

W212.+ Extraordinary boy delights in property-damaging episodes. Togo: Cardinall 126f.

## I. HUMOR

### Detailed Synopsis

X0 --X99. Humor of discomfiture

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X100 --X199. Humor of disability

X100. Humor of disability

X110. Humor of deafness

X120. Humor of bad eyesight

X130. Other physical disabilities

### X200--X599. HUMOR OF SOCIAL CLASSES

X200---X299. Humor dealing with tradesmen

X200. Humor dealing with tradesmen

X210. Jokes about millers

X220. Jokes about tailors

X230. Jokes about butchers

X240. Jokes about cobblers (shoemakers)

X250. Jokes about other artisans and tradesmen

X300 --X499. Humor dealing with professions

X300. Humor dealing with professions

X310. Jokes on lawyers

X330. Jokes on magistrates

X350. Jokes on teachers

- X370. Jokes on scholars  
 X410. Jokes on parsons  
 X460. Humor concerning other professions  
  
 X500 --X599. Humor concerning other social classes  
 X500. Humor concerning other social classes  
 X510. Jokes concerning usurers  
 X520. Jokes concerning prostitutes  
 X530. Jokes concerning beggars  
 X540. Jokes on madmen  
 X550. Jokes on secret societies  
  
 X600 --X699. Humor concerning races or nations  
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 X610. Jokes concerning Jews  
 X650. Jokes concerning other races or nations  
 X680. Jokes concerning various cities  
  
 X700 --X799. Humor concerning sex  
 X700. Humor concerning sex  
 X750. Jokes on old maids  
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 X800 --X899. Humor based on drunkenness  
 X800. Humor based on drunkenness  
  
 X900--X1899. HUMOR OF LIES AND EXAGGERATIONS



- X910 --X1099. Lie: the remarkable man
- X910--X959. Lie: the remarkable man: his birth, growth, death, physical powers, strength
- X910. Lie: the remarkable man
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- X930. Lie: remarkable person's physical powers and habits
- X940. Lie: remarkably strong man
- X960--X1019. Lie: remarkable person's skills
- X960. Lie: remarkable person's skills
- X980. Lie: occupational or professional skills
- X1010. Lie: remarkable mental skills
- X1020--X1079. Remarkable man's extraordinary possessions
- X1020. Lie: remarkable possessions of remarkable man
- X1030. Lie: remarkable buildings
- X1060. Lie: other possessions of remarkable man
- X1070. Extraordinary man's family
- X1080--X1099. Lie: occupations of remarkable man
- X1100--X1199. Lie: great hunters and fishermen
- X1100. Lie: the remarkable hunter
- X1110. Lie: the wonderful hunt
- X1120. Lie: the great marksman
- X1130. Lie: hunter's unusual experiences
- X1150. Lies about fishing

- X1200--X1399. Lies about animals
- X1200. Lie: remarkable animals
  - X1210. Lies about mammals
  - X1250. Lies about birds
  - X1280. Lies about insects
  - X1300. Lies about fish
  - X1320. Lies about reptiles
  - X1340. Lie: extraordinary amphibia and other animals
  - X1370. Lies about imaginary animals
- X1400--X1499. Lies about plants, fruits, vegetables and trees
- X1400. Lies about plants, fruits, vegetables and trees
  - X1410. Lies about fruits
  - X1420. Lies about vegetables
  - X1450. Lies about field crops
  - X1470. Lies about trees
  - X1480. Lies about flowers
  - X1490. Lie: miscellaneous plant motifs
- X1500--X1599. Lies about geography and topography
- X1500. Lies about geography and topography
  - X1510. Lies about land features
  - X1520. Lies about mountains and hills
  - X1530. Lies about remarkable soil
  - X1540. Lies about water features
  - X1550. Geography and topography -- miscellaneous motifs

- X1560. Lies about cities
- X1600--X1699. Lies about weather and climate
- X1600. Lies about weather and climate
  - X1610. Lies about winds and storms
  - X1620. Lies about cold weather
  - X1630. Lies about hot weather
  - X1640. Lies about dry weather
  - X1650. Lies about precipitation and dampness
  - X1660. Lies about climate
- X1700--X1799. Lies: logical absurdities
- X1700. Lies: logical absurdities
  - X1710. Lies about numbers
  - X1720. Absurd disregard of anatomy
  - X1740. Absurd disregard of natural laws
  - X1750. Absurd disregard of the nature of objects
  - X1760. Absurd disregard of the nature of non-material things
  - X1780. Absurdity based on the nature of the object
  - X1790. Other logical absurdities
- X1800--X1899. Miscellaneous lies and exaggerations
- X1800. Miscellaneous lies and exaggerations
  - X1810. Tall tales about miscellaneous objects
  - X1850. Other tall tales

X. HUMOR

X0--X99. HUMOR OF DISCOMFITURE

X0. Humor of discomfiture

X0.+ Man who has cloth which is too short has problem solved by accident. He falls from tree and becomes shorter. Liberia: Germann 133f.

X0.+ Trickster hiding in tree urinates and defecates on king's head. Teme: Thomas 34.

X0.+ Greedy husband gets head stuck in pot. Courlander and Herzog 126; Klipple 563; Ekoi: Talbot 115; Kpelle: Westermann 393.

X100--X199. HUMOR OF DISABILITY

X120.+ Blind couple have food stolen from them, accuse each other of eating all. Ibo: Thomas (III) 89.

X500--X599. HUMOR CONCERNING OTHER SOCIAL CLASSES

X583.+ Village man who does not speak language of city misunderstands events he observes. Barker and Sinclair 95f; Courlander and Herzog 59f.

X700--X799. HUMOR CONCERNING SEX

X700.+ Servant gives his name as "Private." When he is fleeing from palace and king shouts to guards to catch

Private, they lay down arms and seize their privates.

Yoruba: Lomax, JAFI XXVI 12.

X700.+ Girl who has never seen man finds orb in pillow sent to her. When she becomes pregnant, says pillow did it. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 207.

X700.+ Gullible husband assured that some women have male sex organs, but that they are useless. He allows wife's lover disguised as woman to sleep with wife. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 307.

#### X800--X899. HUMOR BASED ON DRIVENESS

X800.+ Drunken spider tries to kill leopard in basket, releases leopard. Himmelheber 67.

#### X900--X1899. HUMOR OF LIES AND EXAGGERATIONS

X901. Man tells only one lie a year. Vai: Ellis 239.

X904. The teller reduces the size of his lie: Truthful man delivers false message with so many qualifications it becomes true. Courlander and Hersog 83ff.

X905. Liar's contest. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 28f.; Vai: Ellis 202, 239; Frobenius: Atlantis XI 196.

X907.1.+ First liar hasn't a chance. Animals argue in turn as to which is oldest. Each speaker outdoes the former. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 9ff.

X907.1.+ In argument as to which is older, chameleon says

world was all in liquid state when he first came. Toad says he was here before peaks became liquid. Basset 199.

X909.2.+ Spider tricks other animals into dilemma in liar's contest. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 28f.

X1110.+ Spider explains failure at hunting by saying game he kills will not become visible until tomorrow. Achanti: Rattray 141.

X1250.+ Bird with neck so long it takes seven days to pass. Vai: Ellis 202.

X1471.+ Tree so large all the animals could not cut it down in six months. Vai: Ellis 202.

X1700--X1799. LIES: LOGICAL ABSURDITIES

X1720.+ Wizard puts body of murdered man on shelf repeatedly and sleeping thief repeatedly pushes it off. Wizard clubs body, thinking it not quite dead. Nigeria: Dennett 98f.

X1720.+ Spider transfers blood and afterbirth from chameleon's cow to spider's ox, claims calf. Probenius: Atlantis II 113.

X1723. Lies about swallowing.

X1723.+ Two birds swallow each other. Vai: Ellis 239f.

X1726.1. Man cuts off own head and eats it. Vai: Ellis

- X1740. Absurd disregard of natural laws.
- X1740.+ Man delays bringing water, says water belonging to mother and water belonging to co-wife mixed in same pot. He must separate the mixture. Probenius: Atlantis XI 176.
- X1761. Absurd disregard of the nature of holes.
- X1761.+ Hole diggers reply to questioning traveler that they will take the holes to hole-mender. Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 93.
- X1761.+ "Lift up the hole (you have dug) so that I may see." Ashanti: Rattray 261.
- X1790. Other logical absurdities.
- X1790.+ Leopard warned to beware of ram when he goes backward. Ram slips backward on mud, and leopard runs off in fright. Barker and Sinclair 143.
- X1790.+ Leopard fears reported sharp teeth of gazelle. Himmelsheber 54.
- X1790.+ Tortoise sees dead horse's head sticking out of ground, reports horses growing like plants. Nigeria: Braumann 5.
- X1790.+ When men come to chief to report animals and objects speaking to them, he scolds them for telling wild stories. When they have gone, stool speaks to chief. Courlander and Herzog 29; Rugoff 39ff.

## X1800--X1899. MISCELLANEOUS LIES AND EXAGGERATIONS

X1800+. Chimpanzees imitate humans putting up roof, do not know what it is for, sleep on top in rain. Tenne:  
Thomas 16.



## Z. MISCELLANEOUS GROUPS OF MOTIFS

### Detailed Synopsis

- Z0 --Z99. Formulas
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- Z10. Formulistic framework for tales
- Z20--Z59. Cumulative tales
  - Z20. Cumulative tales
  - Z30. Chains involving a single scene or event
  - Z40. Chains with interdependent members
  - Z50. Cumulative tales -- miscellaneous
  - Z60. Other formulistic motifs
- Z100--Z199. Symbolism
  - Z100. Symbolism
  - Z110. Personifications
  - Z140. Color symbolism
  - Z150. Other symbols
- Z200--Z299. Heroes
  - Z200. Heroes
  - Z210. Brothers as heroes
  - Z230. Extraordinary exploits of hero
- Z300--Z399. Unique exceptions
  - Z300. Unique exceptions
  - Z310. Unique vulnerability

- Z320. Object will fit only one thing (or person)
- Z350. Other unique exceptions

## 2. MISCELLANEOUS GROUPS OF MOTIFS

- Z0. Formulas
- Z10. Formalistic framework for tales.
- Z10.1. Beginning formulas. (The most common beginning formula in West African Folktales is "There was a time of great famine. . .").
- Z16. Tales ending with a question.
- Z16.+ . Which of the three brothers (sons) deserves the reward? Ibo: Basden (1938) 425; Courlander and Herzog 10; Gold Coast: Courlander and Premph 62; Liberia: Cronise 200, 205; Ellis: Vai 201, 211f.; Liberia: Germann 132; Klipple 321; Ashanti: Rattray 263; Togo: Prietke, ZAOS III 42; Ewe: Spieth 595f.; Tenne: Thomas 58; Slave Coast: Trantmann 100f.; Ewe: Westermann (2) 149, 233f.
- Z16.+ . Which man was most greedy? Liberia: Cronise 208, 310.
- Z16.+ . To whom should the inheritance belong? Vai: Ellis 225ff.
- Z16.+ . Should the hunter shoot? Slave Coast: Trantmann 99.
- Z16.+ . Which animal did most? Vai: Ellis 230f.
- Z16.+ . Which man deserves to smoke? Vai: Ellis 196.
- Z16.+ . Which person was the greater friend? Vai: Ellis 216.
- Z16.+ . Is the man guilty of theft? Vai: Ellis 203.
- Z16.+ . Should the man in the dilemma break his mother's jaw

- or break his wife's hand? Vai: Ellis 217f.
- Z16.+ To which brother do the women belong? Kpelle: Westermann 423.
- Z16.+ To which man does the village (city) belong? Vai: Ellis 188; Kpelle: Westermann 391f.
- Z20. Cumulative Tales.
- Z22.+ Catalogue of beasts with refrain line. Ashanti: Rattray 7ff.
- Z22.+ Catalogue of vegetables (animated). Ashanti: Rattray 25.
- Z41. The old woman and the pig. Her pig will not jump over the stile so that she can go home. Barker and Sinclair 177.
- Z41.5. Lending and repaying: Progressively worse (or better) bargain. Frobenius: Atlantis XI 97f.; Ashanti: Rattray 268.
- Z41.5.+ Lending and repaying: Cumulative tale with the last lines as follows: Apu, give me the beans the wind gave me for the feather the hawk gave me for the fish the brook gave me for breaking the pot the ants gave me for the corn my mother gave me for the bird she cooked and ate that I caught by the waterfall by my house. Basset 189ff.; CMS II 64ff.; Liberia: Cronise 313ff.; Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 56ff.; Frobenius, Atlantis XI 97ff.; Klipple 480ff.; Sierra Leone: Held 180ff.; Ashanti:

Rattray 269; Temne: Schlenker 57ff.; Togo: Schönherr 37ff.; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 25; Kpelle: Westermann 427ff.

Z41.5.+ Cumulative tale: debts transferred from one person (object) to another. Barker and Sinclair 180; Courlander and Herzog 103ff.; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 77ff.; Klipple 482; Speiss 116ff.; Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 57.

Z41.5.+ Cumulative tale: God gives boy cricket-killing stick; he kills cricket; hen asks for it and gives egg; fire wants egg and gives charcoal; smith wants charcoal and gives axe; axe lost in river which gives fish; people take fish and offer millet--refused; they offer fowl--refused; they offer cow--accepted; butchers take cow and offer pay--refused. Boy is killed, and butchers, in turn are executed. Togo: Cardinal 181f.

Z42. Stronger and strongest: the frost-bitten foot. Ekoi: Talbot 384.

Z43.5.+ Spider inside nut shell swallowed by fowl, fowl by civet-cat, civet-cat by dog, dog by hyena, hyena by lion, lion by python. Togo: Cardinal 159.

Z43.5.+ Man swallowed by serpent, serpent by crocodile, crocodile by "water animal"; water animal killed by hunter and man is rescued. Temne: Thomas 1f.

Z43.6. Man (or various animals) invites animals to come and

work in his fields. Rooster kills beetle; cat kills rooster, etc. Tiv: Abraham 73f.; Togo: Cardinall 182; Gold Coast: Courlander and Prempeh 46ff.; Himmelheber 45ff.; Ashanti: Potter and Cooper 9ff.

Z47. Series of trick exchanges: trickster starts with one or two grains of corn, cowries, etc., ends with valuable objects through series of frauds. Togo: Cardinall 217ff.; Himmelheber 70ff.; Klipple 448ff.; Radin (Cardinall Krachi) 29ff.; Ashanti: Rattray 257ff.; Togo: Schönhrerl 49ff.; Ewe: Speiss 104ff.

Z49. Miscellaneous independent chains.

Z49.+ Wasp called to sting trickster; cry for help brings fire; friend brings rain to put out fire. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 410.

Z49.+ Hornbill eats whole palm nuts. Droppings start seedlings, etc., to fishline and traps from trees. Liberia: Bundy, JAPL XXXII 410f.

Z49.+ Hornbill sounds horn. Monkey answers. Branch kills pheasant's child, etc. Ibo: Thomas VI 79ff.

Z49.+ Tortoise drums to get boys to dance while he steals yams. Next day, father comes: act repeated; next day chief comes: act repeated; next day king comes: act repeated, etc. Probenius, Atlantis X 281ff.

Z49.+ Series of speaking objects amaze a series of men. Rugoff 39ff; Courlander and Herzog 29.

- Z49.+ . Odds and ends abuse Earth; Earth abuses broom; broom abuses strip of bark; strip of bark abuses midden heap; etc. Ashanti: Rattray 237ff.
- Z49.+ . Girl must acquire several objects. She sings a song, enumerating them for each one acquired. Ashanti: Rattray 89ff.
- Z49.+ . Mohammedan about to eat millet cake frightened by hyena; hyena frightened by leopard; leopard frightened by lion; the whole group routed by rat. Togo: Cardinall 206.
- Z49.6.+ . Series of accidents: Fly buzzes in man's face; man drops knife; wife jumps over serpent, etc., ending with bush-fowl who is frightened and forgets to call the dawn. Ekoi: Talbot 384f.
- Z49.6.+ . Series of accidents: Beetle calls cock, who burns comb; cock leaves; tortoise comes in and is stepped on by elephant, etc. Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 74f.
- Z64.1. Proverbs. See A1537.+.
- Z71. Formulistic numbers.
- Z71.1. Formulistic number: three.
- Z71.1.+ . Witch presents "night" calabash three times. Boy breaks it on third presentation to produce daylight. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 36.
- Z71.1.+ . Bird gives directions three times. Liberia: Cro-nise 175.

- 271.1.+ Giant python demands three of chief's children.  
Togo: Cardinall 143.
- 271.1.+ Wonder child holds sun prisoner for three days.  
Togo: Cardinall 168.
- 271.1.+ Hunter must let first two buffalo pass, shoot only  
the third. Togo: Cardinall 107.
- 271.1.+ Magic medicine replies when owner calls three times.  
Togo: Cardinall 103.
- 271.1.+ Ritual offering: three millet dumplings. Togo:  
Cardinall 70.
- 271.1.+ Childless woman conceives three days after consulting  
god. Ashanti: Rattray 111.
- 271.1.+ Ogre will allow hunter to call for aid three times.  
Ashanti: Rattray 167.
- 271.1.+ Woman uses three logs for ritual fire. Togo:  
Cardinall 63.
- 271.1.+ Supplicant calls on spirit husband four times, spirit  
wife three times. (Numbers are assigned to sexes.)  
Togo: Cardinall 62.
- 271.1.+ General mourning for three years. Nigeria: Dayrell  
101.
- 271.1.+ Three days of mourning. Ikon: Dayrell, RAI No. 3,  
27.
- 271.1.+ Run three times around a tree, three times around  
a plantain for good results. Togo: Cardinall 42.



- Z71.1.+ . Ritual march three times around a grove. Togo: Cardinall 70.
- Z71.1.+ . Resuscitated girl must run three times around the village before her mother can embrace her. Mende: Migeod 258.
- Z71.1.+ . Offering of 300 cowries if supplicant is a woman, 400 cowries if supplicant is a man. Togo: Cardinall 62.
- Z71.2. Formalistic number: four.
- Z71.2.+ . Sacrifice to god: four fowls, twelve eggs. Ashanti: Rattray 199.
- Z71.2.+ . Magic amulet of four eggs. Gold Coast: Courlander and Prampah 82.
- Z71.3. Formalistic number: five.
- Z71.3.+ . Man restored to life shaves head on fifth day. Courlander and Herzog 9.
- Z71.3.+ . Witch's body divided into five parts. Ikom: Dayrell RAI No. 3, 12.
- Z71.4. Formalistic number: six.
- Z71.4.+ . God creates six people: four men and two women. Yoruba: Dennett 46.
- Z71.4.+ . Six doors to heaven. Agni: Tauxier 244.
- Z71.4.+ . Suitor must sleep with beautiful woman without food or water for six days and six nights. Togo: Cardinall

184.

- 271.5. Formulistie number: seven. Togo: Cardinall 143;  
Yoruba: Dennett 50; Klipple 237, 426; Ewe: Speith 578;  
Ekoi: Talbot 118, 179, 393.
- 271.5+. Offering of seven plantains. Ekoi: Talbot 9.
- 271.5+. Sacrifice of seven baskets of flies, white goat,  
white chicken, and white piece of cloth. Lee 10; Nigeria:  
Dayrell 99.
- 271.5+. Sacrifice of cow, pig, sheep, goat, dog, chicken,  
and seven eggs cut into seven parts. Nigeria: Dayrell  
102; Lee 12.
- 271.5+. Knife so sharp a fly which flies against it is cut  
into seven pieces. Ewe: Westermann (2) 221.
- 271.5+. Man instructed to pick seven magic calabashes. Pro-  
benius: Atlantis 232.
- 271.5+. God gives each wife seven pots. Togo: Einstein 7.
- 271.5+. Gift of seven magic eggplants. Ekoi: Talbot 236.
- 271.5+. First couple on earth have no water for seven days.  
Ekoi: Talbot 366.
- 271.5+. Seven kinds of witchcraft. Ekoi: Talbot 199.
- 271.5+. Seven years in the womb. Ekoi: Talbot 126.
- 271.5+. Extraordinary infant matures in seven days. Ekoi:  
Talbot 128.
- 271.5+. Extraordinary youth defeats seven wrestlers. Ekoi:  
Talbot 128.

- 271.5.+ Seven man-slaves and seven woman-slaves accompany daughter of sky-god. Radin (Talbot) 56; Ekoi: Talbot 340.
- 271.5.+ Seven companions called together by supernatural friend. Ekoi: Talbot 363.
- 271.5.+ Calabash containing seven good gifts from god. Ekoi: Talbot 367.
- 271.5.+ First man's wife bears seven sons at same time; she later bears seven daughters at same time. Ekoi: Talbot 367f.
- 271.5.+ Challenge to combat in seven days. Ekoi: Talbot 400.
- 271.5.+ Hot wind which lasts for seven nights and eight days. Togo: Cardinal 237.
- 271.5.+ Three men and three women from one tribe, seven men and seven women from another, to found a new community. Togo: Cardinal 238.
- 271.5.+ Boy taps seven times on wall to summon helpful dog. Togo: Cardinal 47.
- 271.5.+ Giant python carries off seven people. Togo: Cardinal 143.
- 271.5.+ Charm gives monkey strength of seven men. Liberia: Cronise 141.
- 271.5.+ Ghosts cannot count to seven, six is their limit. Ekoi: Talbot 9, 240.

- 271.5+. Seven sacred images spring from magic drum. Ekoi:  
Talbot 48.
- 271.5+. Diviner tosses cowrie shells seven times. Gold  
Coast: Courlander and Premph 81.
- 271.5+. King reigns seven years, has seven doors in palace,  
the seventh one tabu. Nigeria: Herskovits, JAPL XLIV  
459.
- 271.5+. Seven sons wait seven years to search for missing  
father. Himmelheber 109.
- 271.5+. Seven sons fall to death from tree. Nigeria:  
Baumann 43f.
- 271.5+. Spirit demands human sacrifice every year for seven  
years. Ibibio: Talbot 181.
- 271.5+. God sends seven men to earth. Gold Coast: Christal-  
ler, ZAS I 55; Seidel 293.
- 271.5+. Girl must serve forest-devil's mother for seven  
months. Vai: Dammann, ZSES XXIII 255.
- 271.5+. Seven magic earth heaps. Ewe: Westermann 19.
- 271.5+. Boy shoots arrow to heaven on seventh try. Pro-  
benius, Atlantis X 308.
- 271.5+. Man watches friend's body for seven days. Nigeria:  
Herskovits, JAPL XLIV 453.
- 271.5+. Seven years of mourning. Nigeria: Dayrell 146.
- 271.5+. Forest-devil lives in palace with seventy-seven  
rooms. Tshi: Bellon, MSOS XVII 32.

- Z71.5+. Couple bound with chains and seventy-seven keys.  
Tahi: Bellon, MSOS XVII 27.
- Z71.5+. Seventy-seven long poles joined together. Radin  
(Ashanti-Rattray) 202; Ashanti: Rattray 107.
- Z71.6. Formalistic number: nine.
- Z71.6+. Ninety-nine wives give birth at same time. Sierra  
Leone: Migeod 316.
- Z71.6+. King orders hero seized, shot with ninety-nine guns.  
Tahi: Bellon, MSOS XVII 12.
- Z71.7. Formalistic number: eleven.
- Z71.7+. Eleventh elephant in herd is queen. Togo: Cardin-  
all 101.
- Z71.8. Formalistic number: twelve. Sacrifice to god: four  
fowls and twelve eggs. Ashanti: Rattray 199.
- Z71.10. Formalistic number: sixteen. Sixteen palm nuts for  
divination. Nigeria: Bennett 270.
- Z71.12. Formalistic number: forty.
- Z71.12+. Palace has forty doors. Dahomey: Einstein 26.
- Z71.12+. Palace has forty-one doors. Slave Coast: Traut-  
mann 66.
- Z71.12+. Palace has forty-one chambers and forty-one doors.  
Slave Coast: Trautmann 100.
- Z71.16.1. Formalistic number: eight.
- Z71.16.1+. Fasting for eight days at funeral. Gold Coast:  
Courlander and Prempeh 14.

- Z71.16.1.+ Wonder child gets eight sons, eight daughters, eight brooms, and eight hoes from benefactor. Ibo: Thomas, Man XVIII 24.
- Z71.16.2. Formulistic number: ten.
- Z71.16.2.+ Ten men sacrificed for funeral for chief's son. Ikum: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 98.
- Z71.16.2.+ King's reward: ten men, ten women, ten sheep, ten cows, and four horses. Togo: Cardinall 226.
- Z71.16.2.+ Present to holy man: ten cows, ten sheep, ten goats. Togo: Cardinall 258.
- Z71.16.2.+ Magic number: ten. Nigeria: Dayrell 124.
- Z71.16.13. Formulistic number: twenty-one. Oracle tells chief he will have twenty-one children. Ibibio: Talbot 104.
- Z71.16.+ Formulistic number: 122. Punishment: 122 razor cuts. Yoruba: Ogumefu 3.

## Z100--Z199. SYMBOLISM

- Z110. Personifications.
- Z111. Death personified. Togo: Einstein 16f.; Ashanti: Rattray 193; Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 414; Togo: Cardinall 66; Dahomey: Le Herisse 266;
- Z112. Sickness personified. Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 414.
- Z139. Personifications -- miscellaneous.
- Z139.+ Shame personified. Liberia: Bundy, JAFI XXXII 414.

- Z142. Symbolic color: white.
- Z142.+ White object (cloth, goat, fowl) as sacrifice.  
Nigeria: Dayrell 99; Lee 10.
- Z142.+ White fowl, white goat, and many eggs as sacrifice  
for fertility. Ibibio: Talbot 102.
- Z142.+ Sacrifice of white fowl, chalk, white yam. Ibo:  
Thomas, Man XVIII 57.
- Z142.+ Sacrifice of white goat, white fowl, white piece of  
cloth. Ikom: Dayrell, RAI No. 3, 32.
- Z142.+ Sacrifice of one white slave, one white goat, one  
piece of white cloth, one white chicken, and one basket  
of eggs. Nigeria: Dayrell 130.
- Z142.+ Sacrifice: One goat, one basketfull of eggs, one  
piece of white cloth. Nigeria: Dayrell 112.
- Z142.+ Sacrifice: black cock, egg, piece of white cloth,  
ball of red dye, and yellow powder. Klipple 358; Ekoi:  
Talbot 403.

## Z200--Z299. HEROES

- Z210. Brothers (twins) as heroes. Gola: Westermann 485ff.;  
Mende: Westermann 451; Vai: Klingenheben, ZSES XVI  
86f.; Togo: Cardinal 37.
- Z211. Dreadnaughts: Brothers deliberately seek dangers.  
Togo: Schönhärl 31ff.
- Z211.+ Wonder child named "Kofi der Eße." Togo: Schön-

- hÄrl 18.
- Z216.+ Supernatural origin of heroes. Togo: SchönhÄrl 31;  
Agni: Fernor, RTP XXVIII 375; Ekoï: Talbot 127;  
Epelle: Westermann 386.
- Z230.+ Wonder child has series of adventures with magician.  
Togo: SchönhÄrl 18ff.
- Z251. Boy hero. Agni: Fernor, RTP XXVII 378; Frobenius;  
Atlantis I 219ff.; II 270; Togo: SchönhÄrl 37ff.; Gola:  
Westermann 493; Epelle: Westermann 384; Ibo: Basden  
(1938) 428; Togo: Cardinall 130; Liberia: Cronise 55;  
Himmelheber 123; Ivory Coast: Joseph, RTP XXVI 239;  
Nigeria: Mockler-Perryman 283.
- Z251.+ Boy hero challenges warriors of enemy village to  
trial by single combat. Yoruba: Clarke No. 5.
- Z252.+ Wonder child gives self name. Togo: SchönhÄrl 37ff.;  
Atlantis XI 198; Lee 19.
- Z261.+ Hero with great strength hunts with bar of iron.  
Courlander and Herzog 41.
- Z261.+ Hero puts army to flight. Togo: Cardinall 241.

Z300--Z399. UNIQUE EXCEPTIONS

- Z356.1. Unique survivor from destruction by animals. All  
mankind slain except one pregnant woman. Frobenius;  
Atlantis XI 268.



## APPENDIX

Manoukian, in describing one ethnic group living on the Gold Coast, illustrates the complexity and the diversity of the languages and affiliations of the many ethnic groups in culture-area 5. This up-to-date volume of an ethnographic survey of Africa lists only the peoples known as the Akan and Ga-Adangme of the Gold Coast, yet the list for this relatively small portion of one culture area gives 105 names.<sup>1</sup>

In this index, fifteen ethnic group terms are used in addition to the several colonies or kingdoms. The name of the smaller unit was used in bibliographic entries for which the unit's name was given in the original source. The smaller units are contained within the larger areas, however, so that overlapping will not be apparent unless the location of the tribe is established.

Below are listed fifteen names, their synonyms, and their general locations. This information is drawn from Westermann's Languages of West Africa (1952).

Agni: (Anyi-Baule dialect cluster) The dialects are spoken by the Anyi (Pr. Agni), a collective name for

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<sup>1</sup>Madelaine Manoukian, Akan and Ga-Adangme Peoples of the Gold Coast: Ethnographic Survey of Africa, Daryll Forde, ed. Published for the International African Institute (London, New York, Toronto, 1950), p. 112.

several tribes. They are spoken in parts of the Ivory Coast, east of the Bandama River and adjoining part of the Gold Coast.

**Ekoi:** (Dialect cluster) Originally used by the Efik for the Ejagham, the term is now used to designate several related dialects spoken in south-central Nigeria, mainly in the Ogoja Province (south of the Benue River).

**Ewe:** (Dialect cluster) Ewe is the name applied to all speakers of the Ewe (Eve, Ehwe) dialects, called Bututubi by the Awuna, Benigbe by the Avatime, Bayikpe by the Santrokofi, Manyigbe by the Akpafu, Bowli or Ayigbe by the Ga and Adangme. The central and eastern Ewe, especially those near the coast, are called Popo by the Yoruba, Ima by the Kpoko. Older literature uses the names Eibe, Krepi, Krepe. Ewe is spoken in southern British and French Togoland and Dahomey, and in the southeastern corner of the Gold Coast.

**Ga:** (Ga-Adangme dialect cluster) The dialect cluster is spoken in the southeastern part of the Gold Coast. Speakers are called Ge, Gedyi by the Ewe, Ngkranfo by the Twi. Ga dialect is spoken in Accra and its neighborhood. Colonies of Ga-speakers live in Togoland and along the coast of Dahomey.

- Gola:** Gola is an ill-distinguished language, apparently associated with Temne, and widely scattered in dialect islands. It is spoken in Sierra Leone and Liberia.
- Ibibio:** (Ibibio-Efik dialect cluster) Ibibio is the name of the largest of several groups of tribes. It is used by Europeans collectively to cover all the groups. Ibibio is spoken in south and southeast Nigeria, mainly in Calabar Province, but also in parts of Owerri Province and the British Cameroons.
- Ibo:** (Igbo dialect cluster) This is a general name used by Europeans to designate peoples speaking dialects of one cluster. It is spoken in southern Nigeria: Onitaha, Owerre, Rivers, Ogoja, Benin, and Warri.
- Ikom:** Place name, southeastern Nigeria, north of Calabar.
- Kpelle:** (Language) Speakers call themselves Kpelanga. They are called Akpede by the Gola, Kpelese by the Gbunde, Kpelesentini by the Bandi, Kperese or Gberese by the Many, Ipele by the Vai, Kpelema by the Bassa, Gbeise by the Loma, Kpejesia by the Mende, and Pessi, Peesy, or Pessa by the Liberians. The language is spoken in central Liberia.
- Mende:** (Dialect cluster) Mende (Mandi) speakers are called Eurc by the Vai and Gola, Koso by the Temne. They are also called Boumpe. They are known to Europeans

as Mende now, but were called Kossa or Kosso in the past. The dialects are spoken in the whole south-eastern part of Sierra Leone.

- Terne:** (Language) The speakers of the language are known as the Terne, Timne, Timens, or Timmanee. The language is spoken in Sierra Leone, north and north-west of the Mende.
- Tiv:** (Language) Speakers are known as Tiv, Tivi, or Tiwi. They are called Mbitse or Mbichi by the Junjun. They are also known as Munshi (Munchi) and Appa. The language is spoken in Benue Province, Tiv Division; also in Wukari, Lafia, and Nassarawa Divisions, and extending into the southern part of Plateau Province.
- Tschi:** (Dialect cluster of the language group Akan) The speakers call themselves the Twi Kasa, hence are commonly called the Twi. They are called Simu or Simise by the Avatime, Sekope by the Santrokofi, Kekobo by the Likpe, Sidabe by the Akpafu. The dialects are spoken by Twi, Tahi, Otwi, Otshi. They are spoken in the Gold Coast between the rivers Tano and Volta.
- Vai:** (Language with associated dialects) Speakers are called Vai (Vy) or Vei by the Gola and Epelle, Kondo, Kono, and Koro by the Mende. They are known to

Europeans as Gallinas. The language is spoken in southeastern corner of Liberia and across the border into Sierra Leone.

**Yoruba:** (Dialect cluster) The speakers call themselves Yoruba or Yooba. Speakers of the various dialects are also known by tribal names (below). Tribal and dialect entities generally correspond. The Yoruba in Dahomey are known as Nago (Ahnago). In Atakpame they are called Ana. Emigrants in Sierra Leone are known as Aku. The language is spoken in southwestern Nigeria, in Dahomey, and in French Togoland. Some of the important dialect (tribe) divisions of Yoruba are Ife, Ila, Ijebu, and Egba. These are place names as well as tribal designations.

#### Some Synonyms for Selected Ethnic Groups<sup>1</sup>

1. Edo (Bini, Nenin)
2. Yoruba (Yorouba, Yarriba, Nago, Nagot, Ulkani, Lucamee, Locumi, Lucumi)
3. Dahomey (Dahome, Dahomy, Pon, Po)
4. Ewe (Ehoue)
5. Ga (Gan, Accra, Akra)
6. Ashanti (Asante, Ashantee, Axanti, Asiante)
7. Agni (Agnis)
8. Epelle (Gbelli, Kpese, Kpwezi, Kpwezi, Pessy, Pessa, Gberese, etc.)
9. Vei (Vai, Wei, Wai)
10. Mende (Mendi)
11. Temne (Timne, Timannee)

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<sup>1</sup>William R. Bascomb, One Hundred-eleven Ethnic Groups Listed and Mapped by Culture Area (Northwestern University, unpublished, duplicated, copyright 1949).

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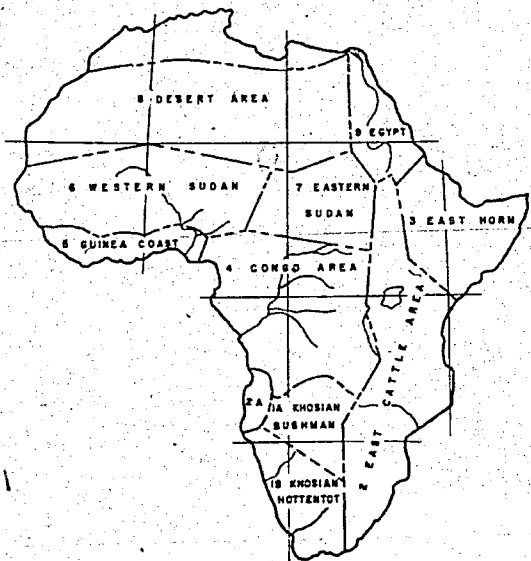
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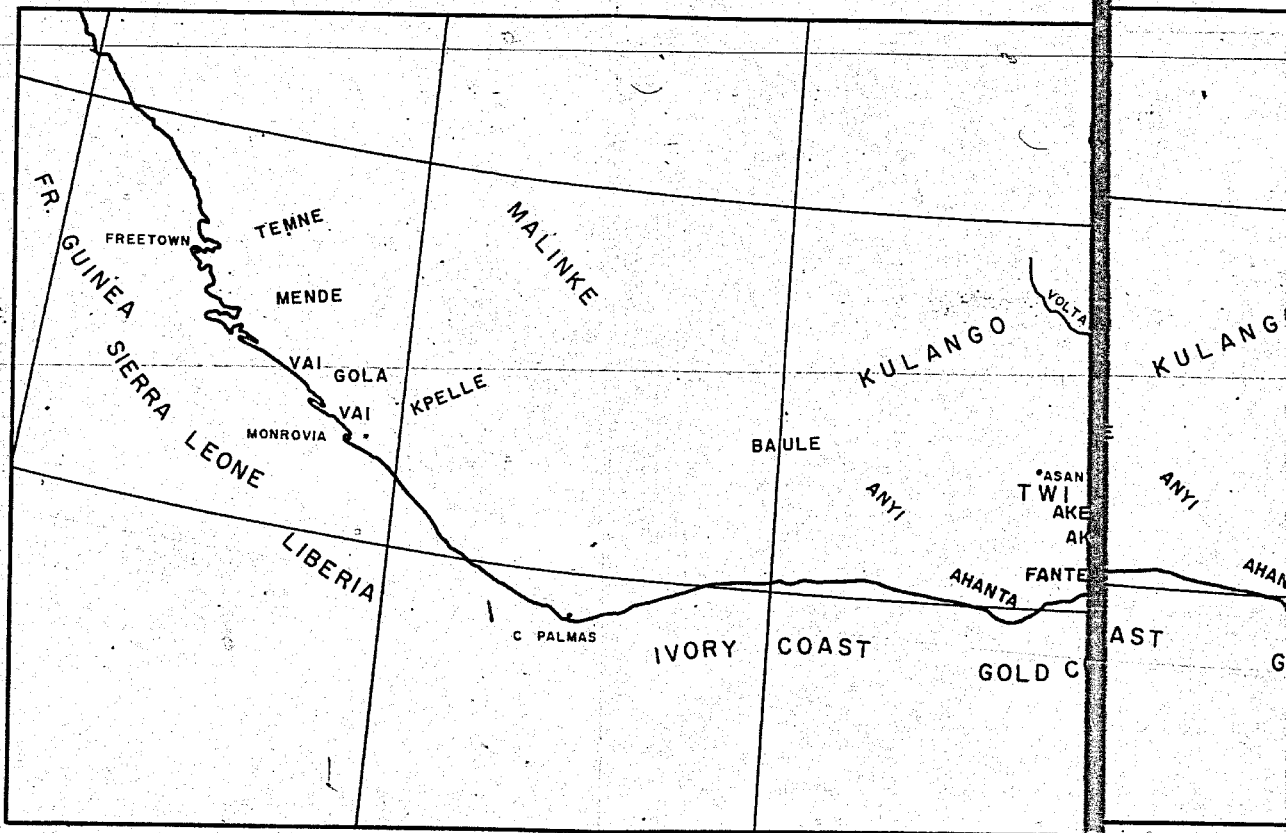
## MAP II

DETAIL OF CULTURE-AREA 5

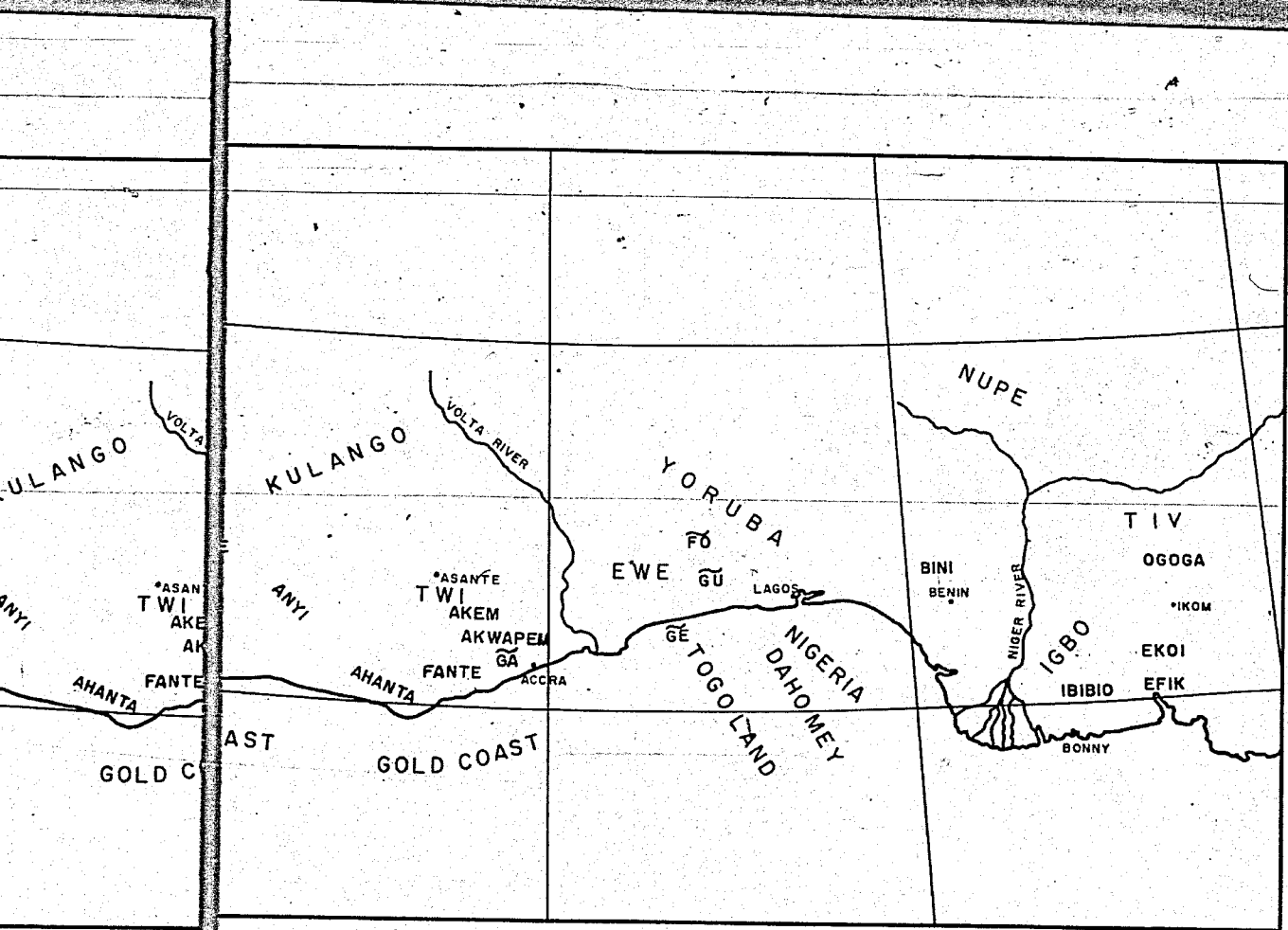
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MAP 1







MAP 2

### Vita

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