"Do not marry a girl from abroad." 

"Marry only a virgin." 

"Do not prolong a friendly visit." 

"Do not walk half a mile with a man without asking his name." 

"Rice is not a thing that is past." 

"Never believe what is beyond belief." 

"If you wish to hang yourself, do so by the stone which I point out." 

"Do not trust the over-holy." 

"Tell a secret to a woman." 

"Do not use the stone unless you want her." 

"Betray not even if you happened to be a betrayer." 

"Do not make friends with a policeman (soldier, king's servant)." 

"Marry only from among your equals." 

"Trust not the blue-eyed." 

"Do not send your wife for a long visit to her parents." 

"Amidness begets wear; work brings happiness." 

"The beauty is in the eye of the beholder." 

"The beauty is the one whom you love even if a Noah's crow (bear)." 

"The mirror of love is blind to defects." 

"Precepts of lion to his son." 

"Precepts of lion to his son: beware of maidens."

"Enemies can be won more by kindness than by cruelty." 

"Wisdom (knowledge) acquired from inference." 

"Encounter with clever children (womaes) disgusts men from visit. If the children are clever, how clever their parents must be." 

"If this is the part (product), then how the whole (original) must be?" 

"Inference based on syllogistic logic." 

"If her finger (hand, heel, etc. is that beautiful, then how the rest of her body must be?" 

"Ruler learns lesson from seeing city governed by king as uncharitable as he." 

"The hire heients his sons to use his eyes to advantage." 

"Drops of water make hollow in stone: thus repeated impressions penetrate the mind." 

"Discovery of scientific laws from observation." 

"Teaching (training) by cruel example." 

"Monk teaches (learns) to perform tricks through making him watch slow-learning animal (goat) being punished (killed)." 

"Knowledge (wisdom) taught by parable."

"The dithys of the same flavor."

"Teaching together and thread entering needle's eye suggest sexual intercourse: hence its beginning." 

"Wisdom (knowledge) taught by parable." 

"Relative pleasures of sexes in love taught by parable." 

"Crow drops pebbles into water jar so as to be able to drink." 

"Wisdom learned from children." 

"Gain knowledge from observing children's play (game)."

"Ungrateful son reprieved by naive action of his own son."

"Ungrateful son reprieved by naive action of his own son: preparing for old age (wooden drinking cup or bowl)."
J133.49, Kindness learned from example of animal's (bird's) kind behavior: imitated. (CE. B339a, J231s); Type: 860, 16180, C. CHAUVIN II 135 No. 80.
J134, Animal behavior teaches man what to avoid. Type: 866, G BILLET II 297 No. 53.
J134.28, Animal behavior warns man of similar acts in his own family. (CE. H453b, J130); Type: 315, G. P/N, SAVDAD- al-Ibtafam II 57.74; N/2, EGYPT: HI-1. Sina 69.9 No. 6.
J137, Wisdom learned from example of insects. (CE. J131); Type: 285a, G CHAUVIN II 58 No. 19.
J13b, Wisdom (knowledge) acquired from observing animal behavior. (CE. J134.28); Type: 1533s, cf. 866, 16180, G BILLET III 215 No. 199 (God will care for it).
J139.18, Eye follows ear (right follows sound, looking in the direction of source of sound) and vice versa. (CE. H601.24); Type: 1533s.
J139.28, Penis follows heart (desire for sexual intercourse is linked to love). Type: 1533s.
J139.36, Legs (feet) follow dictates of the stomach (one goes to where food is to be found). (CE. Z186.55); Type: 1533s.
J140, Wisdom (knowledge) through education.
J140.1.18, Secular (western-style) modern education leads to success. (CE. J135b, X478b, X900.18).
J140.28, Girl sent to school for modern education. (CE. P200.18, T101.1.48).
J140.2.14, Parent sends son to school: rural initiates and sends own daughter. Type: 885a, C. N/2, EGYPT, CFM: MANFIRA 65-77 (col., Heini Loff).
J141, Youth educated by seven sages.
J142, Lack of proper education regretted. Type: 929a, C. N/2, EGYPT, CFM: SPOWLANSH 71-4.1-4.1 No. 4.
J142.2, Man blames master for not correcting him in youth. Type: 929a.
J142.3b, The educated father and uneducated grandfather. Type: 929a.
J143, Untrained colt result of master's neglect.
J144, Well-trained kid does not open door to wolf. Type: 123, C. N/2, EGYPT, al-Shamy "Arab Women" No. 3.
J146, Educated men as choice company. (CE. J451, J451.53); Type: cf. 929b.
J147, Child confined to keep him in ignorance of life. Useless. Type: 517a, 1426a, C. CHAUVIN III 97 No. 1, M/2, ALGIRES: Beilani dossier 95-96.
J148, Teaching (learming) through repetition. (CE. U30.0.1b), C. N/2, EGYPT, al-Shamy "Folklore Behavior" 151.
J150, Other means of acquiring wisdom (knowledge).
J151, Wisdom from old person.
J151.1, Wisdom of hidden old man saves kingdom. Type: 981.
J151.2, Old men preferred as councilors. G BILLET III 410 No. 119.
J152, Cynical philosopher lives in tub. G CHAUVIN IX No. 27.
J198, Education from the West (Europe). (CJ J140.118).


J210, Choices.


J211.138, Poverty with happiness preferred to wealth with misery. (CJ J484, J1085); Type: 754, 754A.

J211.2, Town mouse and country mouse. Latter prefers poverty with safety. (CJ J451); Type: 112; O NLF, EGYPT: Atmi 425-6.

J212.1, Ass carries horse in fine trappings. Horse killed in battle; ass content. (CJ L454); Type: 214; DI CE MIH, MOROCCO: Denking Chaday 128-30 No. 56 (167).

J214, Choice: suffering in youth or old age. Type: 938B; O NLF, EGYPT: al-Shammy Egy MBE 284 No. 15.

J214.18, Choice: suffering now or later. (CJ J210, N300.014); Type: 938B.

J215, Present evil preferred to change for worse.

J215.11, Do not set a hungry crow over food. (CJ J2124.1); DI PEN, SOMALIA: di Shalbat 33.

J215.58, Present daughter-in-law proved better than a novel, more evil one. (CJ J1141.114); Type: 906C; O MOPP, IRAQ: al-Shammy "Arab Woman" No. 21.

J215.65, Present husband preferred to a new more stingy one. Type: 1407B.

J216, Choice of deaths.

J216.5, Early death with fame preferred.

J216.18, Death preferred to fate of sainthood. O NLF, EGYPT: al-Shammy Egy MBE 283 No. 39.

J217, Caprice preferred to death.

J217.1, Escaped lamb delivers himself to shepherd rather than to slaughter. (CJ P760.128); Type: 201F; DI NLF, EGYPT: HE-S: Meys 76.7 No. 13.

J225, Choice: apparent injustice over greater wrong. Type: 759, 759B.

J225.01, Angel and hermit. Angel takes hermit with him and does seemingly unjust things. Later shows why each was just. Type: 759; O 490C; DI al-Talabani 127-8; SHIM, PALESTINE-Hasan 54-1; NLF, EGYPT: al-Shammy Egy S 60-12 No. 16.

J225.4, Angel (Jesus) kills man. Done because man is plotting a murder. (CJ N211.2); Type: 759, 934C.

J225.4.18, Hermit (al-Khidr) kills boy: predestined to cause grief to his poor parents. Type: 759, 934C.

J225.98, Hermit (al-Khidr) damagles ship of honest sailor: unjust king usurps (good) ships. Type: 759.

J225.108, Hermit (al-Khidr) rebuilds a falling wall in an inhospitable village: treasure belonging to orphans hidden underneath. (CJ P760.48); Type: 759.

J226, Difficult choices between relatives. (CJ P253.3); Type: 985, 985A; DI BASSET MBE II 251 No. 29, PEN, SAUDIA: al-Jahayri 2 245-6; YEMEN: Nag Afif 60-1 No. 17; O NLF, EGYPT: al-Shammy "Arab Woman" No. 45.

J226.44, Choice: whether to marry from father's mother or mother's family. Type: 707C3, 872D5, 833E5; DI PEN, OMAN: al-Shammy "Arab Woman" No. 20.

J226.69, Choice: to favor son's children or daughter's. (CJ H871.28, P90.28); Type: 875; DI SHIM, SYRIA: al-Asadi 149-56.

J2298, Poverty with honor preferred to wealth with dishonor. (CJ J211, T1404, V126); Type: 824D; O NLF, MOROCCO: di Lepy 145-5 No. 39.

J229.12, God's punishment: extermination by a blessing or by a curse. Blessing: male offspring by man, female by cattle; curse: female offspring by man, male by cattle. O PEN, ERITREA: Lammn Type 9-4 No. 74.

J229.158, Choice: angry camel or dragon (wild beast). (CJ N266); Type: 157B; O NLF, MOROCCO: di Lepy 145-5 No. 39.

J229.168, Ogro (ogress) gives captive choices.

J229.168.1, Ogro gives captive choice: marriage to him, or death to be eaten, etc. (CJ 237); O PEN, QATAR: AGSPE: QRT 87-5 12-1 No. 5; YEMEN-: Anadah 11-21, 95-96; NLF, EGYPT: CEPM: Qasim 75.5 1-2 No. 8.

J229.168.2, Choice: becoming ogro's son, brother, daughter, or wife, etc. Type: 898.


J229.165.18, Captive man to ogro: "Devour me beginning with my little ears (beard) which did not heed my wife's fear's advice". Type: 327H; O SHIM, JORDAN: Oh al-Hamad "Al-Sham" S 260-5 No. 44; PALESTINE-: Anadah 11-21, 95-96 No. 13; Suhail 195-6 No. 19; NLF, EGYPT: HE-S: TUFIL 1 N.Y. 44-46. Type: 134 no. 5, al-Shammy "Arab Woman" No. 24.

J230, Choice between useful and ornamental.

J230, Choice: real and apparent values.

J231, Wisdom chosen above all else.

J232, Health chosen as the most precious thing. O NLF, EGYPT: AUC 31.8 No. 58.

J240, Choice between useful and ornamental.

J241, Fruitful tree chosen.

J241.38, Only a fruitful tree is shaken (struck, or gets stones thrown at it). (CJ T230.2, U138).

J242, Useful wins contest over beautiful.

J244, Goodness preferred to beauty. (CJ T101.124).

J245, Useful and ugly preferred to expensive and beautiful. (CJ T145.34).

J245.34, Basic (desert, village) life preferred to soft (city) life. (CJ U135.44); Type: 570A.

J246, Strength preferred to cleverness.

J247, Goodness preferred to wealth.

J247.1, Man advised to choose good poor man for his daughter's husband rather than rich man. Type: 917*.

J248, Lack preferred to cleverness. (CJ N41).

J248.16, "A curat of lack better than an acre of cleverness".

J251, Practical knowledge more vital than theoretical. Type: 851D4, 1260C8.

J251.1, The bookman and the boastman: each ignorant of other's work. (CJ J1162); Type: 129E3, Type: 105, O MOPP, IRAQ: al-Bazmawi 297.4 No. 173; NLF, EGYPT: Gaine 90 No. 34.

J258, "Wisdom is more valuable than more school 'knowledge'". (CJ N171.2); Type: 851D4.

J260, Choice between worth and appearance. Type: 756D.

J261, Loudest mourners not greatest sorrowers.

J262, Noisy things often empty.

J262.21, Fork and noisy but empty drum. (CJ U1135); DI CHAUVIN II 21.

J264, Apparent beauty of jewel may be of the least importance.

J267, Choice between flattering lies and unflattering truths. O CHAUVIN II 198 No. 32.

J267.21, Flattering lies save marriage: mouse-slayer, or lion-killer? Wife divorced for telling truth, reinstated for lying. (CJ T230); Type: 901A; DI BASSET MBE II 172 No. 79; PEN, SAUDIA-: al-Jahayri 2 245-6 No. 16; NLF, EGYPT: al-Shammy "Folklore Behavior" 25B.
J2684. Flattery of authority or seneschals rewarded. (Cf. J815, K874.34, G2.18); Type: 488, C N L N, EGYPT; al-Shamy ‘Arab Women’ No. 32, AUC 17 No. 4.
J2690. Quality preferred to quantity.
J281. Quality of offspring preferred to quantity.
J281.1. "Only one, but a lion".
J300-J329. Present values chosen.
J310. The present preferred to the past.
J311. Need not the past. (Cf. Z121.12).
J328. Present values preferred to future.
J321.1. A bird in the hand foolishly given away in hope of greater gain.
J321.5. Hungry (thirsty) man kicks aside modest food (basket of palm-dates) hoping for better; gets nothing. (Cf. J1600.0.18).
J325. Children choose father they know rather than real father they do not yet know. (Cf. J215.54, J215.64).
J326. Man prefers servant girl who is present to her absent mistress.

J344. What one has is neglected for search of other things. (Cf. U1189).
J344.1. The monkey and the lost lentil. Let all others he has in his hand fall in order to search for it. (Cf. Chavais II 104 No. 67).
J344.2. Host wants to learn Hebrew even at risk of forgetting his own language. (Cf. Chavais II 106 No. 80).
J345. The valuable neglected for the interesting.
J346. Better be content with what you have, than try to get more and lose everything. (Cf. J171.1.18); Type: 285D, 726*, 750D1E, 836F*.
J347. Wealth and glory sacrificed for freedom and virtue. (Cf. U3100.1.18).
J347.4. Rich merchant is poorer in happiness than poor man. Type: 1606A.
J348. Having a jinnahah (fairy) as wife rather than sister proves niusus to a man. (Cf. F300.2.3.18); Type: 470F*.
J358. Choices: small inconvenience, large gain.
J352. Inconvenience disregarded when booty is in sight.
J352.1. Wolf does not mind the dust. [Finds sheep’s dust useful]. (Cf. Chavais III 41 No. 7).
J355.1. Widow’s meal. King upbraids wind for blowing away a poor widow’s last cup of meal. [God’s justice vindicated]. (Cf. R122.5); Type: 759C.
J360.1. Solomon refuses water of immortality for himself when he cannot have it for his possessions also; (Cf. Chavais II 126 No. 129).
J370. Choices: important and unimportant work.

J400. Choice of associates.
J401.0.1. "A friend is known in need." Type: 917*.
J402. Wise enemy preferred to foolish friend. (Cf. P318.0.11).
J410. Association of equals and of unequals.
J411. Great refuses to associate with lowly.
J412. Profitable association of great and lowly.
J412.1. Prince of democratic taste chosen. Type: 920B.
J412.2. Son with elitist (proud) inclinations (taste) chosen. Type: 920B, 9208.
J413. Unprofitable association of unequals, (Cf. N L N, EGYPT; CMFC: Suvakshah 71-1.0.1-2 No. 1).
J414. Marriage with equals or with unequals. (Cf. F5307); Type: 917, 917B, C N L N, EGYPT; al-Shamy ‘Arab Women’ No. 33.1; MOH; TUNISIA: al-Markan bi al-adab 24.
J416. One’s own kind preferred to strangers.
J420. Association of strong and weak.
J421. Subordination of weak to strong. (Cf. H387.5, P7438, U438); C SOM; SYRIA-Kh. Bihamm hamdak 93 No. 47.
J421.1. Lion as king makes ass his lieutenant. (Cf. Basnet RTP VI 24).
J422. Weak benefit from company of strong.
J422.1. ‘For the sake of roses weeds are watered’ [also].
J423. Stupid fear company of clever.
J425. Weak fear company of strong.
J426. Association of rats with cats ceases as soon as mutual danger has passed. (Cf. Chavais II 101 No. 61).
J440. Association of young and old. Type: 1392*.
J442. Foolish association of young and old.
J445. Foolish longings of old woman for a young husband. Type: 1380B, 1392, 1392*.
J453.1. One bad apple spoils the others. Type: 920B.
J453. Harm of association with flatterers.

J460. Unnecessary choices.
J461.1. The belly and the members. Debate as to which is the most useful. Type: 293, C N L N, EGYPT; AUC 41 No. 6.
J461.2. Fortune, intellect, knowledge, and health dispute as to which is the greatest. Type: 945A*.

J470. Debate between the telegraph-wire and the train.

J480. Other choices.
J482.1. Woman refuses second marriage. Her husband abides in her heart. (Cf. T211.0.24).
J482.1.2. Woman refuses second marriage so her brother cannot kill a second husband. (Cf. P350).
J482.2. Better to marry man who lacks money than man lacking a man. Type: 920B.
J482.2.4. ‘Obdiant monkey is better than recalculating gzaile’. (Cf. Z45).
J482.3. Young man advised to choose as wife a girl whose mother was chaste. (Cf. T101.2.2.14, U121.2.2.8); Type: 930.
J482.4. Young man advised to choose as wife a girl who would profess to be with him against ‘Time’. (Cf. K3105.3, Z217.88). Type: 920B, C FOW, SAUDIA; Brusnig 259-6; SOM, PALESTINE; Schmah-Keshet 254.9 No. 37, N L N, EGYPT; CMFC: UKHIA No. 39 No. 15, HI 10-S, Maysa 69-8, No. 15, CMFC: N-Nabia 69-10A 2.2. No. 34.
J. The Wise and the Foolish

5790. Wisdom of deliberation.
5792. King given three wheels to control his anger. Type: 910B, 939B8, 948B. Q Chavil II 127 No. 1361.
5793. Avoid hasty punishment.
5794. King restrained from hasty judgment by being told story. Type: 916, 916A8.
5795. Wisdom of deliberation in fight.
5796. Bravest knows how to wait. [Hasby ones killed in battle]. Q Chavil II 152 No. 15.
5797. Futility of war. (Cf. HR53.10B). Type: 20318E. Q NLF. EGYPT: shamy Egyptian 154-No. 31, Zb 26-10.
5798. Brave warriors are plenty; the wise are few. (Cf. J.1443). Type: 20318F. Q SM. PALESTINE: al-Sayyid 193-5.
5800. Plaintiff who insists on quarreling with mistress about escape caught by her husband. Q Chavil II 44 No. 12.
5801. Monk's enemies quarrel and thus save him. [Mourc awakened by noise and is saved]. Q Chavil II 97 No. 53.
5802. Bird (dove) in tree asks hunter what is he looking for; she is shot.

J600-J799, Forethought

J610-J479, Forethought in conflicts with others.

J610, Forethought in conflicts with others—general.
611. Wise man before entering a quarrel considers how it will end.

J620, Forethought in prevention of others' plans.

J621. Preventing hostility by inspiring fear in enemy. (Cf. 1458).

J622, Unitng against a common enemy.

J623. Two sheep kill a fox who has licked up blood they have spilled in a fight. [When they become united]. Q Chavil II 87 No. 22.

J624, Enemy brothers unite to fight a common enemy.

J624A, One should join brother against paternal-cousin, and cousin against a stranger.

J625, 'Don't distrust, but check.'

J626, Trust (responsibility) reforms the deviant (wayward). Type: 9058, cf. 1419MM.

J627, Avoidance of others' power.

J628, Escaping before enemy can strike.

J629, One bird escapes as hunter bends his bow; other remains and is shot. Type: 246. Q Chavil II 28.

J630, Lion hunter allows his teeth to be pulled and his claws to be cut. He is then killed. Q Basar XXV 126.

J635, Care against future tyranny.

J644, Fox sees all tracks going into lion's den but none coming out. Type: 50A.

J645, Deregard advice of your enemy.


J655, Fox jers at fox-trap. Is caught. Type: 68*.


J672, Tortoise lets self be carried by eagle. Dropped and eaten. Type: 225A.
7670.  Forethought in defence (defence) against others.

7671.1. Belling the cat. [No mouse willing to place bell around cat’s neck.] Type: 110.  Ḍ Wesemī, Ḍhūrayḥa I 286 No. 215.

7672. Defences by strengthening one’s own weakest spot.

7672.1. Ears stopped with wax to avoid enchanting song. Ḍ Chawīn VII 94 No. 375 n. 4.

7673. Defence when one needs it most.

7674. Defences in and out of season [(needed)].

7675. Man slays another in order not to be slain himself.

7675.1. Preventive actions.

7676. Excessive caution distrusted. (Cf. 7580, K1634, X3534).


7679. Defences by avoiding meddling (interfering) in the affairs of others.

7679.1. Do not attend an affair in which you have no immediate interest.

7680. Forethought in alliances.

7681. Alliance which makes both parties vulnerable.

7681.1. Rat and frog tie paws together to cross marsh. Carried off by falcon. Type: 278. Ḍ Chawīn II 125 No. 117.

7682. Foolishness of alliance with the weak.

7683. Foolishness of attacking real allies.

7684. Alliance with the strong.

7685. Alliance with the intelligent.

7685.1. Man, lion, and bear in pit. [Bear advises not to eat man but use man’s intelligence to get out]. Ḍ Chawīn III 64 No. 29.

7700-7749. Forethought in provision for life.


7701. Planning for the next generation. Type: 928. Ḍ Basset Mount I 354 No. 75, Chawīn II 208 No. 75.


7702.1. Devrōsh who stops work, [imitates bird feeding its young; shown in mistake]. (Cf. Ḍ J2649).

7703. Acquittal of wealth. (Cf. Ḍ NS76).

7704. Wealth is most important.

7705. Farsighted economy. (Cf. Ḍ J799, Ḏ Ṣawf, HUSAYN 133/4, Ḍ Ṣawf, JORDAN: Ḍ Shams, Ḏawrat al-Jannah 213-4 No. 36.

7705.5. Gift-giving (exchange of presents) as farsighted economy. (Cf. Ḍ W11, Z47). Ḍ Ṣawf, YEMEN: Ḍ Ṣawf, Ḏawrat al-Jannah 197-8.

7706. Wisdom of living within one’s means. (Cf. Ḍ F100,23).

7707. Stretch out your legs [only] as far as your quilt can cover. Type: 921P, 7637D, Ḍ Ṣawf, PALESTINE: Ḍ Ṣawf, HUSAYN 153-4, Ḏawrat al-Jannah 61-2, Shams, 419.

7710. Forethought in provision for food. Ḍ Ḍawrat al-Jannah 131 No. 190, Ḏawrat al-Jannah 259 No. 32.

7711. In time of plenty provide for want. Type: 260A. Ḍ Ḍawrat al-Jannah 124 No. 186.


7711.2. Improvised mouse eats grain stored for famine. [He had nothing to store]. Ḍ Chawīn II 115 No. 93.

7712. King for a year provides for [his own] future. Ḍ Chawīn II 166 No. 49, 192 No. 9, Ḍawrat al-Jannah 101 No. 8.

7712. Food alone keeps off hunger. Ḍ Ṣawf, SOMALIA: Ḍ Ṣawf, Ḏawrat al-Jannah 133.

7712.1. City without provisions but with many money stewars. Ḍ Chawīn V 34 No. 16.

7712.6. Hunger drives to risk-taking.

7720. Forethought in provision for clothing.

7720.1. ‘A loosely fitting garment would be ashamed to wear out’. Ḍawrat al-Jannah 146.

7740. Forethought in provision for shelter.

7748. Shelter against all enemies. Type: 124.


7750-7799. Forethought—miscellaneous.

7751. Consider difficulties of course you are about to undertake.

7751.1. Truth the best policy.

7752. In planning future, profit by the past.

7753. Remove obstacles from path.

7755. All aspects of a plan must be foreseen.

7756. Advice after the event vainless.

7758. Beware of following an interested adviser.

7758.1. Tailless fox tries in vain to induce foxes to cut off tails. Type: 64, Ḏawrat al-Jannah 267.

7758.2. Tailless jackal persuades other jackals to cut off tails. Type: 64A.

7761. Old age must be planned for.

7763. Leave loophole for escape.

7766. Do not work yourself out of employment. [Cat keeps mice away only].

8000-8049. Adaptability.

8010. Policy in dealing with the great [powerful].

8011. Wisdom of concessions to power.

8011.1. The lion’s share: [Wolf divides booty equally and is killed fox learns lesson and gives all to fox]. Type: 51.

8012. Fox refuses to mediate between lion and lioness. [Lioness’ bad odor; other judges slapped; fox pleased cold, cannot smell]. Type: 51A.

8012. Denying own rights because of fear. Type: 1534. Ḍ Ṣawf, YEMEN: Ḍ Chawīn 209 No. 54.

8014. Flattery of the great.

8014.1. Impressed musician defends himself: [Impressed for the way he looked at king; claims to have been blessed king]. Ḍ Wesemī, Ḏhūrayḥa I 251 No. 158.

8014.4. Flattery of the wicked to escape death at his hands.

8014.14. ‘Dance for (flatter) the monkey during his reign.

8014.24. If you need the dog (the lowly), address him as ‘Master’. Ḍ Ṣawf, PALESTINE: Ḍawrat al-Jannah 147-53.

8015. Unpleasant truth must be withheld from the great [(mighty, fearless)]. Type: 48*, 68**.

8015.1. Liar rewarded by the apex, [truthful punished]. (Cf. Ḍ Q251): Type: 48*, 68**.

8015.1.4. Nobody would dare say to an ogress, ‘Your eye is red’. (Cf. Ḍ J268).

8015.5. Tactful and tactless truth-speaking. (Cf. Ḍ J1875, Ḏawrat al-Jannah 197-198).
J815.5.18. Dream interpreter (astrologer, fortune-teller, etc.) punished for unfavorable prophecy. Proves correct. (Cf. M330, 1675.25; Q MFR, IRAQ: Wadi 162-3 No. 5; SEE, PALESTINE: Huesen 171-8 No. 10; NLN, EGYPT: 19-18.)

J816. Tact in interpreting the great.

J816.1. King brought to sense of duty by fateful conversation of birds. Philosopher pretends to know bird's language. [J.] "What is the owl saying?" (Cf. E356.) Type: 904AE. Ù BASSET 1112.1 No. 158, CHASIS II 133 No. 21, III 189.5 No. 119.

J816.2. King called baker's son: he has given the poet only leaves of bread. (Cf. H383, 120; U1300.18.) Type: 9200B.

J816.4. Woman tactfully restrains amorous king. (Cf. T320.4.)

J816.78. Taciturn and rueful warnings: patriarch (king) alerted to an inappropriate situation or act. Type: 929B.

J817. A soft answer (word) turns away wrath.

J818. Care in advising king.

J822. Man plays foot (desires) to protect himself in dealing with king. (Cf. K523.3.)


J831. Mohammed goes to the mountain (tree) when the mountain will not come to him. Ù BASSET 1112.1 No. 191, Wessely Hadde II 490 No. 191, Wessely Hadde II 190 No. 372, NLN, IRAQ: al-Hajjaj II 91 No. 62; MEZ, MOROCCO: Basset KEP XIX 311.

J832. Reeds bend before wind (flood). Save themselves while oak is uprooted. Type: 298C.

J836. Man (woman) who loses all his (her) seven (forty, ninety-nine) sons at once seeks comfort. Type: 844AE. Ù PEN, VENICE: Hein Müller Melus-Humbger, SAGE IX 112 No. 44.

J830-8399. Consolation in misfortune.

J830. Consolation by a trifle.

J830.1. Consolated by drop of honey. Man in pit surrounded by peril thus comforts himself. Ù CHASIS II 95 No. 17, III 100 No. 8.


J870. Consolation by pretending that one does not want the thing he cannot have. (Cf. J3360, W1995.)


J894.28. Consolation: "and I will" (None of my business). (Cf. W1995.)

J971. The fox and the sour grapes. Type: 59.

J973. Fox in swollen river claims to be swimming to distant town. Type: 67.

J973.3. Fox biting camel's tail drags it: claims to be riding ("Born to pilgrimage on the ramp of this philanthropist"). Type: 47A. Ù SHM, SYRIA: Salti "Ladhikiyat" 1909 No. 10 A-67.

J880. Consolation by thought of others worse placed. (Cf. J2415, 2523, U115, U3048, W3058.) Type: 844AE. Ù CHAUVIN II 130 No. 10; NLN, EGYPT: Hassan 76-80.

J882. Man with unfaithful wife comforted. Type: 1426.

J882.2. Man with unfaithful wife comforted when he sees jealous husband who carefully guards wife encased. Type: 1426, 1426*.

J883. Poor man consolset by thinking of misfortunes of rich. (Cf. U3048.)

J883.1. Man compelled to live on peas (beans) takes comfort when he sees a man once rich eating the hulks. Ù CHASIS II 130 No. 10.

J884. Why the farmer laughed when angry king ordered the present he was bearing him (figs) to be stuffed into his (farmer's) anus. Farmer: "My neighbor is bearing you cucumbers!" (Cf. J2415, 2523.) Type: 1689.

J885. Clever person's defeat pleases inferior. [shamash].


J888. Consolation in misfortune-miscellaneous.

J891. Enemy horses captured by lion join forces and become friends. Type: cf. 910F-X. Ù CHASIS II 150 No. 9.


J900. Humility.

J903. Humility before God brings exaltation from God.

J908. Humility of the great.

J911. Wise man acknowledges his ignorance. Type: 20315E. Ù MFR, IRAQ: Mueenster 55-7 No. 31; NLN, EGYPT: el-Shamy Type 276 No. 31.

J911. Men [office-holders] not chosen for their ignorance; else should have reached heaven. [Position is due to what he knows, not what he does not know.] Ù Wessely Hadde II 224 No. 462.

J942. Woman (wife) boasts of her father's assets (wisdom). Type: 851DB. Ù PEN, QATAR- AQMAN: OTH 87.3-672.2 No. 31.

J942. Presumption of the lowly.

J951.1. Ass in lion's skin unmasked when he raises his voice [bray]. Type: 214B. Ù CHASIS II 224 No. 22.

J952. Self-deception of the lowly.

J953. Gnat think they have thrown horse down.


J953.15. Animals each think moon shines for his benefit.

J953.15.1. Rooster believes he brings up the sun with his crowing. (Cf. J2272.13.) Type: 114.

J954. Foolish boast of ancestry by lowly. Type: 851DB.

J954.1. Mule as descendant of king's war horse. Fails to mention his mother.

J954.1.1. Mule boasts of 'his' maternal-uncle, the horse. Type: 488. Ù CHAUVIN III 71 No. 40.

J954.1.2. Ram boasts of his grandfather: sacrificial ram (lamb) from Paradise. Type: 488.

J954.1.3. Ox (bull) boasts of his grandfather: carries earth on his horns. Type: 488.

J954. Lowly tries to win in vain to be greater than he is.

J954. Man with little knowledge boasts. Type: 851DB.

J957. After one day of schooling children are ordered by their father to cease associating with the unlearned.

J1000-J1099. Other aspects of wisdom.


J1011. Lazy woman resumes her work. She sees how a little bird by persistence pecks a hole in stone. (Cf. J711; Type: 843.

J1012. Discouraged (lazy) person sees the corroding effect of water dripping on solid rock: resumes tedious work. (Cf. J24118.) Ù BASSET II 214 No. 46.

J1105. Wealth gained by risk-taking and hard work. (Cf. J1115.7, N410); Type: 936A+; cf. 923C; 1651, 1651A, D 50M, PALESTINE: al-Ghad 49-91.
J1151. Rich man tells envious poor man how he earned his fortune. (Sindbad and porter). (Cf. P152.2); Type: 936A.

J1020. Strength in unit. Type: 910F-X.
J1031. The quarrelling sons and the bundle of twigs. Type: 910F.
J1021.1. Sons united make living separated fail.
J1022. Fight of lions and bulls. Type: 910F-X. Ø CHAUVIN II 186 No. 35.
J1024. Qasas caught in net rise up in a body with net and escape. As soon as they quare they are caught.
J1036. Weakness in duality. (Cf. J1027); Type: 910F-X. Ø CHAUVIN II 150 No. 9, 186 No. 35, 196 No. 11, 211 No. 1.

J1034.1. "O creature of [mine], work and I will work with you", [says God].
J1040. Decision of conduct.
J1041.1. Weather to please one only. Attempt to please everyone with weather unavailing. Weather given therefore without regard to men's desires. Type: 1830; Ø Weszeli Madzas I 218 No. 31.
J1041.2. Miller, his son and ass: trying to please everyone. Type: 1215; Ø CHAUVIN II 186 No. 2, III 30, 145, VIII 140, Weszeli Madzas II 224 No. 241; NLV, EGYPT: el-Shamy "Saitor" 38 No. 3.

J1050. Attention to warnings.

J1060. Miscellaneous aspects of wisdom.
J1061. Value depends on real use. J1061.2.1. Baldheaded man finds the comb it is useless. (Cf. U600.18).
J1061.4. Miser's treasure stolen. [He can pretend it is still there--no real loss]. Type: 1305B; Ø Weszeli Madzas I 1 No. 201.
J1062. Cure yourself before doctoring others. (Cf. U275).
J1062.2. Doctor unable to cure himself scorned. Ø CHAUVIN II 227 No. 8.
J1063. Pot calls kettle black.
J1064. Futility of trying to teach the stupid.
J1064.1. Raven killed by apes who will not receive his teaching that a shining stone [butterfly] is not fire. (Cf. J1761.2).
J1065. Futility of trying to teach those already set in their ways (the aged). (Cf. J10.18).
J1071. Results of labor lost in a moment of procrastination.
J1072. Man to be judged by his own qualities, not his clothes. (Cf. J1551.3).
J1072.34. Man to be judged by his own qualities, not his ancestry.
J1075. Never use your entire resources.
J1074. Value of silence.
J1074.3.18. "If speech is silver, then silence is gold." Type: 1340B.
J1074.4.28. "Had it not been for my tongue, the back of my neck wouldn't have been slapped." Type: 1340B; Ø NLF, EGYPT: Farsa 410.
J1075. Time renders all things commonplace. (Cf. U131).
J1081.28. Interrupted sleep (disturbed quiet). (Cf. F361.5).
J1116.58, hasanabid (hasanabid smoker) as trickster. O MSL, EGYPT: - el-Shamt Egyer 321.
J1117, Animal as trickster. (Cf. K9082); Type: 136A*, O MSL, EGYPT: - el-Shamt Egyer 221, 294 No. 51.
J1117.1, Jackal as trickster. Type: 59*, 59A*, 223, O MGH, MOROCCO: - Latnin Maroc 5 No. 6; TUNISIA: - Resnik 151.
J1117.18, Fox as trickster. O MSL, IRAQ: - Sowit "Moub et Mardit" 411 No. 41.
J1117.28, An as trickster. (Cf. J11706.28); Type: 136A*, O MSL, EGYPT: - el-Shamt Egyer 282 294 No. 51; MGH, ALGERIA: - Delfournes 394-5.
J1117.48, Hedgehog (porcupine) as trickster. (Cf. K905.28); Type: 59A*, O MGH, MOROCCO: - Dendjal Chabbi 10 (139) No. 6; Latnin Maroc 11 No. 353; Stummer 340-2 No. 27; TUNISIA: - Resnik 245-246.
J1122, Clever younger generation. (Cf. P248, U68).
J1122.01, Child as trickster. (Cf. J13); Type: 72D*, O MGH, MOROCCO: - Dendjal Chabbi 108-8 (196) No. 43.
J1124, Clever mortal juster. (Cf. J1116.1, P182.1); O el-Shamt Egyer 215-21.
J1126, Abu-Nawas as trickster. O Yuni 16; el-Shamt Egyer 212-27; PEN, ZANZIBAR: - Sengo "Kawadhali" 100-104 No. 5; NLF, EGYPT: - Einar pr. 38 14 No. 5.
J1127, Bashili as trickster. (Cf. J1116.1, 13); O Yuni 50, MSL, IRAQ: - Mohammad al-K, al-Baqi Turki VIII 109-80 No. 1, Mohammad al-K, al-Baqi Turki VIII 111-6 No. 3, Melkiar 75 No. 41, 75 No. 42, Badish 23.
J1128, Other men (male characters) as tricksters. (Cf. P431.28; P440.14).
J1128.13, Adhlahi as trickster. (Cf. K5454); O Ibn-Lajir 104 No. 173, Yuni 36.
J1129, Female trickster. (Cf. P431.28); Type: 1538A8, O PEN, YEMEN: - Hein-Muller, Historien, 540; IX 179 No. 12, MGH, ALGERIA: - el-Shamt "Arab Women" No. 51.
J1129.14, Dallah as trickster. Type: 1538A8.

J1130-1139, Cleverness in the law court.

J1130.1, Cleverness in law court.-general.
J1130.11, Maxims for use in law court. (Cf. J1163); O NLF, EGYPT: - Corsais 315.
J1140, Cleverness in detection of thieves. Type: 926B, 964, O PEN, QATAR: - al-Dawajir II 211.
J1140.3, Mysterious murder solved: murderer detected. (Cf. D1819.2.11, 5118-58, N610); Type: 926B, 903*, cf. 990*, O CHAUVIN 8 No. 5, VI 144 No. 302.
J1141, Confession obtained by torture. Type: 926B, 964, O Corsais VIII 99 No. 58.
J1141.1, Guilty person deceived into gesture (act) which admits guilt. Type: 785*, 926C*, 964, O MSL, IRAQ: - el-Shamt "Arab Woman" No. 25.
J1141.11, Largest part of a prize to go to the guilty man. Type: 785; Corsais VIII 101 No. 73.
J1141.2, "Thief has grease from stolen fowl on him": thief begins to feel his beard and is detected. Type: 964.
J1141.5, "Thief has the feathers sticking on his head". Type: 964.
J1141.7, Which is man and which demon in man's shape? Decision to go to whichever can go through end of reed. (Cf. G303.3.1.8, J1151.1.23.4); Type: 926A.
J1141.8, Accused woman [women] to go three times around building nailing: guilty one begins to strip off her clothes. Type: 926B.4.

J1169.D, Guessing the sex of fish hermaphrodites. (Cf. H528, H9178). Ø Basset II 170 No. journal 1213 No. 54.

J1170. Clever judicial decisions.

J1171. Judging by testing love. Type: 926, 926C, 926L.


J1171.2. The woman with two husbands is to be killed. [Awarded to husband who agrees to bury her]. Type: 926C.

J1171.4. Which mare is mother of colt: colt taken in boat to the middle of river; mother will swim to it. (Cf. F989.8.11945). Type: 926C, 926L. Ø SHM, SYRIA: Ruser L 64-55 No. 81.

J1172.1. Not the same person as was lost. [Owner knows about amount of money to avoid paying reward: pursue given to tonder]. Ø Chawi IX 26 No. 15.

J1172.2. Payment with the coin of money. Type: 1804B.

J1172.2.1.8, Payment with a worthless (empty) compliment or praise: 'caf'irm?' Type: 1804C.

J1172.3. Ungrateful animal returned to captivity. [Sorpent, bear, crocodile, etc. returned to captivity]. Type: 155, Ø Chawi II 12 No. 108, IX 18 No. 4.

J1172.3.2. Animal render unjust decisions against man since man has always been unjust to them. Type: 155, Ø EGYPT: - AUC 31A No. 5, el-Shury Egypt 227 No. 47; MOROCCO-LEAUSTRANCE 386 No. 34, 59-60 No. 34, 41-1 No. 41, 3.


J1174. Clever decisions concerning kneeling and rape. Type: 895C.

J1174.2. Complaint about the stolen kid. Woman is allowed to take one in return. Ø Basset I 240 No. 133, Wesseli Hadidha I 124 No. 173; NLP; EGYPT: Shalish 448.

J1174.5. Man's torn garment as proof of innocence of rape. [Joseph falsely accused]. Ø el-Thulab 71.

J1176. Decisions based on experimental tests. (Cf. F989.9.11). Type: 926C.

J1176.1. Pouring water into the intestine. [Surely must have learned from author, not soldier]. (Cf. J1153.2.1). Type: 926L.

J1176.3. Gold pieces in the honey-pot. [Thief of money hidden under honey (pickles) proves]. (Cf. J1655.3). Type: 926B, 1817A.

J1177. Story told to discover [detect] thief. [He has a robber's point of view]. (Cf. H496B, U2684). Type: 926B, 964, 976, cf. 926G.

J1971. Damages for the field devastated by a flock. [Leak of sheep's wool and milk]. Ø Chawi VIII 99 No. 71; SHM, PALESTINE: - Shalish-Salah 303 No. 18.

J1180. Cover means of avoiding legal punishment.

J1181. Execution evaded by using three wishes. Type: 927A, 927C, 20304D.

J1182. Execution evaded by having three wishes granted: [condemned person frees himself]. Type: 20304D.


J1183. Execution escaped by invoking laws of hospitality.

J1183.1. Prisoner has drunk water furnished by king and thus becomes king's guest. Spared. (Cf. P321). Ø Chawi VI 72 No. 28.

J1183.28. Half the punishment for an unfinished sin (crime). Type: 1804D.

J1184. No second punishment for same offense.

J1185. Execution escaped by story telling. Ø NLP: EGYPT: - AUC 36A No. 13; MEY, AFGHANISTAN: - Shalish 525 No. 79.


J1190. Cleverness in the law-court–miscellaneous. Type: 926D.
J.1191, Reduction ad absurdum of judgment. Type: 875E, D Qauria VI 63 No. 201.

J.1191.1, Reduction ad absurdum: the decision about the calf. Type: 875E, D Weszelski Hodocha II 212 No. 434.

J.1191.2, Suit for chickens produced from boiled eggs. Type: 821B.

J.1191.3, The funeral for the illegitimate husband. A king awards a young woman to a gardener, who is already married. The young woman performs a funeral ceremony for him. The king is pleased with the jest and takes her into the harem. D Qauria V 245 No. 146.

J.1191.7, Rice pot on pole, fire far away. (Col. J.1181.12.14:1) Type: 1262.


J.1192.1, Judge awards decision to the greater tribe. Type: 186A1.

J.1192.2, Error was in the honey (not in dishonest judge's verdict). [Jar of dirt with honey only on top as substitute]. D Weszelski Hodocha I 232 No. 176.

J.1193, Clever interpretation of judge's statement. Type: 1586A.

J.1193.1, Killing the fly on the judge's nose. Type: 1586A, D Weszelski Hodocha I 271 No. 290.


J.1197, Judge finds offense is not great when it is his own son who is guilty. Type: 1678B.

J.1197.14, Judge finds defamation of goods (house) by dog's urine is not great (serious) offense when informed that it is his own property. (Col. CS37.5B). Type: cf. 1678B, D NIF, EGYPT: A.R.ibli 68; d-Shamsi Egg 203.

J.1210-J.1229, Clever man puts another out of countenance.

J.1211, Putting out of countenance by telling evil stories. (Col. K.1200).


J.1211.2.1, Drunken officer's stolen mantle. [Brief describes with shameful additions: owner denies ownership]. Type: 1750C9, cf. 1540A8, D Weszelski Hodocha I 239 No. 120.

J.1212, Thief exposes owner's unjust claim.


J.1217.2, Simple holy man puts philosopher out of countenance when he says to him that wisdom came before learning. (Col. J.253B).

J.1218, Thirty years old for twelve years.

J.1218.18, Man claims same age for many years: 'A man's keeps (does not take back, change) his word'. D NIF, EGYPT: Shalitin 266.

J.1230-J.1249, Clever dividing.

J.1241, Clever dividing who divides the divider.

J.1241.0.18, Dividing even-wise, and odd-wise. Type: 1533B9, D NIF, EGYPT: d-Shamsi 'Egypt' (1971) No. 78.

J.1241.1, Dividing two sheep and a ram: trickster to divide with two friends. Type: 1533B9, D Weszelski Hodocha I 181 No. 339.

J.1241.12, Dividing four coins among three persons. [Third to wait till more are found]. D BASSETT Mile 1 512 No. 203, Weszelski Hodocha II 181 No. 339.

J.1242, Dividing by scripture quoting. Type: 1533A, D PEN, YEMEN: Round Jotad 69-70 No. 3.

J.1242.1, Hog's head divided according to scripture. (Col. J.1600B: Type: 1533A.

J.1249.1, Dividing five eggs equally between two men and one woman. Three to the woman and one each to the men. Men already have two (testicles). Type: 1665, cf. 1533B9, D SIM, PALESTINE: cf. Schott-Kahle 155 No. 114.
J1342. Prayer over the underdone hen. [Fire seems to have had no effect on tough old chicken: "Must be a saltn [goodees"]]. ᵁ BASSET MILE I 504 No. 196, cp 456 No. 155, Weseneks Hedheka II 193 No. 378, NLP: EGYPT: Basing 256.

J1343. The liking of food and drink. ᵁ BASSET MILE I 181 No. 193; NLP: EGYPT: Green Modern 1 26-9 No. 6, Spitta Guemaarc 469-72.

J1343.10. Compulsion to eat [drink]. (Cl. F0422, H019.2-3; 344). ᵁ BASSET MILE I 1543 No. 229.

J1343.1. The best music. [Sound of spoons, plates]. (Cl. U030.1.18). ᵁ Weseneks Hedheka I 144 No. 139.

J1342. Before, during and after a meal. [Wine (delicacy) to be served].

J1344. Unwelcome guests tell about the hidden food.

J1344.1. Long story told in one sentence (shortened) at upper-table. (Cl. J1564.1, K334.2.18, K334.3; 344). Type: 156a, 156c; ᵁ MPS; IRAQ: al-Bizant 392.3 No. 296; NLP: EGYPT: ᵁ Shamy; Folklore Beha 207-6.


J1346. Gluttonous guest is on his way to see stomach-doctor. [Host: "When eared don't come this way"]. (Cl. J1568). ᵁ BASSET MILE I 251 No. 3; ᵁ MPS; IRAQ: al-Bizant 369-10 No. 281; NLP: EGYPT: ᵁ Shamy; Littmann Agamen pt. 116 No. 35.

J1348. Glutton willing to risk his life for a delicacy (food). ᵁ BASSET MILE I 269 No. 17.

J1350. Rude retorts. (Cl. M412.43).

J1351. Women call each other prostitutes. (Cl. Z67.1).

J1351.2. The envious accuser. [One woman accuses another of prostitution: only because she would be unwanted as whores]. (Cl. Z970, J1358, W1994).

J1352. Person calls another a dog.

J1352.1. The burden of two asses: [food carrying coats of king and his son]. ᵁ Weseneks Hedheka II 239 No. 527.

J1352.4. "Good morning, father (mother) of asses!" "Good morning, son!" ᵁ NLP: EGYPT: ᵁ MPS p. 1.2 No. 5; cp Shalai 314.

J1352.4. Heckler tells ass thinks he is his son.

J1353. Whom it concerns: [goose being carried to house]. ᵁ Weseneks Hedheka II 231 No. 497.


J1358. No thanks to the messenger. [Father beholding to God, not to bearer of tidings about newborn son]. ᵁ Weseneks Hedheka I 122 No. 59.

J1358. The envious accuser—general. (Cl. Z670, J1351.2).

J1360.1. Tailless moose accuser mouse tail with of it for stealing: latter retorts: "Only because you are tailless!" (Cl. K331.4; ᵁ SIM, PALESTINE: Stephan Tablet 178 No. 7; NLP: EGYPT: Shalai 438.

J1360.2. Rude retorts-miscellaneous.

J1360.4. Man prays for money, but smugly: "No need to show, just say, No!" Type: 1719.

J1360.7. Shortest conversation: no invitation (anticipatory rejection). Unwelcome guest groets man who is about to eat, but he replies, "No!" He explains the exchange would have eventually led to whether guest may get some food, and that the answer would be: "No!" Type: 1704A.

J1360.8. Anticipatory insult: ["If I were to loan you my donkey, you will essentially insult him and his owner"]. (Cl. J1552.1); Type: 1674.

J1370. Cynical retorts concerning honesty.

J1371. The account book of mistakes. [Enlarging a large sum of money to servant is a mistake; his returning it would be another]. ᵁ Chasen II 135 No. 20.

J1380. Retorts concerning debts. ᵁ SIM, LEBANON: al-Kadi Alhadeh 139-41.

J1381. Where you get it last year. [Borrower did not return item: hence, it cannot be lent]. (Cl. J1552, J1555.66; ᵁ SIM, SYRIA: Kh. Britten future 96-No. 49.
J1382.1. The one to blow the whistle. [Only those who pay for requested goods shall receive them]. Ø Wesencki Hodoba 1 246 No. 140.

J1385.4. 'Debt is grief by night, humiliation by day.' Ø BASSETT Mile II 486 No. 184, W. al-Maydaki 115; SMM, LEBANON: -al-Rād 107 130-41; NLF, EGYPT: -al-Shamy Egyr 82, Hu-S: Mittyya 69-3 84, 2b, Sayalaim 126-7 No. III A-6.

J1385.10. Neither borrow nor lend. Ø SIM, LEBANON: -al-Rād only 47.

J1385.1.1. 'Borrowing is corruptive, repayment is a loss.' Ø SIM, LEBANON: -al-Rād only 47.


J1385.2.1. What you own, even if defective, should spare you from the need to borrow. Ø SIM, LEBANON: -al-Rād only 47.

J1385.2.2. Creditor reminds debtor often of his indebtedness: debtor cuts off own hand for having received the loan. (Cf. W. 164,3). Ø CHAUVIN VII 127 No. 9050; SIM, JORDAN: -l-Ja'iz 135 149-59; PALESTINE: -Haesser 32-3; SVHLA: Table III 17-51.

J1386. Squaring accounts with the nagging mother over her nine months of pregnancy. Nakatulun will do the same for her. (Cf. P236,7; P240,3.1). Ø NLF, EGYPT: Shalunnia 319.

J1390. Returns concerning thefts.

J1391. Thief makes a lame excuse. Ø SIM, LEBANON: -al-Rād only 47.


J1391.2.2. The ladder market. [Thief's excuse: selling ladders]. Ø Wesencki Hodoba 1 246 No. 18, cf. BASSETT Mile II 457 No. 156.

J1391.4. How he would act if he were a hawk. [Hawk steals meat from trickster, trickster steals meat from a man]. Ø Wesencki Hodoba I 214 No. 41.

J1391.98. Thief caught: claims to be an angel. (Cf. K31,2, K45,4.29). Ø BASSETT Mile 1 160 No. 70.

J1392. Owner assists thief. Type: 1321C.

J1392.2. Thief followed home. [Owner of stolen goods thought he was being moved to new home]. Ø BASSETT Mile I 160 No. 159, Wesencki Hodoba I 212 No. 32.

J1392.2.2. Robbers commiserated. Type: 1341C.

J1393. The double fool: [A simple fool would steal meat (corn) from others and fill his sack, but a double fool would fill the sacks of others from his own]. Ø Wesencki Hodoba II 180 No. 342; NLF, EGYPT: Eldz pr. 2a. 13 No. 8; M0H, MOROCCO: Shalunnia 1 342.

J1394. Thieves' nocturnal habits.


J1397. The cost price recovered. [Stolen item to be sold is stolen: seller gets nothing]. Ø Wesencki Hodoba I 246 No. 492.

J1400. Reparations concerning false reform.

J1401.1. The [thieving] tailor's dream. [He dreams, at Judgment Day, of a flag made of the pieces of cloth he stole and decides to become honest; but the patch he is about to sew does not fit into the flag]. (Cf. W.1999). Type: 1754. Ø Wesencki Hodoba I 246 No. 190.

J1410. Reparations concerning fitness. (Cf. X151).

J1413.8. They asked, "O fat-woman, what do you do?" She replied, "I straighten the 'eleen'." Ø SIM, LEBANON: -al-Rād only 47.

J1420. Animals retort concerning their dangers. Ø PEN, SOMALIA: Shalunnia 33.

J1421. Peace among the animals. (Peace fables). [.] Dogs have not heard of the new law. (Cf. A590,1, A1109, K45,1,1). Type: 62. Ø CHAMIS II 202 No. 51, V 241 No. 141.

J1422. Good bath. [Mouse's bath would have been good had he not seen cat]. Ø CHAMIS III 35 No. 11.

J1423. [No roast falcon. [Rooster's retort to falcon who accuses him of cowardice for fleeing master]. Ø CHAMIS I 117 No. 56.
Clever practical retorts.


Make-believe eating, make-believe working. Type: 1560.

Eating cure becomes epidemic. [Feigned illness so as to eat is imitated.] Type: 1372a.

Porter's revenge for the three wise but worthless counselors. [Porter drops Load, "Does believe load is not broken"]. Type: 912B. (D. Basile Mafal 291 No. 17). (D. Chavitian VIII 139 No. 136. Wemelski Hedwica I 100 No. 211.

No clothes needed for Day of Judgment. [Host burns up guests' clothes in retaliation for tricking him into killing lamb and giving feast because end of world is coming.] (D. Wemelski, Hedwica I 121 No. 31. (M. J.R.): Morocco. - Cf. Shaker 244-51 (ahawa). ALOIERS: Cf. Delahere 324-5.


Healed [treated?] with his own medicine. (Cf. K633.18, K2069.1.18. 891.

You lead and I will follow: hard command is thus evaded.

Rogues exchange objects and cheat each other. Type: 1525N. (D. SFM, PALESTINE: - Schmitkohl 46-9 No. 25.


Gifts exchanged. (Cf. Z47).


Swindler's plan failed.

The shoes carried into the tree [minarets]. [ Thief's plot to steal shoes failed: shoes may be needed to walk home on air, from there.] (D. Wemelski Hedwica I 233 No. 96.

Catching by [one's own] words. Type: 1522B.

Rebuke to the sages.


Slave wishes master would free the rooster, not himself. (D. N.Y.P.): Egypt. - Littman, Appendix II 111 No. 47.


Dream answered with a dream. (Cf. J1581:11.

One absurdity rebukes another.


Wife outwits her husband.

Will work when beaten. [Abused wife reports to king, as revenge on her husband.] (Cf. H914.13). (D. Chauvin II 208 No. 62.

Four men's mistress. [Same husband but in varying roles (servant, knight, fool, priest).] Type: 1410.


What does the more work. Wife shows that she does [ ]. (Cf. 922D8. Of 923B.


Husband tells wife in indecent posture to "lock up shop." She retorts that he has the keys. (Cf. Z186-8).

Neglected bride feigns sickness; is cured by husband's fulfillment of marital duty. (Cf. T93-b).


Ugly husband asks his beautiful wife whether they will be in Paradise or in Hell. Both in Paradise; she for her endurance (suffering, patience), and he for being thankful to God. (Cf. F53. Q56. Q72. T211.14. T256: Type: 756H:1 (D. Chavitian V 174 No. 96.


Imaginary debt and payment.

Imagined intercourse, imagined payment. [Intercourse in dream, money shown in mirror. Type: cf. 1804. (D. Chavitian VIII 158 No. 163.

Imagined penance for imagined sin. Type: cf. 1804.

Singer [upset?] repaid with promise of reward: words for words. (Cf. K231).182

The hare at third remove. [Distant relatives of gift-giver as guests, served clear water—a distant relative of bare soup.] Type: 15572. (D. Wemelski Hedwica I 234 No. 97.


The ass consulted about the loan: "Says he is unwilling to be lent out." (Cf. J369.8). (D. Wemelski Hedwica I 222 No. 60. (D. N.Y.P.): Egypt. - Shalita 375.

The ass is not at home. [Ass brays; owner: "Will you believe an ass and not a greybeard like me?"]. (Cf. L901): Type: 1534E. (D. Wemelski Hedwica I 224 No. 60.


Miscellaneous retorts concerning borrowing and lending.

Practical retorts: hosts and guests.

Welcome to the clothes. (Cf. U87178). Type: 1558. (D. Wemelski Hedwica I 222 No. 55.

The greedy host.

Turning the plate around [so as to get the good food]: "See how things turn about in the world." Type: 1568.

Treatment of difficult guests. (Cf. BASSET 648 140 No. 72.

The guest who could not keep warm. [Guest covered with heavy objects (ladder, etc.): almost stiffed, cries out for help]. (D. Wemelski Hedwica I 299 No. 200.


Limits do not get rid of unwelcome guests: force must be used.

Taker keeps person from eating.


Inappropriate entertainment replied.

Fox and crane invite each other. Type: 60.

J1580. Practical retorts connected with almsgiving.
J1581. Stingy almsgiving repaid.

J1609. Practical retorts—miscellaneous.
J1609.1. How much the ass cost. [Cost of newly acquired item (ass, slippers, etc.) announced publicly]. Type: 1551a.
J1609.5. Eyes treated for the stomach ache. [So as to be able to tell (see) good bread from bad]. (Cf. X3721.3). $O$ Chas. II 124 No. 121.
J1605. One wrong and five hundred good deeds. [Man steals a large sum of money, keeps half and distributes the rest among five hundred persons]. (Cf. V416). $O$ Chas. II 288 No. 76.
J1607. The testament of the dog. Type: 1847.
J1607.18. Dog as saint: "We buried him (it) together!" Two impostors pretend that entombed dog is a saint. Later, one cheats and swears his innocence by the saint; the other retorts, (Cf. K1000, K1961.1, X002). Type: 1842D. $O$ NF, EGYPT: et. Lane 166-7 n. 1.
J1608. A cat's charter in his hoof. Type: 47E.
J1611.1. The stolen moust and the weighed cat. Type: 1733. $O$ Wosowski Hododa I 232 No. 87, II 188 No. 348.
J1612. The lazy ass repaid in kind. [Loads of salt, then of sponge]. Type: 211.

J1655.3. Coins concealed in jar of oil (pickles [olives]). (Cf. J1176.3). Type: 92d6).
J1661.1. Deduction from observation. Type: 655, 655A.
J1661.1.1. Deduction: the one-eyed camel. Type: 655A. $O$ NF, EGYPT- el-Shamy Egypt 120 266 No. 36.
J1661.1.2. Deduction: the king is a bastard. (Cf. W2521). Type: 655. $O$ NF, EGYPT- el-Shamy Egypt 120 266 No. 16.
J1661.1.2. Deduction: bread made by a sick woman. It falls apart; therefore it was kneaded by a weak person. (Cf. V223.2.11). Type: 655. $O$ Chas. VII 159 No. 438.
J1661.1.4. Deduction: mare has she-buffalo as mother. Told by shape of hoofs. $O$ Chas. VII 172 No. 439.
J1661.1.5.1. Deduction: animal has been brought up on dog's milk. (Cf. F497.5.1). Type: 655. $O$ NF, EGYPT- el-Shamy Egypt 120 266 No. 16.
J1661.1.9. Banker able to recognize honest merchant by a single hair of his mustache.
J1661.1.28. Color of bones reveals social (ethnic) and circumstances of effective effects of burial customs and the elements. Type: cf. 92d6K, $O$ SIM, PALESTINE—Hassan 140-141. $O$ NF, EGYPT- AUC: 28 No. 1, el-Shamy Egypt 149-150 275 No. 25.
J1661.2. Clever deductions by eating, smelling, drinking, etc. $O$ Basset Mile I 408 No. 117. II 13 No. 5; SIM, SYRIA: et. Atawd 129-31.
J1662. The cat's only trick. [Saves her self by climbing up tree; but fox is captured]. (Cf. J251.1). Type: 105. $O$ Chas. III 34 No. 10.
J1671.1. Clever ways of attracting the king's attention. Type: 1534X6, cf. 981.
J1675.1.1. King's attention attracted by fighting his attention. Type: 1534X6, cf. 981.

J1675.2. Clever ways of breaking bad news to a king, who will kill bearer of bad news. (Cf. J1854).
J1675.3.1. Tidings brought to the king: you said it, not I. Type: 925.
J1675.4.1. Painting the one-eyed, one-legged prance aiming arrow, with one eye closed, kneeling on one knee. Type: 921P. $O$ MS, IRAQ: Basra 96; SIM, PALESTINE—Spore-Haddad 146-7.
J1681. Cleverness in dealing with the enemy.

J1700-17279. Folks and other unlikely persons.

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J1701.26. "That is the only (trivial) reason as to why my husband divorced me!" Seven (three) women tell their stories. Type: 1384A.


J1703. Town (country) of folks. $O$ Basset Mile I 451 No. 151, 427 No. 134, 353 No. 221; MGH, TUNISIA—Honi-Pasimi 122.3 No. 57.


J1705. Stupid classes. (Cf. W256A).

J1706. Stupid peasants.


J1706. Stupid animals.


J1710-17129. Association with folks.


J1730-17479. Absurd ignorance.

J1731. The city person ignorant of the farm. Type: 1358, 1383A.


J1732.1.1. Countryman unacquainted with sausage: orders it in the likeness of his organ. Type: 1394A.

J1732.3.18. Countryman unacquainted with tea: wants leaves served like steamed rice. Type: 1393C.

J1732.3.1.18. Countryman unacquainted with soap: thinks it is cheese (honey). $O$ MGH, MOROCCO—Dorst Chalyb 46 (144) No. 25, Sunna 179 No. 24-25.


J1734. Layman's ignorance of medicine.

J1735. Fool cannot tell his right hand in the dark.
J1759.1. How to tell the right hand in the dark. [Numskull places candle at right side of bed]. Q Wesencki Hodocho 1 236 No. 104, N.Y., EGYPT, AUC: 314 No. in.

J1756. Foils and the unknown animal. (CL: J2642.1)!

J1737. Foolish lover ignorant of missy's flaws. (CL: J2583.)

J1738. Ignorance of religious matters.

J1742. The countryman in the great world [[city]]. (CL: J141.3, Type: 1337, Q: MOQ-IRAQ: Salim Baghadel 52 No. 32, [Moscow], N.Y., EGYPT: AUC: 7 No. 4, 42 No. 15, cit. 380 No. 1, Weisser 9 No. 1, Shalish 428 cit. 412.9, MGH, LIBYA-Perist 91-105 (J. Johns 490 No. 56).


J1742.6.2.3. Racial (or ethnic) trait misunderstood.

J1743. Ignorance of dates.

J1744. Ignorance of marriage relations. (CL: T166.2).


J1745.3.1. Sexual intercourse and combat: conditioning the naive bride. Groom teaches the bride to fetch and tend war-gear (sword, spear, gun, etc.) whenever asked for interference. (CL: T300). Type: 901C/1646A.

J1746. Absurd ignorance of reading. Type: 1331A*, 1331E*.

J1746. Absurd ignorance of use of spectacles. Type: 1331A*, 1331P*.

J1748.3. Illiterate thinks spectacles alone will make him able to read. Type: 1331A*.

J1749.2. Fool thinks that "kovsadi" is title of honor. (CL: W177, Type: 1317.


**J1750-J1849. ABSURD MISUNDERSTANDINGS.**

**J1750-J1800. ONE THING MISCONCEIVED FOR ANOTHER.**

**J1756. Animal or person mistaken for something else.**

J1761. Animal thought to be object.


J1761.2. Glansom (butterfly) thought to be a fire. The bird who tries to keep the monkeys from this error is killed for her pains. (CL: J1064.1), Q: Chauvin 100 No. 32.

J1761.1. Blind men and elephant. Four blind, men feel an elephant's leg, tail, ear, and body respectively, and conclude it is like a log, a rope, a fan, and something without beginning or end. [Differing perception by each]. Type: 1317.


J1763. Person thought to be an object. Type: 1319P*.

J1763.4. Black man wearing green turban is thought to be an eggplant. Type: 1319P*, qf. MOP, IRAQ-Hasibullah Yahya Tahsin 1790 No. 1, Fadj M, Ahmad-Aliy Jawad III 103-6.

J1766. One person mistaken for another.
J1810, Physical phenomenon misundertood.
J1811, Animal cries misunderstood.
J1811A, Owl's hoot interpreted. (Cf. B1472.2.4.A) Type: 908A.A.
J1811B, Owl's hoot misunderstood by lost simplex. Type: 1643.
J1811C, Frog's cry misunderstood. Type: 1643.
J1811D, Rooster's crowing interpreted.
J1813, Cooking processes misunderstood. Type: 402, 1221B, 1339E.
J1813A, Boiling milk thought to be overflowing. Type: 1328D.
J1813B, Attempting to cook without fire (fuel). Type: 1117, 1194B.
J1813C, Cooking (warning) with star light. (Cf. J11917, J1945.) Type: 1221B, cf. 1512D.
J1813D, Cooking with sun's heat: food spoils. Type: 1221B, cf. 1512D.
J1814, Numskull stays till he has finished. [While urinating, food mistakes sound of water flowing near by (brook, leafy fauces) for his own]. Type: 1293, Ø Weselshiki Hodocha h 210 No. 23.
J1814A, Numskull stops before he is finished (urinating): afraid he might be pulled down by it. Type: 1293D.
J1820, Inappropriate action from misunderstanding. (Cf. K1547E) Type: 101C.B/1646A.A, 1742B.
J1821, Swimming (fishing) in the fast-field. Type: 1290.
J1823, Misunderstanding of church customs or ceremonies causes inappropriate action.
J1833A, Boy strikes a fly on his sister's breast: it turns into nipple and girl thinks it due to brother's curse. (Cf. P255.10, T405.34).
J1833B, One man strikes at partridge which has lighted on second man's head. Type: 1586A.
J1835, Goat chewing cud angers fool, who thinks goat is mimicking him. Type: 1211.
J1847D, He who does not know would say, [For little] lentil? (Fenugreek, etc.): reason for farmer's chaseing a man (actually wife's paramour, with lettuce plant in hand) misunderstood. Type: 1743, Ø MIP, IRAQ: Meherer 3 No. 1.
J1848, Acts intended to be kind (humorous) produce opposite result. Type: 1394.
J1848D, Wife tries to please husband, but he is angered. Ø SIM, PALESTINE: Schmiel-Kaleh 56-9 No. 26.
J1848E, Old person acts too youthful (childish): rebuked. Type: 1394.
J1849, Numskull strikes all matches in order to try them. (Cf. J2245) Type: 1260B.

J1850-J1899, Absurd DISREGARD OF FACTS.

J1850, Gift or sale to animal (or object).
J1851, Numskull throws money to frogs to repay them. They have frightened his fleeing ass from the water. Type: 1645, Ø Weselshiki Hodocha h 226 No. 1.
J1852, Goods sold to animals. Type: 1642, Ø Chosen VI 923 No. 209; MAEH, AGERIA: Federalist Kahun: Atlanta I 2403 No. 42.
J1852A, Numskull sells cow to bird. [When he comes for his money treasure is found]. Type: 1643.
J1853, Goods sold to object. Type: 1643.
J1853A, Fool sells goods to a statue. Type: 1643, Ø Chosen VI 126 No. 290; Weselshiki Hodocha H 211 No. 436.
J1853A, Money from the broken statue. [Payment for goods sold]. Type: 1643, Ø Chosen VIII 94 No. 65; Weselshiki Hodocha H 211 No. 436.
J1853A, Goods sold to bird (animal). Type: 1643.

J1860, Animal or object absurdly punished. Ø BASKET MILL 1 390 No. 109.

J1861, Thief punishes the escaped ox. [He claims ox knows what it has done]. Ø Weselshiki Hodocha h 230 No. 26.
J1862, The ass deprived of his saddle. [In retaliation for loss of owner's cow]. Ø Weselshiki Hodocha H 230 No. 108.
J1862A, Horse punished for losing race. Ø NLF, Ø EYPT: Shalâh 446.
J1863, Cow punished for calf's misdeeds. Blamed for not teaching calf better. Ø Weselshiki Hodocha h 226 No. 108.
J1864, Man avenges self on animal by wholesale slaughter [mass-killing]. (Cf. J2214.15.18, W255.) Ø NLF, Ø EYPT: Saye Folk-Law XXXIII 184-7 No. 13, Zi 44.
J1865, Man punishes offending part of his body. (Cf. F1043, Q305F).

J1870, Absurd sympathy for animals or objects. (Cf. F650B) Type: 2021.
J1871, Filling cracks in ground with butter. [Done as an act of sympathy]. Type: 1231B4, 1291B, 1384A7, Ø Weselshiki Hodocha h 250 No. 165; SIM, PALESTINE: Shalâh-Kanaana 224-7 No. 27.
J1872, Animal or object kept warm.
J1873, Warning the stove with wool. Type: 1271A.
J1874, Relieving the beast of burden. Type: 1242A, 1242B, cf. 1215, 1696A.
J1874A, Rider takes meal-sack on his shoulder to relieve the ass of his burden. Type: 1242A, Ø Weselshiki Hodocha H 259 No. 406; MAEH, MOROCCO- Denying Carabas 14-7 (138) No. 9.
J1874B, Man puts bag of meal on one side of saddle, balances it on the other side with a rock. Type: 1242B; Ø SIM, PALESTINE: Askar 56-5; NLF, Ø EYPT: CFCM: Awân 70-12A 1-2.
J1875, Objects ascribed human feelings.

J1880, Animals or objects treated as if human-misantermiculous.
J1881, Object sent to go by itself. Type: 1291D, Ø Weselshiki Hodocha H 272 No. 281.
J1881A, One chicken (câke) sent after another. Type: 1291.
J1881B, Three-legged pot sent to walk home. Type: 1291A.
J1882, Animal sent to go by itself. Type: 1291B, Ø PEN, YEMEN: Nof-Apol 309 No. 118.
J1882, Ass loaded and commanded to go home. (Cf. J1403.2) Type: 1291B.
J1882A, Foolish attempts to educate animals.
J1882B, Teaching chickens to talk. Fool believes they can be taught. (Cf. K1271.1, 3, 13) Type: 1750.
J1882B, Ass as master, Fool made to believe that his ass (on) has been educated and has become master. Type: 1675, Ø Weselshiki Hodocha H 224 No. 63; MIP, IRAQ: Sowt *Motlim und Mitte* 1814 No. 2.
J1890, Stones thought to reproduce.
J1897, Telling the sex of object (automobile, bus, train). (Cf. J1280, Ø NLF, Ø EYPT: Shalâh 351.
J1900, Absurd disregard or ignorance of animal's nature or habits. (Cf. J2210).
J1901, Numskull feeds humans hot water so they will lay boiled eggs.
J1901, Numskull sits on eggs to finish the hatching. Type: 1218, Ø Weselshiki Hodocha H 212 No. 455.
J1902, Numskull puts the milk back into the animal. Ø Weselshiki Hodocha H 247 No. 580.
J1905, Absurd ignorance about milking animals.
J1905, Cows try to milk male ass [ox].
J1906, Absurd ignorance about slaughtering of animals.
J1906B, Bullock struck on the hind quarter instead of head in attempt to kill it. (Cf. K778.3.18).
J1908. Absurd attempt to change animal's nature. Type: 165C$. 217. O NLP, EGYPT. Amis 300.
J1908.1. The cat and the candle. [Cat drops lighted candle to chase mouse.] Type: 217, 1920A.
O NLP, EGYPT. Amis 300.
J1908.2. Cat transformed to maiden runs after mouse.
J1908.4,18. Wolf to be raised as dog. (Cf. U125.2). Type: 165C$. O BASKET MILE II 304 No. 59.
J1909.3. Numskull tries to shake birds from tree like fruit. O Wesselski Hodocha II 238 No. 52b.
J1909.6. Numskull tries to wash black hen [chepre] white. Type: 1312* O Wesselski Hodocha I 246
No. 142.

J1911.1. Numskull does not understand about baby's skull. Sticks needle through it. O Wesselski
Hodocha II 213 No. 445.
J1912. Stiffish mother does not understand how babies cry.
J1912.8. Wringing an animal (cat, dog) dry. It dies. O NLP, EGYPT. AUC 41 No. 12. El-Shamy Egypt
233 No. 76.
J1913.8. Woman gives birth while devocating: thinks baby is her face. Type: 1218A. O CT.
BASKET MILE II 307 No. 42.
Type: 924, 1965A.
J1913.18. Exposure of teeth from pain (anger, death) thought to be a smile. O SIM, PALESTINE:
at Saha 186-3.
J1919.1. The remodeled stork. [Parts cut off so as to make it look like a real bird.] O Wesselski
Hodocha I 213 No. 37.
J1919.1.8. Remodeled stork: two foals to be made into an adult animal (or vice versa). (Cf. J2212.1).
Type: 1592C.
J1919.5. Genitals cut off through ignorance.
J1919.5.1. Ignorant bride castrates groom when jokingly told to do so. Type: 901B.
J1919.6. Simpleton's ignorance of anatomy leads him to share his wife with a priest. Type: 1424A.
O NLP, EGYPT. El-Shamy "Folkslore Behavior" 246-1.
J1919.6.18. Simpleton (fool) advises his mother not to eat a certain aphrodisiac food (garb)[gaj-waterless] because it causes penis-erection. (Cf. C2895, F9518). O NLP, EGYPT:
Shallou 295.
J1919.8. The man without a member. Foolish wife gives her husband money to buy himself one.
J1919.8.1.8. Simpleton led to believe that girl (man masking as woman) has a penis. (Cf. K1315.6.78).
Type: 1542V, 1545, 864E5, 902C*. O PEN, NAIDA: al-Jahyami II 323-
32. NLP, SUDAN: Kronenberg Nubia 227-30 No. 41.
J1920. Absurd searches for the lost. O NLP, EGYPT: El-Shamy Egypt 244 No. 3.
J1922.1. Marking the place on the boat. Type: 1278.
J1922.2. Marking the place under the cloud. Type: 1278.
J1930. Absurd disregard of natural laws.
J1931. Money tested by throwing it into a stream to see if it will swim. Type: 842C*.
J1932. Absurd practices connected with crops.
J1932.4. Planting a hog [chepre] in order to grow pigs [chepre]. Type: 1004A4. O Wesselski Hodocha
II 209 No. 234.
J1932.4.1. Planting animal's tail in order to produce young animals. Type: 1200.
J1934. A hole to throw the earth in. Type: 1255. Wesselski Hodocha II 227 No. 490.
J1937. Absurd ideas about the dead. (Cf. J2212.2).
J1937.8. Burial of dead poor man to wait till next year when money for shrudals may be available.
NLP, EGYPT: Shallou 188 442.
J1941. How far his voice will reach. [Numskull tries to find out]. (Cf. H1023.12). Wesselski
Hodocha II 199 No. 379. NLP, EGYPT: Shallou 388, AUC 19 No. 9.
Tigf 347 No. 25.
J1955. Demand that murderer restore life to victim. NLP, EGYPT: Zb 56.
J1960. Other absurd disregard of facts.
J1973. Tree pulled down in order to give it water to drink. Type: 1241.
J1974. Fool tries to purify cotton by burning it (as goldsmith does with gold). Type: 1231B,
1384A.
J1974.8. Fool tries to fluff up pillow by filling it with animal fat. Type: 1231B, 1384A.
J1975.8. Absurd ignorance of nature of cloth (textile). Type: 12258, 1225A.
J1975.8. Washing color out of fine color-cloth cloth destroyed. Type: 1233A.
J1978. Absurd disregard of facts in making a bargain. (Cf. J2093.7.18, J2212.2). Type: 1384A.
1385A. MSP, IRAQ: La-adi-al-Mamlah II. al-Muhasib Tabb X:1 169 No. 4; NLP, EGYPT:
Shallou 362.
J1990. Absurd claims are to be dismissed by empirical evidence.
J1990.1.8. Claim that camel climbed up palm-tree: "Here are the camel and the palm-tree (show
us)." NLP, EGYPT: Tadmor Nos. 236, 289.
J1990.3.8. Claim that a certain person can fly off minaret (tower): "Here is the man, and
here is the minaret." (Cf. J2349.11.8).
J1991.8. Demand that camel play the pipe. Camel explains why he cannot perform the task: he
either the lips not the fingers for the task.
J1992. Crown's plans proportionate to size of his shadow: elongated in morning (hunts
61-3.

J2010. Person does not know himself. Type: 1284.
294.
J2012.5. Man does not know himself from another identically clad. Wesselski Hodocha I 214 No.
43.
J2013. Man made to believe that he is someone else. Chaub VI 96 No. 67.
J2020. Inability to find own members, etc.
J2021. Numskulls cannot find their own legs. Type: 1531A. MSP, IRAQ: Socio "Mount and
Mirth" 14:9, e. 3.
J2022. Numskull cannot find as he is sitting on. Type: 1288A.
J2023. Numskull's cannot recognize his own horse. [Must be the one not taken by others].
Wesselski Hodocha I 274 No. 100.
J2130. Foolish disregard of personal danger. Type: 1225*.
J2133.3. Dope persuaded to cut off parts of his body.
J2132. Numskull drugged.
J2133. Numskull falls.
J2133.1. Cancel with ass on his back division. Falls and is killed. O Charon III 49 No. 1.
J2133.4. Numskull cuts off tree limbs on which he sits. Type: 1240. O Charon II 261 No. 47. Wenski
Istochka 1216 No. 49.
J2133.5. Men hang down in a chain until top man spits on his hands. They all fall. Type: 1250. O
Wenski Istochka 2 242 No. 124. MSP. IRAQ: Sajid "Musul mun Mardin" 16-7 No. 4.
J2133.5.1. Wife carried up tree to sky in bag in husband's teeth. She asks questions and he drops her when he answers. (Cf. F69.1).
J2133.6. Wolves climb on top of one another to tree: lowest runs away and all fall. (Cf. B221. X1933.5). Type: 121. 1627. O NLY. EGYPT: El-Shamy Egypt 102 No. 46 (Tom).
J2133.9. Blind leading blind falls into pit. O Charon II 157 No. 34.
J2135. Numskull staves himself.
J2135.1. Fasting the first month. [Food foolishly saved for much later time].
J2135.2. Hungry fox enters vineyard (through a hole in its fence and overeating; he must
starve himself so as to be able to squeeze out. (Cf. K1052.1). Type: 41*.
J2136.5. Foolish thief caught.
J2136.5.4. Numskull as thief's assistant wakens owner. Type: 1692.
J2137.1. The house invites the flea. The flea bites the man and jumps away. [House killed]. Type:
2602*, cf. 276**, O Charon II 89 No. 37.
J2137.6. Cane and ass together captured because of ass's singing. Type: 214A, O Charon III 49 No.
1; SIM: JORDAN: Gh. al-Ham 301-2 No. 58; PÄALESTINE: Steph-en "Fabius" 177-8 No. 6.
J2143. Foolish interference in quarrel of the strong fatal to the weak.
J2146. Other short-sighted acts.
J2161. Short-sightlessness in dressing.
J2171.1. Man on camel has doorway broken down so that he can ride in. (Cf. J2199.3); Type:
1295B*.
J2173.1. The shepherd who cried "Wolf!" too often. (Cf. J2199.1.3.4); Type: 1333.
J2175. Short-sightlessness in dealing with children.
J2175.1. Antidoteary whipping. [Schoolmaster punishes pupils before they make mistakes]. (Cf. P426.03, X555); Type: 1674*, O Wenski Istochka I 231 No. 44.
J2183. Disastrous hesitation.
J2192. The messenger without the message. [Fool does not wait for message]. O PEN, QATAR:
al-Dawark 1356.
J2198. Bewailing a calamity that has not occurred.
J2199.1. Alarm sounded foolishly. Type: 1333A*.
J2199.1.2. The boy (man) who cried, "I am drowning!" too often. (Cf. J2172.1); Type: 1333A*
J2199.2. Nine men try to lift bull over the fence. One gets the idea of taking it through the gate.
Type: 1295B*.
J2199.4. Short-sighted economy.
J2199.4.1. Numskull is glad to hurt his feet instead of his shoes. (Cf. W1522.1); O MSP: IRAQ:
Qura 'ayn 47-8 No. D; MGH: MOROCCO: Leonore Mans 65-9 No. 44.
J2199.4.3. She got what is in the pocket, that is in the unknown will come to you. Type:
J2199.4.4. Selling water at water-carriers' lane. (Cf. US4).
J2199.4.5. Little (valueless) saved, much (valuable) wasted. O MGH: ALGERIA: Muslibares-Lanoce
347 No. 52.
J2199.4.5.1. "Penny wise, pound foolish.
J2199.4.5.2. "An unskilled ("at-like") spice-vender would waste the mast but spare the
[wrapping] paper."
J2200. Absurd lack of logic.
J2210. Logical absurdity based upon certain false assumptions.
J2211. Difference in animal nature overlooked. Type: 152B*.
J2212. Effects of age and size absurdly applied.
J2212.1. Two fifteen-year old slaves ordered: fool brings one thirty years old. (Cf. J1919.1.18).
J2212.5. Swift when only a calf. [Slow ox run in horse race, as racehorse]. O Wenski Istochka 1 228 No.
73.
J2212.6. The Zodiac grows up: the kid becomes the Goat. Type: 1852N*, O Wenski Istochka 1 235 No.
109.
J2213. Illogical use of numbers.
J2213.5. Twenty [prayers] better than ten. [the five]. O Wenski Istochka 1 261 No. 222; MGH;
MOROCCO: Legh 197 No. 6.
J2213.5.2. 999 is much better price than one thousand. O NLY. EGYPT: Shalash 446-9.
J2213.6. Selling his half of the house. [So as to buy the other half, and thus own the whole]. O
Wenski Istochka 1 262 No. 330.
J2214. Absurd generalization from a particular incident. (Cf. W258).
J2214.2. Conclusion: youth and age are alike. [Fool could not lift certain stone then and now].
O Wenski Istochka I 266 No. 240; NLY. EGYPT: cf. Shalash 172.
J2214.3. Waiting at the well for the thief. [Salt-cured cheese stolen; thief will need to drink].
O Wenski Istochka 1 243 No. 128.
J2214.3.1. Waiting in the graveyard for the thief. He eventually must come here. O Wenski Istochka
1 243 No. 128.
J2214.15. Entire group judged according to a single act (incident) by a member. (Cf. Z058,
J2214.15.1. Man hates (condemns) all women because of misdeeds by one (usually his wife).
Type: 1426A, O SM: LEBANON: al-Bustan 240-44.
J2214.15.3. Woman hates all men because of misdeeds by one. O MSP. IRAQ: Campbell, Arab Tribes
43-55.
J2215. Absurd reasoning about God.
J2215.2, Servant of God beaten. [Meanwhile, servant of so and so is treated with great consideration]. O Wesoński Hodowca I 298 No. 162.

J2215.3, Man honored above God: the dead hen. [Dead chicken found, cooked and served: killed by God not men]. (CF. P393,§1). O Wesoński Hodowca I 270 No. 273.

J2215.4, Fool waits for God to provide. (CF. J202.1, J1013B, J2418B).

J2215.7, Religious services (or God) blamed. (CF. J1467.1, U6). O NLV, EGYPT: Seite Folk. Love XII 496.

J2217, Many times the superlative.

J2218, The effect of group-opinion: clearly false statement outweighs physical evidence. Type: 1534B.

J2218.1, Living man assumed dead. Refer, "Whom should I believe: you or all these witnesses" (CF. J2311.3). Type: 1534B. O BASKET Mile I 416 No. 115.

J2218.2, Whom should you believe: me or the donkey (animal)? Type: 1534B.

J2220, Other logical absurdities—[foolish].

J2223, The thief as discoverer. [Poor owner hopes thief would discover something in his home]. O Wesoński Hodowca I 218 No. 85.

J2224, Taking the [planted] seeds out at night. [So as to guard them]. O Wesoński Hodowca I 245 No. 139.

J2227, Let them eat cake. [Peasants have no bread]. Type: 1446.

J2231, Why can’t we have holidays the year round? [Fool wonders]. O Wesoński Hodowca I 222 No. 86.


J2233.1, Innocent man executed because his rock fits the moose. Type: 1534A.

J2233.1.1, Men hang old bedridden weaver instead of young valuable member of colony. Type: 1534A, 1534A.


J2235.1, Namussul "Would have been blown away by the wind," had he been in his shirt (garment). Type: 1349M.

J2236, Only fault with the house. The latrine is too small for the dining room table to go in. O Wesoński Hodowca I 248 No. 334.

J2237, The bathroom in the minaret. [Fool can sing in bathroom but cannot be heard from the minaret]. O Wesoński Hodowca I 290 No. 4.

J2238, Book gives wisdom only if understood. A man believes himself wise but he does not understand contents. O Chavorie II 82 No. 3.

J2240, Fool as messenger.

J2241, The doctor no longer needed. [Fool sends to inform doctor that his wife’s unscheduled visit is canceled]. Type: 1323C. O Wesoński Hodowca I 215 No. 459.


J2243, Fool sleeps so as to avoid idleness.

J2245, Every fruit tasted. [Fruit tasted before given to master]. (CF. J1149.3). O Chavorie VII 115.

J2254, Fools reprove each other for speaking at prayers.

J2254.4, Man reproved (byudge, gesture) for eating at prayers thinks he is being asked to share food. (CF. C217Y). O NLV, EGYPT, SUDAN: Arab-Hebrew H 457-5, NLV, EGYPT: Agapciye pt. II 199 No. 41.

J2257, Ability to read thought to be caused by size (form) of written letters. Type: 1311, 1331A.

J2260-J2299, Absurd scientific theories.

J2351.7, Cold hands and feet for the dead man. [To be thus recognized; wolves catch shant dead man's ass, 'Lucky for you that your master (owner) is dead']. Woewoški Hodoška I 125 No. 69.

J2312. Naked person made to believe that he is clothed. (Cl. K445.1). Type: 1406, 1620.

J2316. Husband made to believe that his house has moved during his absence. Woewoški Hodoška I 124 No. 296.

J2317. Well man made to believe he is sick. Chawri VI 138 No. 291.

J2321. Man made to believe that he is pregnant (has born child). Type: 141978. Chawri V 166 No. 107.

J2321.2. Man thinks he has given birth to a child by letting wind. Type: 17594. SMH, SYRIA: Bairoume L2 520657 No. 70 (39).

J2322. Drunken man made to believe that he has been to heaven and hell. (Cl. F705); cf. 13884.

J2324. Wife persuades her husband to have a good tooth pulled. Type: 1332, 1406. NLJ, EGYPT: CDMC. JUKH I No. 14, CDMC. JUKH I No. 117.

J2326. The student from paradise, ['Paradise misunderstood']. Type: 1540. MGH, MOROCCO: Lepy 155-6 No. 35.

J2326.1. The man from hell; given money to deliver to parents (husband). Type: 1540. NLJ, EGYPT: Sutajia 18:2 No. VII-7; MGF, LIBYA: Fasiq 16:32.

J2328. The moving church tower, [Placing coat in front of tower to see whether it is moving coat is stolen]. (Cl. X115.17); Type: 1326.

J2331. Mumps with unimportant office bores it. Type: 1068. NLJ, EGYPT: Tuinari No. 263.

J2339.6. Adulteress makes husband believe that the birth of her illegitimate child has been due to sleeping. (Cl. T578.13); Type: 12654; NLJ, EGYPT: CDMC. JUKH I No. 117.

J2342. Husband refuses to believe in wife's infidelity. (Cl. J127, J2755.48); Type: 126328.

J2342.2. Woman gives birth to child fourteen months after husband's departure. The latter is made to believe it is legitimate. (Cl. J1726, T6488); Type: 1332, 1362, 13624; NLJ, EGYPT: Shalke 321; CDMC. Sawitish 3:1 16-22:4.

J2342.5. Only husband remains ignorant about his wife's infidelity. [Husband is last to know]. Type: 13624; cf. 1326.

J2346. Fool's errand. An apprentice, or newcomer or ignorant person, etc., is sent for absurd or misleading or nonexistent object or on a ridiculous quest. (Cl. H1379); Type: 1369C.


J2349.1. Dupe is made to believe horse will fly.

J2349.1. To believe what is beyond belief (a man will fly) makes one a fool. But a town (nation) of fools? (Cl. J19004.3). NLJ, EGYPT: AUC.314 No. 14.

J2349.4. The woman who asked for news from home. Gets many impossible answers, which she believes. (Cl. Z46.1); Type: 1931.

J2349.5. Gullibility (foolishness) is incurable.

J2350-2369. Talkative fools.

J2352. Talkative man [woman, boy, etc.].betrays his companion.

J2352.28. Talkative wife betrays her husband's hiding place. MGH, ALGERIA: Demerghem 105-7.

J2353. The wife multiplies the secret. (Cl. T274); Type: 425A, 1381C-D, cf. 91*. Chawri VIII 198 197, Woewoški Hodoška II 34 No. 342.

J2353.18. Female does not keep a secret. CHAUVIN I 112 No. 112.

J2355.1. Fool loves magic objects by talking about them. Type: 563.

J2357. Tortoise speaks and loses his hold on the stick. He is being carried through the air by a bird. Type: cf. 225A. Chawri II 90 No. 31.


J2368. Fool tells sage: 'Your heart reminds me of that of my goat'. (Cl. X436); Type: 1854. BM NETHERLANDS 1 118 No. 45, Woewoški Hodoška II 247 No. 529.


J2372. The judge wants to know how the theft was committed. The witness tells the judge: 'You are wonderful; I have tried it thirty times and succeeded only once'. Woewoški Hodoška I 126 No. 334.

J2373. The tailless and earless ass. [Owner's concern is how it will keep harness on]. Woewoški Hodoška I 139 No. 207.

J2375. Curiously satisfied: riding the ox's horns. As his ox, who has enormous horns, is asleep, the fool gets on the horns. The ox wakes and throws him off. When he comes to his senses, the fool says, 'I had a hard time, but my curiosity is satisfied'. (Cl. H1554). Woewoški Hodoška I 121 No. 42.

J2376. Testing the evidence by experiment: biting the ear off. [Judge tests evidence]. (Cl. U289). Woewoški Hodoška I 230 No. 20; NLJ, EGYPT: Elde pt. 2 No. 3, Shaliki 188.

J2377. Philosophical watchman. [He ponders about who stole the horse]. Type: cf. 818*, MGF, IRAQ: al-Bizargin 140-1 No. 99.

J2378. What will the robber do? [Curious owner finds asleep: house robbed]. (Cl. T258.1). Chawri II 32 No. 4.

J2381. Question: did the man ever have a head? Type: 12258. Woewoški Hodoška II 192 No. 374.

J2382. How did the cow get up the pole? [Thief substitutes cow dung for money hidden on pole]. Type: 1225A. Woewoški Hodoška I 230 No. 136.


J2390-2349. Foolish imitation.

J2399. Foolish imitation. Type: 620. NLJ, EGYPT: Guiroud 90 No. 30-1.

J2400.1. Foolish imitation of brother by brother. Type: 510, 510A. PEN, OMAN: el-Shamy 'Arab Woman' No. 36.

J2400.2. Foolish imitation of sister by sister. Type: 620A.

J2401. Fatal imitation. (Cl. G554); Type: 3271H. 402, 409B, 409C, 620, 620A, 676A, 888, 1066A, 1442; PEN, SAUDIA: el-Shamy 'Demographic Factor' 98.5, SMH, SYRIA: Kow-Sociol 123-4 No. 37; NLJ, EGYPT: el-Shamy 'Arab Women' Nos. 14, 31; SUDAN: el-Shamy 'Arab Women' No. 46.

J2410. Types of foolish imitation.

J2411. Foolish imitation of miracles (magic).

J2411.1. Imitation of magic rejuvenation unsuccessful. Type: 14428. NLJ, EGYPT: el-Shamy 'Arab Women' No. 31.


J2411.6.1. Sister of goddess tries to imitate her feat of being cooked without harm and dies in the attempt. Type: 14428.

J2411.6.2. Unsuccessful imitation by step-sister (sister-in-law) to produce treasure from crevices. Type: 510. PEN, OMAN: el-Shamy 'Arab Women' No. 34.

J2412.2. Pulling out the eye so that the paint will cease. Woewoški Hodoška I 224 No. 36.

J2412.3. Imitation of the prescription. [Peasant as false-doctor: predicts son for eunuch, plaster for heart disease.]. Chawri II 196 No. 33.


J2413. Foolish imitation by an animal. CHAUVIN II 86 No. 20.

J2413.1. Ass tries to caress his master like the dog.
J2413.4.3, Monkey cuts his throat, thinking that he is imitating the cobbler [barber]. Ø Cest. CHAUVEUX II 86 No. 30.

J2414, Foolish imitation of a terrified person by tactless. (Cf. W197.1); Type: 929B.


J2415.1, The two presents to the king: the beer and the horse. (Cf. 18855, JF356); Type: 1689A.

J2415.1.3d, The two presents to the king: the 'crow' (actually a food-bowl) and the valuable; jealous imitator awarded 'the crown'. (Cf. J1712.5.1f); Type: 1689A.

J2415.7, A snake for the real daughter. [A stepmother's own daughter is killed when she imitates her stepfather's matrimonial marriage to a snake]. (Cf. J244.1); Type: 409C.

J2417, Foolish imitation of leader.

J2417.1, Company to sing like the imam. He is injured: worshippers repeat his cries of pain. Type: 1694.

J2418, Foolish imitation of disabled bird or animal (owl, cat, etc.), being fed by another. (Cf. BS398, J1354,9, J2501,5, J2215.4); Type: 1645B*, cf. 868.

J2420, Foolish imitation—miscellaneous.

J2427, Nmusskull praises his [virgin] daughter as being pregnant. [Like a cow with calf]. Type: J1703A3. Ø Wesnelli Hedibah I 223 No. 57, MGH, Nabir 186-3.

J2431, Man undertakes to do his wife's work; all goes wrong. (Cf. J19.1f); Type: 1408.

J2431.0f, How easy (difficult) is woman's work. Man finds it difficult. (Cf. J19.1f). Ø MGH, MOROCCO: Lepbo 179-80 No. 45.

J2431.1, Men exchange duties; each wants to get better of the other. (Cf. K1687, L423.1f); Type: 1525N.

J2440-2449, Literal fools.


J2440, Literal obedience. Type: 756D2, Ø NSE, EGYPT: - al-Sha’i Egypt ur a, al-Sha’i "Arab Women" No. 18.

J2460, Disastrous following of misunderstood instructions. Type: cf. 1693.

J2461, What should I have done (said)? Type: 1693, Ø Wesnelli Hedibah 121f. No. 106, NSE, EGYPT: - al-Sha’i "Arab Women" No. 3a.

J2461.1.1, Literal nusskull drags jar [bacon] (gegose) on string. Type: cf. 1696.

J2461.2, Literal following of instructions about greetings. [Wrong conditions (circumstances)]. Ø Wesnelli Hedibah I 131 No. 169.

J2461.2.2, Fool learns to repeat commonplace expression by chance thus chases away wife’s suitors. Type: 915.

J2462, Foolish bridegroom follows instructions literally. (Cf. T166.2).


J2464, The servant to improve on the master’s statements. Type: 1688D4. Ø NSE, SUDAN: - S John 280 No. 61, IA-CA, Yemena "Ratunen" No. 35, IA, al-Tayiba 44-4 No. 6.

J2465.4, Washing the child. Fool uses boiling water and kills it. Ø Wesnelli Hedibah II 212 No. 431.

J2465.5, Feeding the child. Fool feeds it steaming food and kills it. Ø Wesnelli Hedibah II 212 No. 431.

J2466, Literal following of the count.

J2466.2, The reckoning of the pot. [A pebble for each Ramadan-day (fasting)]. Type: 1845B, Ø BASSET MIK IX 150 No. 73, Wesnelli Hedibah I 207 No. 9.

J2466.3, The long day. If the clock is still striking it must be 50 o'clock. Ø Wesnelli Hedibah I 207 No. 8.

J2470, Metaphors literally interpreted. Ø MGH, TUNISIA: - Houc-Pasot 91 No. 36.


J2478, The muskull buys water at market. [He takes merchant’s similes literally]. Ø Wesnelli Hedibah II 290 No. 556.

J2482, The fool is told that his son has given up the ghost [fleeing]. He wonders. He didn’t know that the son had one to give up. Ø Wesnelli Hedibah I 250 No. 106.

J2483, A house without food or drink; [Life in the grave (house) for the dead, *Must be like life in our's*]. Ø Wesnelli Hedibah I 228 No. 229.

J2486, Riding the radio (or television) set in order to be ‘taken’ by announcer to another city (location). (Cf. J1959); Type: 1701Aa.

J2488, Nmusskull wants to see abstract quality.

J2489, Literal fool—miscellaneous.


J2492.18, Thief to be banished with booty. Ø NSE, EGYPT: - Shaali 411.

J2493, Names of dogs literally interpreted. Type: 1509*.

J2493.0f, Person’s name interpreted literally (or in combination). (Cf. X1596); Type: 1376C*.

J2495, Religious words or exercises interpreted with absurd literalness. Ø NSE, EGYPT: - CEMAC: - Awun 21-2 No. 10.

J2496, "I don’t know" thought to be a person’s name. Type: 1709.

J2496.2, Mistranslating because of lack of knowledge of a different language [i.e., language different] than one’s own. Type: 1697, 1699.

J2500-2549, Foolish extremes.

J2511, Silence wager. [Who will get-up and close the door? husband or wife?]. Type: 1332, 1351. Ø Basset MIK II 410 No. 125, Caulina VIII 132 No. 124, Wesnelli Hedibah I 263.

J2511.1.1, Husband to spite wife: plays dead. Type: 3313D4. Ø NSE, EGYPT: - al-Sha’i Egypt 300 No. 59, MGH, MOROCCO: - Dower No. 8.

J2516.1, Think three before you speak. The youth obeys literally even when he sees the master’s coat on fire. (Cf. K1355, W471); Type: 1562, Ø Caulina VIII 178 No. 107, MM, SYRIA-Tabbun, II 45-6.

J2516.3.2, The polite rescuers. [They clap hands and say "God bless you" when drowning man sneezes—he falls back in water]. Ø Wesnelli Hedibah II 217 No. 477.

J2517, Couldn’t wait to dress. The overzealous visitor rode asked to see his friends. Ø Wesnelli Hedibah I 123 No. 93.

J2521.2, Rebuke for going with a naked head in public. [In covering her head woman inadvertently exposes (bare) her body]. (Cf. K1295, Z1238); Ø NSE, EGYPT: - al-Sha’i "Egypt" (1971) No. 86.

J2523, The obedient husband: the leave of absence. [He is to be gone for a little while; awaits wife’s instructions to return]. Ø Wesnelli Hedibah I 222 No. 84.

J2532, Bureaucrats debate as to who shall put out palace fire; meantime palace burns. Type: 1316N4. Ø NSE, EGYPT: - al-Sha’i Egypt 301 No. 66.

J2550-2559, Thankful fools.

J2561, Fool thanks God that he was not sitting on the ass when it was stolen. Type: 1348N8. Ø Wesnelli Hedibah II 230 No. 495, NSE, EGYPT: - Shaali 365.

J2562, Thankful that the city is not burned down. Type: 1698B, Ø Wesnelli Hedibah II 233 No. 494.

J2563, "Thank God they weren’t peaches, but figs!!" (Cf. J8835, Z16653); Type: 1689, Ø Wesnelli Hedibah I 227 No. 71, MSA, IRAQ: - Bashanq 259-9.
J2564. "Thank God that camels have no wings. They might fly about and kill people." O Weselki. Hodocha 1 285 No. 5.

J2565. Fool thankful that God has built a palace [sky] without columns. Else the stones might fall down and kill us. (CE. A665.0.28). O Weselki Hodocha 1 270 No. 77.


J2571. "Thank fortune it wasn’t a melon." [Why do melons grow on vines close to the ground.] (CE. A2771.9, Z167.3).


J2615. Fright at the creaking of a wheelbarrow. Type: 1319A*, 1321, 1321A.

J2617. Afraid of his own knees. Type: 1321B.

J2617.1. Afraid of his own shadow. Type: 1321B.

J2624. Fright at animals’ eyes in the dark. (CE. J1785.8).


J2625. Coward is frightened when clothing catches on thistle [branch]. Type: 1321B.

J2626. Coward boasts of what he would have done after danger is over. (CE. J185.1, K1503, K1771, T251.6, W121.2).

J2626.1. Coward shows adversary the red eye (i.e., threat made in earnest). (CE. Z186.9.2.1.1).

J2626.2. Coward shows adversary the red eye! (i.e., threat made in earnest). O MOR, MOROCCO. Steffes-Mill1 Maghréb 111-6 No. 11.

J2631. Bovine coward frightened when he sees strong adversaries. Type: cf. 326C/1640A$.


J2661.4. The boy’s disasters. Type: 1681.

J2665. The awkward servant.

J2665.1. The cup with two and three handles. Type: 1327A.


J2666. The bungling speaker.

J2672. The stolen bedcover. [Man investigates a noise, but is robbed of mantle (quilt, mantle) which he had wrapped around himself—that is what the noise was about]. O Weselki Hodocha 1 280 No. 77. MIG. IRAQ. al Tikraqash 767 No. 52.

J2675. Bungling rescuer caught by crab. [As he tries to save woman]. O Weselki Hodocha 1 178 No. 313.

J2700-J2749. The easy problem made hard.

J2711. How the tower [minaret] was built. [Fool gives three explanations: formerly a deep well—cup on top and set-outer; built by very tall man; built flat then set-up]. O BASSET Mali 1 449 No. 143. Weselki Hodacha 1 243 No. 27.

J2712. "What do I hold in my hand?" (Ring). [Described. Fool guesses, "A millstone"]. O CHAUSS 1 170 No. 188.

J2712.1. Guess what I have in hand. O CHAUSS 1 170 No. 188.

J2712.2. Guess how many eggs I have and you shall get all seven. Type: 1346A*

J2716. How to find if it is raining. (CE. W1112.4).