

Story #618 (1966, Tape #2)

Narrator: Melek Uysal, mid-40s,  
housewife

Location: Narrator is from Iskenderun,  
kaza town of Hatay  
Province; tale taped at  
Ankara

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<sup>#618</sup> The Nail Is for the Opposite Wall <sup>#618</sup>

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In a mental institution in Istanbul, an inmate was trying to  
drive a nail into the wall. He was having great difficulty, however,  
because he was trying to drive it in head first.

Another inmate came along and observed his difficulty. "Stop,  
stop!" he said. "That nail is for the opposite wall, not for this  
one!"