

cited from such poems as the "Guest's Wisdom,"¹ "Lodd-Fafne's, or Hoard-Fafne's, Lesson,"¹ "The Song of Saws,"¹ and the "Old Wolsung Lay."

Anything will pass at home,
 Anything is better than to be false.
 He is no friend to another that will only say one
 thing [that which is pleasing].
 A fool when he comes among men,
 It is best that he hold his peace.
 No one can tell that he knows nothing,
 Unless he speaks too much.
 An unwelcome guest always misses the feast.
 A man should be a friend to his friend,
 And requite gift with gift.
 He that woos will win.
 Fire is best among the sons of men,
 And the sight of the sun,
 His health if a man may have it,
 And live blameless :
 A man is not altogether wretched though he be of ill
 health ;
 Some such be blessed with sons,
 Some with kinsfolk, some with wealth,
 Some with good deeds.
 Man is man's delight.
 Many a man is befooled by riches.
 Middling wise should every man be,
 Never otherwise,
 For a wise man's heart is seldom glad,
 If he be all-wise.
 No man but has his match.
 No man is so good but there is a flaw in him,
 Nor so ill that he is good for nothing.
 A man should be a friend to his friend,
 To himself and his friend ;

¹ These three poems are found in the Eddic collection of the Copenhagen MS. Codex Regius, all jumbled together, with bits of other poems, under the title "Háva-mál, the High One's Speech." See *Corpus Poeticum Boreale* [cited later as C. P. B.], vol. i., pp. 1-23 and 459-463.