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to obtain a hearing, the king said, that he would not hear such things as he could not understand (namely, such dark cramped verse as the skalds of Iceland were in the habit of producing), but when Sighvat assured him, that his verse was intelligible enough, the king immediately lent him ear, and retained him ever afterwards as his skald. This is the old account, and it is a natural one; but the story of an ancient Northern king, who considered poetry as an invention of the demon, is a mere fiction.

Again, Mr. Wheaton says of Higelak, "he is supposed to have been a petty king, who reigned in the island of Fionia;" and in the note [p. 156], is a reference to the Introduction to Grundtvig's translation of Beowulf, whence it would seem that the Gothic king Higelak is made into a petty king of Fyen, which is far from being the case. Grundtvig has, on the contrary, shown that Higelak in Beowulf's "Drapa," is the same person as the Danish king Oechilac, whose fall in a battle with the Frank king, is related by Gregory of Tours. These are slight defects, but, perhaps, not unworthy of notice; and having suggested them to the attention of the reader, we can very sincerely recommend Mr. Wheaton's volumes.

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- ART. XI.—1. *Die Asiatische Cholera in Russland in den Jahren 1829, 1830, und 1831.* Von Dr. J. R. Lichtenstädt, &c. Berlin. 1831.
- 2.—*Die Cholera Morbus; ihre Verbreitung, ihre Zufälle, &c.* Von Dr. Schnurrer, &c. 1831.
- 3.—*Rapport au Conseil Supérieur de Santé sur le Choléra Morbus Pestilentiel.* Par Alex. Moreau de Jonnés, &c. Paris. 1831.
- 4.—*Mémoire sur un Nouveau Traitement du Choléra Morbus, et des Affections Typhoides, &c.* Par H. F. Ranque, &c. Paris. 1831.
- 5.—*History of the Epidemic Spasmodic Cholera of Russia; &c.* By Bisset Hawkins, M. D. &c. London. 1831.
- 6.—*Cholera; its Nature, Causes, and Treatment, &c.* By C. Searle. London. 1831.
- 7.—*Papers relative to the Disease called Cholera Spasmodica in India, now prevailing in the North of Europe.* Printed by authority of the Lords of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council. London. 1831.
- 8.—*Trattato delle varie specie di Cholera Morbus.* Di Michele Buniva, M. D. Turin. 1831.

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