

To speak the truth, this man with summoned skill seizes birds with skill likewise, now tricking (them) with bird-lime, and then in a wooden trap. Similarly, throwing a hook into the rivers, he used to seize his prey beneath the whirling water. And thus he beat back the plague of hunger by bearing hard work. And in all that time of flight the man Walter, praiseworthy hero, bound himself back from use of the virgin. And behold, the sun moved around the earth for forty days since he had departed from the Pannonian city. Therefore, on that day which completed the number (i.e., 40), he now came to a river in the middle of the evening, called the Rhine, where its course bent to the city called Worms, as a royal seat. There he gave previously-caught fish as a boat-fare. And when he had crossed, breathless he proceeded on. So day having risen, the ferry-man rising came into the aforementioned city, where he offered the fish which the traveling man had given to the royal cook, the particular teacher of all others. When he had seasoned them with spices and placed them before King Gunther, astonished, he pronounced from on high: "Indeed, France has never shown fish of this kind to me. Tell me, the sooner the better, what man offered them." And he, responding, tells (him) what sailor gave (them). Then the prince ordered that the man summon him. And when he came, questioned about this same matter, he gave these words, and opened the causes in order: "Even yesterday evening, I was sitting on the shore of the Rhine. I looked around, and behold I saw that a traveler came hurriedly, armed for battle on every limb, for he was girded, famous king, with bronze. And indeed, advancing, he was carrying a shield and a glittering spear. He was like a certain brave man and although he bore a heavy burden, nevertheless he went forth with fierce progress. A girl was following (him), adorned with incredible beauty and splendor."