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The pages of this manuscript date from c. 1270, but were recycled in the early modern period to stiffen the lining of a bishop's mitre. The cloth pasted over it hid a Norwegian translation of Old French love poetry (so-called *lais*). Lovers chase each other through dark corridors, maidens frolic in fields, while knights butcher each other over nothing. For more information about this singular survival see [here](#).

