

seed which is placed in her she developes to a being and sets it forth.

8. The Gods and the Rishis endowed her with great beauty. The gods then told to men, this being is destined to produce you again.

9. He who has no child, has no place (no firm footing). This even know the beasts. Thence the son cohabits (among beasts even) with his mother and sister.

10. This is the broad well-trodden path on which those who have sons walk free from sorrows. Beasts and birds know it; thence they cohabit (even) with their own mothers.

Thus he told.

#### 14.

*(A son is born to Haris'chandra. Varuna repeatedly requests the King to sacrifice his son to him; but the sacrifice is under different pretences always put off by the King.)*

Nârada then told him, "Go and beg of Varuna the king, that he might favour you with the birth of a son (promising him at the same time) to sacrifice to him this son when born." He went to Varuna the king, praying, "Let a son be born to me; I will sacrifice him to thee." Then a son, Rohita by name, was born to him. Varuna said to him, "A son is born to thee, sacrifice him to me." Haris'chandra said, "An animal is fit for being sacrificed, when it is more than ten days old. Let him reach this age, then I will sacrifice him to thee." After Rohita had passed the age of ten days, Varuna said to him, "He is now past ten days, sacrifice him to me." Haris'chandra answered, "An animal is fit for being sacrificed when its teeth come. Let his teeth come, then I will sacrifice