

nether regions²⁹⁷ and of Earth and heaven.²⁹⁸ He indulged with them in sexual dalliance on the beautiful banks of the rivers, mountains and other places.

28. Sporting about in their midst joyously, he drank divine and superhuman beverages left over by them and became highly elated.

29. He enjoyed among other excellent things, divine juices, fruits, fragrant flowers, fine conveyances very pleasant to drive in and excellent mansions erected by Maya.

30. Thus indulging in sports he passed ten thousand years beautified and rendered pleasant and mysteriously wonderful by means of flowers, incenses, unguents and dietary stuffs.

31. He did not know what would be auspicious and beneficent to him in the other world. He was deluded, blinded by pride and spoiled by his association with the wicked.

32. The haughty fellow attacked leading scholars by using fallacious arguments. Posing as a great soul he roamed about with his Daitya friends destroying Vedic rites.

33. Proud of his affluence he slighted the Vedas, gods and preceptors. He continued to indulge in sports, thereby reducing his longevity in a few days.

34. Then many crores of years passed by. Once, roaming about on the Earth with his army, he joyously went to the Mandara mountain.

35. The haughty demon roamed there along with his armies admiring its golden splendour. Having gone there ostensibly for some sport and pastime he finally resolved to stay there as destiny would have it.

36. He built a wonderful stable and auspicious city on the ridges of the Mandara and forced people to settle there gradually.

37. His three ministers Duryodhana, Vaidhaśa and

297. See Note 161 P. 760.

298. Triviṣṭapa or Tripiṣṭapa is the heaven of Indra, said to be situated on Mount Meru.