

27. A certain lady engaged in fanning her husband in the company of her maid left that job and came out to see Śiva with the fan still in her hands.

28. Another lady engaged in suckling her babe at her breast left him dissatisfied and came out eagerly to see the lord.

29. Another lady engaged in trying her waist girdle came out with it. Another lady came out with garments worn inside out

30. Another lady left her husband who had sat down to dine and came out athirsting and enthusiastic to see the bridegroom.

31. A certain lady holding the collyrium in her hand after applying it to one of her eyes came out to see the bridegroom of the daughter of the mountain with the salve stick still in her hand.

32. Another damsel engaged in applying the red lac juice to her feet heard the tumult outside and so left it in the middle and came out to see the procession.

33. Thus the ladies forsook their activities, left their houses and came out. On seeing the exquisite form of Śiva they were greatly fascinated.

34. Delighted on seeing Śiva and overwhelmed by affection they cherished the comely form in their hearts and spoke as follows :—

*The ladies said:—*

35. The eyes of the residents of this town have become fruitful. The life of the persons who have seen this comely form has become meaningful.

36. The life is fruitful and the rites are fruitful only of the person who has seen Śiva, the destroyer of all sins.

37. Pārvatī has accomplished everything inasmuch as she performed penance for Śiva. She is blessed, she is contented in securing Śiva as her husband.

38. If Brahmā had not joined this pair, Śiva and Śivā, his endeavour of creation would have entirely become fruitless.

39. This is well done. The excellent pair has been united. Everything has become meaningful in every activity.

40. A vision of Śiva is inaccessible to men without