

Formerly I fell in love with Karpuramājari, daughter of the royal gander, Karpūrakeli by name, who lived in the pleasure-lake of king Śūdraka. A certain prince, Vīravara by name, coming from some country, approached the royal gate and addressed the porter thus—I, for one, am a prince whose object is wages (to seek service); procure me the sight of the king. Thereupon, he, being ushered into the royal presence by him, said—Sire, if you wish to engage me as a servant fix my salary. Śūdraka asked—What is your salary? Vīravara replied—Four hundred gold coins per day. The king demanded What are your accomplishments? Vīravara replied—my two arms, and the third, my sword. The king said—This is not possible. On hearing that he bowed and departed. Now the ministers observed—Sire, having given him his four days' pay let us know his characteristic nature—whether he receives such salary usefully (deservedly), or without being of use. Then, in accordance with the ministers' advice,

FABLE VIII.

Ohakravāka, asked how it was; the king related—

There was a servant of the king Śūdraka, Vīravara by name, who in a short time, offered up his son.

Even a stranger doing good is a relative, while a relative doing harm is a stranger (an enemy); a disease taking its birth in the body is injurious, while a medicinal herb produced in the forest is salutary. Moreover, benefactors. Listen—

king rejoined—Even strangers are sometimes observed to be minister remarked—Still a stranger must be suspected. The was displayed there, while he is here for a long time. The p. 78. was after the departure of the parrot, that an eagerness for war could he have shown readiness to punish the parrot? Besides, it never be, remarked the king. For, if this were the case, how lord, said Ohakravāka, that could be the case alone. It can secret that he had already placed some one in our castle. My of his confidential talk with some one, I came to know his moment; for, the vulture is a great statesman and in the course encamped there. The castle should be carefully searched every he is on the table-land of the Malaya mountain with his army garbha and said—Sire, king Chitavarna is almost arrived. Now Now the spy despatched by his emissary came to Hiraṇya-