

In Varāṇasī dwelt a washerman, named Karpāra-pāṭaka. One day, he, having spotted for a long time with his young wife, slept soundly. Thereafter a robber got in with the object of stealing the things in the house. In his court-yard there were a donkey tied down and a dog sitting. Now the ass said to the dog—Friend, this is properly your office. Why don't you then rouse the master by barking aloud? The dog replied—Friend, you should not meddle with my business. Don't you yourself know that I guard his house day and night? Since he has been happy for a long time he does not know of what use I am to him and takes but scanty care to feed me. For, unless some danger is in sight masters care but little for their servants. The donkey replied—Hear me, barbarian.

TABLE II.

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Damaṇaka inquired how it was and Karatāka thus went on—
beaten for praying.

He, who interferences with another's business with a view to serve his master's good, comes to grief like the ass that was

over) another's business. See,
must, under no circumstances, interfere with (it, sit in discussion minister who has charge of all affairs do it. For, a servant the actions of his master. Karatāka replied—Let the prime with matters &c. Damaṇaka said—Still a servant ought to watch ed and he perished. Hence I say—He who wishes to meddle As soon as the wedge was pulled out, those parts were squeezed natural to his species, he drew out the wedge with great effort. two pieces of the wood. Then through the mischievous spirit his lower parts hanging down entered the split between the caught hold of the wedge with his hands and sat there, while there prancing about. One of the apes, as it urged by Death, saw and which was cleft to some length. A troop of apes came the two split-up parts of a beam which was being cut with a having a convent built. A carpenter had put a wedge between a certain man of the writer class, Subhadda by name, was In a place near the holy forest in the country of Magadha.

TABLE I.

Damaṇaka asked—How was this? Karatāka said—

He, who wishes to meddle with matters which are not business of his, lies dead on the ground like the monkey that pulled out the wedge. - 30.