

gods, who knows best how to bring to an end anything. Praise him, then we shall release you." He then praised Indra with the hymn (1, 29), *yach chid dhi satya somapá*, and with fifteen verses of the following one (1, 30, 1-15). Indra, who had become pleased with his praise, presented him with a golden carriage. This present he accepted with the verse, *s'as'vad indra* (1, 30, 16). Indra then told him, "Praise the As'vins, then we shall release you." He then praised the As'vins with the three verses which follow the abovementioned (1, 30, 17-19). The As'vins then answered, "Praise Ushâs (Dawn), then we shall release you." He then praised Ushâs with the three verses which follow the As'vin verses (1, 30, 20-22). As he repeated one verse after the other, the fetters (of Varuṇa) were falling off, and the belly of Haris'chandra became smaller. And after he had done repeating the last verse, (all) the fetters were taken off, and Haris'chandra restored to health again.

17.

(*S'unahs'epa is released. He invents the anjah sava preparation of the Soma. Vis'vâmitra adopts him as his son. Stanzas.*)

The priests now said to S'unahs'epa, "Thou art now only ours (thou art now a priest like us); take part in the performance of the particular ceremonies of this day (the *abishechaniya*)." He then saw (invented) the method of direct preparation of the Soma juice (*anjah sava* without intermediate fermentation) after it is squeezed, and carried it out under the recital of the four verses, *yach chid dhi tvam grihe grihe* (1, 28, 5-8). Then by the verse *uchchhishtam chamvor* (1, 28, 9), he brought it into the Dronakalasa.¹⁰ Then

¹⁰ The large vessel for keeping the Soma in readiness for sacrificial purposes, after it has been squeezed.