

Soma the king, which are spread over the earth, grant me (sitting) on this seat, uninterrupted happiness. I cause to sit in the kingdom this goddess of fortune. Thence I look upon the divine waters (with which the king is washing the feet of the Purohita)."

"By washing his (the Purohita's) right foot I introduce wealth obtained by sharpness of senses into the kingdom; by washing his left foot, I make that sharpness of senses increase. I wash, O gods! the first (right) and second (left) foot for protecting my empire and obtaining safety for it. May the waters which served for washing the feet (of the Purohita) destroy my enemy!"

## 28.

*(Spell to be spoken and applied by a King to kill his enemies. Who first communicated it.)*

Now follows the ceremony called "dying round the Brahma" (*brahmanah parimara*). All enemies and foes of him who knows this ceremony, die round about him. This Brahma is he who sweeps (in the air, *i. e.* *Vāyu*). Round him five deities are dying, viz. lightning, rain, moon, sun, fire.

Lightning is absorbed by lightning when it does not rain, and is consequently hidden (to our eyes). They do not perceive such a flash of lightning when it dies, and consequently disappears. When they do not see him (the enemy), he (the king) shall say, "With the death of lightning my enemy shall die, and disappear! May they never get aware of him!" Instantly then they do not perceive him (the enemy), for he will be killed.

The rain when fallen is absorbed by the moon which disappears; they do not perceive it, when it dies and disappears. Then when they do not