

In the midst (of the Shashtra, after having repeated the two hymns mentioned) he repeats the Stotriya <sup>38</sup> and Anurûpa Pragâthas, *yajnâ yajnâ vo agnaye* (1, 168, 1-2), and *devo vo dravinodâ* (7, 16, 11-12). The reason that he repeats the “womb” (the Stotriya) in the midst (of the Shashtra), is because women have their wombs in the middle (of their bodies). By repeating it, after having already recited two hymns (the Vaisvânara and Agni-mâruta), he puts the organ of generation between the two legs in their upper part for producing offspring. He who has such a knowledge will be blessed with offspring and cattle.

## 36.

(*The Jâtavedâs Nivid hymn*).

He repeats the hymn addressed to Jâtavedâs. <sup>39</sup> All beings after having been created by Prajâpati

रण्यरवादयः । तवसो भन्ददिष्टयः । नभस्यावर्षनिर्णिजः । मरुतो  
देवा इह श्रवन्निह सोमस्य मत्सन् । प्रेमां देवा देवहूतिमवन्तु ०

“May the divine Marutas enjoy the Soma, who chant well and have fine songs, who chant their songs, who have large stores (of wealth), who have good gifts, and whose chariots are irresistible, who are glittering, the sons of Prisni, whose armour shines with the brilliancy of gold, who are powerful, who receive the offerings (to carry them up), who make the clouds drop the rain. May the divine Marutas hear (my invocation). May they enjoy the Soma, &c.”

<sup>38</sup> The Stotriya is here mentioned by the term of *yonî* womb. It is called so on account of its containing the very words of the Sâman in whose praise the whole Shashtra is recited, and forming thus the centre of the whole recitation. The name of the Sâman in question is *yajnâ yajniya* (Sâmaveda Saṁhita, 2, 53, 54.)

<sup>39</sup> This is : *pra tavyasîm*, 1, 143. The Nivid for Jâtavedâs is :

अग्निर्जातवेदाः सोमस्य मत्सन् । स्वनीकाश्चित्रभानुः । अप्रोषि-  
वान्गृहपतिः । तिरस्त्रमांसि दर्शतः । घृताहवन ईधः । बद्धलव-  
र्मास्तुत यज्वा । प्रतीत्या शत्रून्जेतापराजितः । अग्ने जातवेदो ऽभिद्यु-  
म्नमभिसह आयकस्व । तुशेअप्रशः । समेद्वारं स्तोतारमंहसस्या-  
हि । अग्निर्जातवेदा इह श्रवन्निह सोमस्य मत्सन् । प्रेमां देवा देव-  
हूतिमवन्तु ०