

**Yamuná.** He was found by Dhritara'shtra's charioteer Adhiratha and nurtured by his wife Rádhā whence he was called राधेय. When grown up he became king of the Angas and was proverbially the type of charity. Taking advantage of this Indra asked from him his impenetrable celestial panoply and ear-rings in the guise of a Bráhmāna. Karna went to Paras'urāma and, simulating himself a Bráhmāna, learnt from him the military art. But once while Paras'urāma was sleeping with his head on Karna's lap a worm made its way into it and as Karna put up with it patiently he was discovered and cursed that his art would not be useful to him in war. On another occasion he was cursed that the wheel of his chariot would sink down into the earth in the hour of trial. Karna was the most intimate friend of Duryodhana and joined him and S'akuni in their various schemes of destroying the Pándavas. In the great war he was the third generalissimo of the Kauravas and commanded their army for three days. On the third day of his leadership he was slain by Arjuna.

**कश्यप** A sage, the son of Marichi. He married thirteen of the daughters of Daksha from whom descended the twelve *A'dityas*, the nymphs of the lunar constellations, the *Dait̥yas* and many classes of animals. His share in the creation was thus no unimportant one as he was the father of the gods, demons, men, beasts and reptiles.

**काम** The god of love. His wife was Rati. Offended at being inspired by him with amorous passion for Pa'rvati', S'iva burnt

him to death. Subsequently he was allowed to be born as वसुध at the request of Rati. He is represented as carrying a bow and arrows of flowers with a string of bees. The spring (वसंत) is his friend.

**कार्तवीर्य** Son of Kritavi'rya and sovereign of the Haihaya tribe. He once took Rávana in prison, (R. vi. 40). By propitiating Dattat̥reya he obtained several boons, such as a thousand arms, the power of restraining wrong by justice, (R. vi. 39) and a chariot that went wherever he willed it to go. He ruled justly and equitably and offered ten thousand sacrifices. He was slain by Paras'urāma (See परशुराम) for carrying off by violence the *Ka'madhenu* of the sage.

**कार्तिकेय** Son of S'iva, generated from the semen of that god cast into *Agni*, who, too weak to retain it, cast it into the Ganges. (The semen, according to another account, is represented to have been cast also into a thicket of reeds, hence the name शरजम्बव.) Thence it was swallowed by the six *Kritikás*, every one of whom, produced a male child. But these six children, born severally, were combined into one of abnormal figure with six heads and twelve hands; (hence called कार्तिकेय and षण्मुख). He was the commander of the army of the gods (hence called सेनानी), and slew the powerful demon Tāraka (q. v.). Devasena' was his wife. He is represented as riding a peacock and is said to have splitted the mountain कौच to convince the latter of his prowess.

**कालनेमि** I. Uncle of Rávana, commissioned by him to accomplish the death of Hanu'mat. II. A hundred-handed demon slain by Vishnu.