

who persecuted his race, into the ocean, where it became a being with the face of a horse. He was the preceptor of Śaṅkar.

**कंस** King of Mathurā who incarcerated his father. He slew the first six children of his cousin Devaki, the wife of Vasudeva, and mother of Krishna. But the seventh and the eighth, Balarama and Krishna, escaped his circumspection. He was warned before the birth of Krishna that the latter would take his life. He accordingly attempted to kill Krishna as soon as he was born. Failing in this he employed many demons to accomplish his purpose, and sent Akrūra to bring Krishna to Mathurā where a severe duel was fought between Krishna and Kansa in which the former slew the latter.

**ककुत्स्थ** The grand-son of Ikṣhvāku. In a war between the demons and the gods this king was called by Indra to his assistance. The king agreed to lend his assistance on condition that Indra should carry him on his shoulders assuming the form of a bull. This being consented to, he went to fight seated on the *lakud* or hump of Indra in the shape of a bull, and was therefore called ककुत्स्थ, ( R. vi. 71, 72 ).

**कच** The son of Brihaspati, the preceptor of gods. He became a pupil of Ś'ukra to learn from him a lore which was unknown to gods and by virtue of which demons, killed in battle, were restored to life. While there he passed his time very pleasantly with Devayāni, the daughter of Ś'ukra until Devayāni, began to feel a deep passion for him. The demons were angry that their preceptor should teach the son of Brihaspati. They thrice killed him

and Ś'ukra, pressed by his daughter, thrice restored him to life. Finishing his studies he was about to go home when Devayāni signified to him her wish to be his bride. To this he would not consent saying he regarded her as his sister and had to go away with a heavy curse on his head from Devayāni.

**कण्व** A great sage, the primogenitor of the line of *Ka'nva'yana* Brāhmanas and the foster-father of Ś'akuntalā.

**कङ्ग** One of the daughters of Dakṣha, wife of Kāshyapa and mother of the serpent-race.

**कपिल** A great sage. He reduced to ashes the sons of Sagarā who falsely accused him of having stolen their sacrificial steed. He is believed ( ? ) to be the founder of the *Sāṅkhya* school of philosophy.

**कवच** A mighty demon who attacked Rāma and Lakṣmīnārāyaṇa in the Dandakā forest and was slain by them. When mortally wounded he informed them that he was originally a *Gandharva*, but had been transformed into a demon by the curse of a sage.

**कवायु** Daughter of the demon Jambhā. She was the wife of Hiranyakāśipu and mother of Prahrāda.

**ककौटक** The serpent who, saved by Nala from fire, deformed him in order that none might recognise him during the days of his adversity brought on by Kali. Nala was afterwards restored to his form.

**कर्ण** The son begotten by the sun on Kuntī, while she was yet a virgin and at her father's house. Afraid of the public scandal the virgin threw the infant into the