

**कालववन** A king of Yavanas, enemy of Krishna. Through the intervention of the latter Kālayavana was led to enter the cavern in which Muchukunda was sleeping and was destroyed there.

**कालिय** A tremendously big serpent residing in the Yamunā, ( a ground forbidden to Garuḍa. ) Krishna subdued him when a boy.

**काशिराज** Father of Ambū, Ambikā and Ambalikā *qq. rr.*

**किर्गीर** A demon slain by Bhi'ma.

**कीचक** The brother of the queen of king Virāṭa. He had a sinister eye on Draupadi and sought through the help of his sister to violate her chastity. Draupadi complained of this to the king, but he would not interfere. She then professed to receive his offers by the advice of Bhīma and engaged to meet him at midnight in the dancing room of the palace. On his arrival there he was seized by Bhīma and was squeezed to death.

**कुंतिभोज** The adoptive father of Kuntī and an ally of the Pāṇḍavas in the great war.

**कुंती** The first wife of Pāṇḍu to whom she bore three sons दुषिष्ठिर, भीम, and अर्जुन. Pāṇḍu had been prevented by a curse from having progeny and she conceived these sons by connection with वरुण, वायु and इन्द्र respectively.

**कुबेर** The lord of wealth, the regent of the north and the king of the *Yakshas* and *Kinnaras*. He was born of Viś'ravas, the son of Pulastya, and Idā'vidā' and was the half-brother of Rā'vana. He is represented as deformed in body having three legs and only eight teeth.

**कुर्वशा** A deformed young female servant

of Kansa. Krishna and Balarāma once met her in the high road and asked from her a little of the unguent which she was carrying to Kansa. She readily gave them as much as they wanted. Pleased with her goodness Krishna made her perfectly straight when she looked a most beautiful woman.

**कुम्भकर्ण** Brother of Rāvana. He devoured many heavenly nymphs. In retaliation of this Sarasvatī, when once he was about to ask a boon from Brahman ( *m.* ), sat on his tongue and caused him to ask निद्रापद instead of इन्द्रपद which he meant. The boon was granted and he slept for many years undisturbed. At the siege of Lankā, Rāvana desired to avail himself of the gigantic strength of his brother and roused him from his sleep with great difficulty. He displayed extraordinary valour and devoured thousands of monkeys, but was ultimately killed by Rāma.

**कुरु** An ancient king, son of Samvarna, who gave his name to the district Kurukshetra. He was the ancestor of Vichitravī'rya, the grand-father of the Kauravas and Pā'n-davas.

**कुश** The elder of the twin sons of Rāma born after Rāma had repudiated Si'tā and brought up at the hermitage of Vālmī'ki, the first poet. He was made king of Ku-s'ārati' by Rāma, but returned to Ayodhya, after the decease of his father, at the earnest entreaty of the metropolis in the guise of a woman. ( R. xvi. 1-25 ).

**कुशिक** An ancestor of Viś'vāmitra.

**कुशवर्मन्** A warrior on the Kaurava side who with Kripa and As'vatthāman survived at