

which she was placed by Kacha, she, though a Bra'hmana girl, was married to Yayāti who rescued her from the well wherein she was thrown by S'armishtha', the daughter of Vrishaparvan, in their quarrel about the change of clothes. With her husband she was once sorely dissatisfied, because he made love to S'armishthā, who had become her servant, and at once went to her father who placed his supplicating son-in-law under a heavy anathema. See ययाति.

**द्रुपद** King of the Pāṇchālas, father of Draupadi'. He was a school-fellow of Drona, whom he once offended him by repudiating his friendship. Drona afterwards got him captured by his pupils, the Pāṇḍavas, but spared his life and allowed him to retain the southern part of his kingdom. The defeat, however, which he sustained at Drona's hands was a thorn in his side and with a view to avenge the wrong done to him, he secured a son named Dhrishtadyumna who treacherously slew Drona on the fifth day of his commandership.

**द्रोण** Son of Bharadvāja, by birth a Brāhmana but acquainted with military science which he received as a gift from Paras'urāma. He instructed the Kauravas and Pāṇḍavas in arms. After Bhi'shma had been mortally wounded, Drona assumed the command of the Kaurava armies. He kept the field for four days successfully but was on the fifth treacherously beheaded by Dhrishtadyumna. See अश्वत्थामन्.

**द्रौपदी** The daughter of king Drupada and the common wife of the five Pāṇḍavas. She put up with various reverses of fortune with

an endurance that lacks parallel. On many critical occasions she saved the credit of her husbands. The *Bha'rati'* war was undertaken mainly on her account. See अर्जुन.

**धृतराष्ट्र** The elder son of Vyāsa by a widow of Vichitravi'rya, and father of the hundred brothers—Duryodhana and others. Being blind from birth he delivered his sceptre to Duryodhana. On the death of Duryodhana, who was killed by Bhi'ma, he meditated revenge and caused an instrument of strongly constructive power to be made which he wore on his person and expressed a strong desire to embrace Bhi'ma, his nephew. Krishna, being aware of the device, caused a stone image to be substituted and as the blind king could not distinguish between the image and the real Bhi'ma, he was deceived and Bhi'ma escaped.

**धृष्टद्युम्न** Son of Drupada and brother of Draupadi'. At the beginning of the great war, he was appointed commander-in-chief of the Pāṇḍava forces. After several days' fighting Drupada was killed by Drona and Dhrishtadyumna vowed that he would be revenged for his father's death by killing Drona. This he did the following day, aided by Bhīma. He was afterwards surprised by As'vattha'man while sleeping in the tents of the Pāṇḍavas and was barbarously murdered.

**ध्रुव** The son of Uttānapāda. When a child he was kicked away by his father while trying to sit in his lap being the son of a wife whom the king did not like. Dhruva went to his mother sobbing and complaining. The mother, in endearing terms, explained to him his situation. The ambitious