

Pātra, primarily a 'drinking vessel' (from *pā*, 'to drink') denotes a vessel generally both in the Rigveda¹ and later.² It was made either of wood³ or clay.⁴ In some passages⁵ the word is, according to Roth, used to indicate a measure. The feminine Pātrī occasionally occurs⁶ in the sense of 'vessel.'

¹ i. 82, 4; 110, 5; 162, 13 (to hold the broth from the flesh of the horse); 175, 1; ii. 37, 4; vi. 27, 6, etc.

² Av. iv. 17, 4; vi. 142, 1; ix. 6, 17; xii. 3, 25, 36; Taittiriya Samhitā, v. 1, 6, 2; vi. 3, 4, 1; Vājasaneyi Samhitā, xvi. 62; xix. 86, etc.

³ Rv. i. 175, 3.

⁴ Av. iv. 17, 4.

⁵ Av. x. 10, 9; xii. 3, 30; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, xiii. 4, 1, 5; Śāṅkhāyana Śrauta Sūtra, xvi. 1, 7, etc.

⁶ Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, viii. 17; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, i. 1, 2, 8; ii. 5, 3, 6; 6, 2, 7; Śāṅkhāyana Śrauta Sūtra, v. 8, 2.

Cf. Zimmer. *Altindisches Leben*, 271.

Pāthya, a word occurring only once in the Rigveda,¹ is either an epithet meaning 'being in heaven' (*pāthas*), or a patronymic, as Sāyaṇa interprets it, of Vṛṣan.

¹ vi. 16, 15. Cf. Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, vi. 4, 2, 4; Max Müller, *Sacred Books of the East*, 32, 153.

1. **Pāda** in the Atharvaveda¹ and later² denotes the 'foot' of an animal, a bird, and other creatures.

¹ xiv. 1, 60.

² Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, viii. 5, 12;

Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, xii. 8, 3, 6, etc.;

Kauṣītaki Upaniṣad, i. 5.

2. **Pāda**, as a measure of length, denotes 'foot' in the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa.¹ The term is occasionally² used to express a measure of weight. As a fraction it means a 'quarter,' a sense derived from that of 'foot' of a quadruped (just as *śapha*, the divided hoof, comes to mean an 'eighth').

¹ vi. 5, 3, 2; vii. 2, 1, 7; viii. 7, 2, 17; Āśvalāyana Śrauta Sūtra, vi. 10, etc.

² Nirukta, ii. 7; Bṛhadāranyaka Upaniṣad, iii. 1, 2.

³ Rv. x. 90, 3, 4.

3. **Pāda** is the regular expression for a 'quarter verse' in the Brāhmaṇas.¹ This sense is merely a limitation of 'quarter' = the 'foot' of a quadruped

¹ Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, iv. 4; Kauṣītaki Brāhmaṇa, xxvi. 5; Nirukta, vii. 9;

xi. 6; Lāṭyāyana Śrauta Sūtra, i. 2, 1; x. 6, 9, etc.