

2. **Khila** as a designation of certain hymns appended to the received text of the Rigveda occurs only in the Sūtra period.<sup>1</sup> The term is a metaphorical application of the preceding word, 'a space not filled up,' 'a supplement.'

<sup>1</sup> See Scheftelowitz, *Die Apokryphen des Rgveda*, 16 et seq.

**Khrgala**, or, as the Paippalāda recension of the Atharvaveda<sup>1</sup> has it, **Khugila**, is an obscure expression found in two passages only—once in the Rigveda,<sup>2</sup> and once in the Atharvaveda.<sup>1</sup> In the former the meaning 'crutch' seems required; in the latter Sāyaṇa glosses it by 'armour' (*tanu-trāṇa*), but the sense is quite uncertain.

<sup>1</sup> iii. 9, 3.

<sup>2</sup> ii. 39, 4.

Cf. Bloomfield, *Hymns of the Athar-*

*vaveda*, 340; Whitney, Translation of the Atharvaveda, 98.

**Khela** occurs in one passage of the Rigveda,<sup>1</sup> where Pischel<sup>2</sup> considers that a god, Vivasvant, is meant, and that races were run in his honour, explaining thus the phrase *ājā khelasya*, as 'in the race of Khela.' Roth<sup>3</sup> thinks that a man is meant, and Sieg,<sup>4</sup> following Sāyaṇa, sees in him a king whose Purohita was **Agastya**. See also **Amśu**.

<sup>1</sup> i. 116, 15.

<sup>2</sup> *Vedische Studien*, I, 171-173.

<sup>3</sup> St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v.

<sup>4</sup> *Die Sagenstoffe des Rgveda*, 127, 128.

Cf. Ludwig, Translation of the Rigveda, 4, 28.

## G.

**Gaṅgā**, the modern Ganges, is mentioned directly in the Rigveda only once, in the Nadī-stuti or 'Praise of Rivers.'<sup>1</sup> But it is also referred to in the derivative form *gāṅgyaḥ* as an epithet of **Urukakṣa**.<sup>2</sup> The name of this river does not occur

<sup>1</sup> x. 75, 5.

<sup>2</sup> vi. 45, 31.

<sup>3</sup> The reference to the Gaṅgā remains, even if with Oldenberg (*Rgveda-Noten*, I, 396) we assume that a thicket

i meant, and not a proper name (cf. Wackernagel, *Altindische Grammatik*, 2, 288). See also Weber, Proceedings of the Berlin Academy, 1893, 563, n. 1.