

Bāhu, 'arm,' as a measure of length, is found in the Taittirīya Saṃhitā (vi. 2, 11, 1) and often in the Sūtras.

Bāhu-vṛkta is the name of a man, apparently a Ṛṣi, who overcame foes in battle, according to the Rīgveda.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> v. 44, 12. Cf. Ludwig, Translation of the Rīgveda, 3, 138, 139. The Anu- | kramaṇi (Index) attributes to him two hymns of the Rīgveda, v. 71 and 72.

Bidala-kārī, 'female splitter of bamboos,' is the name of one of the victims at the Puruṣamedha ('human sacrifice') in the Yajurveda.<sup>1</sup> Eggeling<sup>2</sup> renders the word as 'basket-maker.'

<sup>1</sup> Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā, xxx. 8; bidala- | <sup>2</sup> Sacred Books of the East, 44. kāra, Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa, iii. 4, 5, 1. | 414.

Bimba appears in one passage of the Jaiminiya Upaniṣad Brāhmaṇa (iii. 5, 6) to denote the plant *Momordica monadelphæ*.

Bilva is the name of the wood-apple tree (*Aigle marmelos*). It is mentioned in the Brāhmaṇas<sup>1</sup> and in the Atharvaveda,<sup>2</sup> where a reference to its valuable fruit may be intended. According to the Taittirīya Saṃhitā,<sup>3</sup> the sacrificial post was made of Bilva wood in some cases. The Śāṅkhāyana Āraṇyaka<sup>4</sup> contains a hymn in praise of the virtues of an amulet of Bilva (*irā-maṇi bailva*).<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, ii. 1; Sata- | patha Brāhmaṇa, xiii. 4, 4, 8, etc. Cf. Maitrāyaṇi Saṃhitā, iii. 9, 3.

<sup>2</sup> xx. 136, 13.

<sup>3</sup> ii. 1, 8, 1. 2. Cf. Śatapatha Brāh-

maṇa, i. 3, 3, 20 (*paridhayaḥ*); Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, loc. cit.

<sup>4</sup> xii. 20 et seq.

<sup>5</sup> At the present day the tree is called Bel, and its leaves are used in the ritual of Siva worship.

Bisa denotes the radical fibres of the lotus, which seem to have been eaten as a delicacy as early as the times of the Atharvaveda.<sup>1</sup> It is mentioned also in the Aitareya Brāhmaṇa<sup>2</sup> and the Aitareya Āraṇyaka.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> iv. 34, 5.

<sup>2</sup> v. 30.

<sup>3</sup> iii. 2, 4; Śāṅkhāyana Āraṇyaka, xi. 4. Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 70.