

Kikāṭa.—The name of this people occurs only in one passage of the *Rigveda*, where they appear as hostile to the singer and as under the leadership of **Pramaganda**. Yāska² declares that Kikāṭa was the name of a non-Āryan country, and later³ Kikāṭa is given as a synonym of Magadha. Hence Zimmer⁴ concludes that the Kikāṭas were a non-Āryan people living in the country later known as Magadha. Weber⁵ holds that this people were located in Magadha, but were Āryan, though at variance with other Āryan tribes, perhaps because of heretical tendencies, for Magadha was later a seat of Buddhism. But the identification is uncertain, and is doubted by Oldenberg⁶ and Hillebrandt.⁷

¹ iii. 53, 14.

² Nirukta, vi. 32.

³ St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v.

⁴ *Altindisches Leben*, 31, 118. Cf. Geldner, *Rigveda, Kommentar*, 58.

⁵ *Indische Studien*, I, 186; *Indian Literature*, 79, n. *.

⁶ *Buddha*, 402, 403; *Rgveda-Noten*, I, 253.

⁷ *Vedische Mythologie*, I, 14-18.

Kiṭa is the name of a species of worm mentioned in the *Atharvaveda*,¹ and frequently in the *Upaniṣads*.²

¹ ix. 4, 16.

² *Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad*, vi. 1, 19; 2, 14; *Chāndogya Upaniṣad*, vi. 9, 3;

10, 2; vii. 2, 1; 7, 1; *Kauṣītaki Upaniṣad*, i. 2, etc.

Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 98.

Kināśa, a name of the ploughman or cultivator of the soil, is found in the *Rigveda*¹ and the later *Samhitās*.² See **Kṛṣi**.

¹ iv. 57, 8.

² *Av.* iv. 11, 10; vi. 30, 1; *Vājasaneyi Samhitā*, xxx. 11; *Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa*, ii. 4, 8, 7.

Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 237; Weber, *Indische Studien*, 18, 45; Hopkins, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 17, 86, n.

Kiri is in the *Rigveda*¹ a regular designation of the 'poet.' Cf. **Ṛṣi**.

¹ i. 31, 13; ii. 12, 6; v. 52, 12 (*kiriṣaḥ*; Max Müller, *Sacred Books of the East*, 32, 317). But see Geldner,

Rigveda, Glossar, 46; Pischel, *Vedische Studien*, I, 223.

Kirśā, the name of some kind of animal, or perhaps bird, is mentioned in the list of victims for the horse sacrifice (*Aśva-medha*) in the *Taittirīya Samhitā*.¹

¹ v. 5, 20, 1. Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 99; St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v.