

Mr̥dh in the Rigveda¹ and later² denotes 'enemy.'

¹ i. 131, 6; 138, 2; 182, 4; ii. 22, 3;

23, 13; 28, 7; iii. 47, 2; v. 30, 7, etc.

² Av. v. 20, 12; vi. 2, 2; viii. 5, 8;

xiii. 1, 5, 27; xviii. 2, 59; Taittirīya

Samhitā, ii. 2, 7, 4; 5, 3, 1; Vājasaneyi
Samhitā, v. 37; xi. 16, 72, etc.

Mr̥dhra-vāc. See **Dasyu** and **Dāsa**.

Mekṣaṇa is the name in the Brāhmaṇas¹ of a wooden ladle used for stirring up the oblation (**Caru**).

¹ Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa, i. 3, 10, 4; iii. 7, 4, 9; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, ii. 4, 2, 13, etc.

Mekhalā denotes 'girdle' in the later Samhitās¹ and the Brāhmaṇas.² The **Brahmacārin** wore a girdle.³

¹ Av. vi. 133, 1; Taittirīya Samhitā, i. 3, 3, 5; vi. 2, 2, 7; Kāthaka Samhitā, xxiii. 4; xxiv. 9; Maitrāyaṇī Samhitā, iii. 6, 7, etc.

² Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, iii. 2, 1, 10; iv. 4, 5, 2; vi. 2, 2, 39, etc.

³ In the Gṛhya Sūtras the girdle of the Brahmin is of Muñja, that of the Kṣatriya of a bowstring, and that of the Vaiśya of wool or hemp. See Āśvalāyana Gṛhya Sūtra, i. 19, 12, etc.

Megha denotes 'cloud' in the Rigveda¹ and later.²

¹ i. 181, 8.

² Av. iv. 15, 7; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, iii. 2, 2, 5; xii. 3, 2, 6; mahā-megha, Aitareya Āraṇyaka, iii. 2, 4; Śāṅkhāyana Āraṇyaka, vii. 3; viii. 7. The verb *meghay*, 'to make cloudy weather,'

is found in the Taittirīya Samhitā, iv. 4, 5, 1, and *meghayanti* is the name of one of the seven *Kṛttikās*, Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa, iii. 1, 4, 1; Weber, *Naxatra*, 2, 301, 368.

Methi is found in the Atharvaveda¹ denoting 'post.' The word is also found in the marriage ritual,² when the sense is, according to the St. Petersburg Dictionary, a post to support the pole of a chariot. In one passage of the Rigveda it is perhaps used of posts forming a palisade.³ In the Pañcaviṃśa

¹ viii. 5, 20.

² Av. xiv. 1, 40. Cf. Taittirīya Samhitā, vi. 2, 9, 4; Kāthaka Samhitā, xiv. 8; Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, i. 29, 22; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, iii. 5, 3, 21.

³ viii. 53, 5 (*mita-methibhiḥ* for *-medh-ābhiḥ*, conjectured by Roth, *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft*, 48, 109).