

Godhā.—(a) The sense of 'bowstring' seems certain in one passage of the Rigveda,¹ and possible in another.² Roth³ also adopts this meaning in the only passage of the Atharvaveda⁴ where the word occurs.

¹ x. 28, 10. 11.

² viii. 69, 9. See Hopkins, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 17, 53.

³ St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v. i.

⁴ iv. 3, 6.

(b) In one passage of the Rigveda¹ the sense of 'musical instrument' is recognized by Roth and by Hillebrandt² for this word.

¹ viii. 69, 9.

² *Vedische Mythologie*, I, 144, n. 1.

(c) Elsewhere¹ an animal seems to be meant, perhaps the 'crocodile,' as Ludwig² and Weber³ think; perhaps a large 'lizard,' as Roth and Zimmer⁴ assume. An animal is probably also meant in the Atharvaveda.⁵

¹ Taittiriya Samhitā, v. 5, 15, 1; Vājasaneyi Samhitā, xxiv. 35; Pañcaviṃśa Brāhmaṇa, ix. 2, 14; Baudhāyana Śrauta Sūtra, ii. 5; Jaiminiya Brāhmaṇa, i. 221; Śātyāyana on Rv. viii. 91; *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 18, 29.

² Translation of the Rigveda, 3, 499.

³ *Indische Studien*, 18, 15, 16. Bloomfield, *Hymns of the Atharvaveda*, 368, renders the word vaguely by 'dragon.'

⁴ *Altindisches Leben*, 95.

⁵ iv. 3, 6, where Whitney offers no rendering at all.

Go-dhūma, 'wheat,' is frequently referred to in the plural in the Yajurveda Samhitās¹ and Brāhmaṇas,² and is expressly distinguished from 'rice' (Vrīhi) or 'barley' (Yava).³ 'Groats' (saktavaḥ) made of this grain are also mentioned.⁴ The word occurs in the singular in the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa.⁵

¹ Maitrāyaṇī Samhitā, i. 2, 8; Vājasaneyi Samhitā, xviii. 12; xix. 22. 89; xxi. 29, etc.

² Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, xii. 7, 1, 2; 2, 9; Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad, vi. 3, 22 (Mādhyamdina = vi. 3, 13 Kāṇva), etc.

³ Taittiriya Brāhmaṇa, i. 3, 7, 2.

⁴ Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, xii. 9, 1, 5.

⁵ v. 2, 1, 6.

Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 241.

Go-pati, 'lord of cows,' is freely used in the Rigveda¹ to denote any lord or master, a natural usage considering that cattle formed the main species of wealth.

¹ i. 101, 4; iv. 24, 1; vi. 45, 21; vii. 18, 4, etc. Av. iii. 14, 6, etc.