Punjistha | A TREE-A HEAVEN-HARLOT-MALE-BIRTH 535 plant, like Naladī and Guggulū, two other names of Apsarases given in the same verse.

Pīlu is the name in the Atharvaveda of a tree (Careya arborea or Salvadora persica) on the fruit of which doves fed.

1 XX. 135, 12. Cf. Zimmer, Altindisches Leben, 62; Weber, Transactions of the Berlin Academy, 1895, 861.

Pīlumatī is in the Atharvaveda (xviii. 2, 48) the name of the intermediate heaven lying between the udanvatī, 'watery,' and the pra-dyauh, 'farthest heaven.' It presumably means 'rich in Pīlu.' Cf. Div.

Pumś-calī ('running after men') is found in the Vājasaneyi Samhitā, the Atharvaveda, and later, to denote a 'wanton woman.' In the Vājasaneyi Samhitā also occurs the form See also Dharma and Pati. Pumścalū.

2 xv. 2, 1 et seq. Kausītaki Brāhmaņa, xxvii. 1; Lāty-

āyana Srauta Sūtra, iv. 3, 9, 11.

4 xxx. 5. 20; Taittirīya Brāhmaņa, ³ Pañcavimsa Brāhmaṇa, viii. 1, 10; iii. 4, 1, 1; 15, 1; Kātyāyana Śrauta Sūtra, xiii. 3, 6.

Pum-savana ('male-production' ceremony) is found in the Atharvaveda 1 in a hymn which is obviously intended to accompany a rite aiming at securing the birth of a male child and which is so applied in the ritual.2

- 1 vi. 11, 1.
- ² Kauśika Sūtra, xxxv. 8. Cf. Bloomfield, Hymns of the Atharvaveda, 460; Whitney, Translation of the Atharva-Gobhila Grhya Sütra, ii. 6, 1 veda, 288. The later Grhya ritual Hillebrandt, Rituallitteratur, 41.

knows a special rite called Pumsavana. See Aśvalāvana Grhya Sūtra, i. 13; Sānkhāyana Grhya Sūtra, i. 20; Gobhila Grhva Sūtra, ii. 6, 1 et seq.;

Puklaka. See Paulkasa.

Punji-stha is found in the Yajurveda Samhitas1 and later,2 apparently meaning 'fisherman,' though Mahidhara3 explains it as 'bird-catcher.' Cf. Pauñjistha.

- ¹ Vājasaneyi Samhitā, xvi. 27; Taittirīva Samhitā, iv. 5, 4, 2; Maitrāyaņī Samhitā, ii. 9, 5; Kāthaka Samhitā, xvii, 13.
- ² Asvalāvana Srauta Sūtra, x. 7; Pāṇini, viii. 3, 97.
 - 3 On Vājasaneyi Samhitā, xvi. 27.