

Vihalha is found in the Atharvaveda¹ apparently as the name of a plant. The forms *Vihampla* and *Vihahla* occur as variants.

¹ vi. 16, 2. Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 72.

Viṇā in the later *Samhitās*¹ and the *Brāhmaṇas*² denotes a 'lute'. A *Viṇā-vāda*, 'lute-player,' is included in the list of victims at the *Puruṣamedha* ('human sacrifice') in the *Yajurveda*,³ and is also mentioned elsewhere.⁴ The *Aitareya Āraṇyaka*,⁵ which states that the instrument was once covered with a hairy skin, enumerates its parts as *Śiras*, 'head' (*i.e.*, neck); *Udara*, 'cavity'; *Ambhaṇa*, 'sounding board'; *Tantra*, 'string'; and *Vādana*, 'plectrum.' In the *Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa*⁶ the *Uttaramandrā* is either a tune or a kind of lute. Cf. *Vāṇa*.

¹ *Taittirīya Samhitā*, vi. 1, 4, 1; *Kāthaka Samhitā*, xxxiv. 5; *Maitrāyaṇī Samhitā*, iii. 6, 8.

² *Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa*, iii. 2, 4, 6; xiii. 1, 5, 1; *śata-tantrī*, 'hundred-stringed' (like the *Vāṇa*), at the *Mahāvratā* rite, *Śāṅkhāyana Śrauta Sūtra*, xvii. 3, 1, etc.; *Jaiminiya Brāhmaṇa*, i. 42 (*Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 15, 235).

³ *Vājasaneyi Samhitā*, xxx. 20; *Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa*, iii. 4, 15, 1.

⁴ *Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad*, ii. 4, 8; iv. 5, 9.

⁵ iii. 2, 5; cf. *Śāṅkhāyana Āraṇyaka*, viii. 9.

⁶ xiii. 4, 2, 8. Cf. Eggeling, *Sacred Books of the East*, 44, 356, n. 3.

Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 289; Hopkins, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 13, 328; von Schroeder, *Indiens Literatur und Cultur*, 755.

Viṇā-gāthīn denotes 'lute-player' in the *Brāhmaṇas*.¹ In the *Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa* *Viṇāgaṇagin* denotes the 'leader of a band.'

¹ *Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa*, iii. 9, 14, 1; *Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa*, xiii. 1, 5, 1; 4, 2, 8. II. 14; 3, 5.

² xiii. 4, 3, 3; 4, 2; *Śāṅkhāyana Śrauta Sūtra*, xvi. 1, 29.

Viṇā-vāda. See *Viṇā*.

Vita-havya is the name of a prince who is mentioned in the *Rigveda*¹ along with *Bharadvāja*, and as a contemporary of *Sudās*,² though in both passages it is possible to understand the

¹ vi. 15, 2, 3.

² vii. 19, 3.