

years together without moving from the place, so that his body was covered up with ant-hills. But the same sage reappeared and got him out, and as he issued from the 'valmika' he was called *Vālmiki*, and became afterwards an eminent sage. One day while he was performing his ablutions, he saw one of a pair of *Krauncha* birds being killed by a fowler, at which he cursed the wretch in words which unconsciously took the form of a verse in the *Anuṣṭubh* metre. This was a new mode of composition, and at the command of the god Brahman he composed the first poem the *Rāmāyaṇa*. When *Sītā* was abandoned by *Rāma*, he gave her shelter under his roof, and brought up her two sons. He afterwards restored them all to *Rāma*.]

वाल्मीक्यम् Being beloved or favourite.

वाच *ind.* A particle laying stress on the preceding word; त उपनिषद्ब्राह्मी वाच त उपनिषदमब्रूमेति Ken. 4. 7; यतोऽभवद्विश्वमिदं विचित्रं संस्थास्यते यत्र च वाच तिष्ठते Bhāg. 3. 22. 20.

वाचकृक् *a.* [वच् लृक्-ऊक्] 1 Talkative, garrulous. -2 Eloquent.

वाचयः A kind of basil.

वावात *a.* Dear, favourite (from वच्); इन्द्रस्य प्रिया जाया वावाता प्रासहा नाम Ait. Br. 3. 22. -ता A king's favourite wife from *Sūdra* class; Rām. 1. 14. 35 (com. राज्ञां हि त्रिविधाः स्त्रियः..... मध्यमजातेर्वेश्याया वावातेति नाम).

वावुटः A boat, raft.

वावृत् 4 *Ā.* (वावृत्त्यते) 1 To choose, prefer, select, love; ततो वावृत्त्यमानासौ रामशालां न्यविक्षत Bk. 4. 28. -2 To serve.

वावृत्त *a.* Chosen, selected, preferred.

वाग् I. 4 *Ā.* (वाद्यते, वाशित) 1 To roar, cry, scream, shriek, howl; hum (as birds), sound in general; (शिवाः) तां श्रिताः प्रतिभयं ववाशिरे R. 11. 61; Śi. 18. 75, 76; Bk. 14. 14, 76. -2 To call.

वाशाक *a.* Roaring, sounding.

वाशनम् 1 Roaring, howling, growling, yelling &c. -2 The warbling or cry of birds, humming (of bees &c.).

वाशिः Fire, the god of fire.

वाशितम् 1 The cry of birds; दुर्भक्षस्य ज्वालना वाशितेन Śi. 18. 76. -2 Calling out, calling.

वाशिता, वासिता 1 A female elephant; अभ्यपद्यत स वाशितासखः पुष्पिताः कमलिनीरिव द्विपः R. 19. 11; वाशितायूथ-सहितः करीव हिमवत्तटम् Bu. Ch. 4. 27; शुष्णिणो यूथपस्येव वासिता-मनु धावतः Bhāg. 8. 12. 32. -2 A woman; वासितासंगमे यतो सिंहाविव महावने Mb. 6. 116. 20. -3 A wife; यो भर्ता वासितादुष्टो भर्तुस्तुष्टा च वासिता Mb. 13. 122. 17.

वाशी Ved. 1 Roaring, crying. -2 A weapon in general (such as an axe, spear &c.); also written वासी; सकीलकवचाः सर्वे वासीवृक्षादनान्विताः Mb. 5. 155. 8. -3 Voice, speech. -4 A war-cry.

वाशुरा Night.

वाश्र *a.* [वाश्-रक् Un. 2. 13] Ved. Roaring, bellowing. -श्रः 1 A day. -2 A bull. -श्रा 1 A cow with a calf; वाश्रैव वत्सकमनुग्रहकातरोऽस्मान् Bhāg. 4. 9. 17; 10. 46. 9. -2 A mother. -श्रम् 1 A dwelling, house. -2 A place where four roads meet. -3 Dung.

वाष्कल *a.* Large, great. -लः A warrior.

वाष्पः, -ष्पम् See वाष्प.

वास I. 10 U. (वासयति-ते) 1 To scent, perfume, incense, fumigate, make fragrant; वासिताननविशेषितगन्धा Ki. 9. 60; प्रकटितपटवासैर्वासयन् काननानि Git. 1; U. 3. 16; R. 4. 74; Me. 20; R. 5. 5. -2 To steep, infuse. -3 To spice, season. -II. 4 *Ā.* See वाश्.

वासः [वस् निवासे आच्छादने वा घञ्] 1 Perfume. -2 Living, dwelling; वासो यस्य हरेः करे Bv. 1. 63; R. 19. 2; नरके नियतं वासो भवतीत्यनुशुश्रुम Bg. 1. 44. -3 An abode, a habitation, house; एष शाकुनिकः शेत तव वासं समाश्रितः Mb. 12. 145. 7. -4 Site, situation; अवाप्य वासं नरेदेवपुत्राः Mb. 3. 176. 4. -5 A day's journey. -6 Imagination. (वासना). -7 Semblance. -8 Clothes, dress. -Comp. -अ (आ) -गारः, -रम्, -गृहम्, -वेदमन् *n.* the inner apartments of a house; particularly bed-chamber; धर्मासनाद्विशति वासगृहं नरेन्द्रः U. 1. 7; समयः खलु ते वासगृहप्रवेशस्य V. 3. -कर्णी 1 a hall where public exhibitions (such as dancing, wrestling matches &c.) are held. -2 a sacrificial hall. -गृहम् 1 the inner part of a house. -2 bed-chamber; धर्मासनाद्विशति वासगृहं नरेन्द्रः U. 1. 7. -ताम्बूलम् betel mixed with other fragrant spices; वासताम्बूलवीटिकां... उपयुज्य Dk. 2. 2. -पर्ययः a change of residence; नोत्सीदेम महाराज क्रियतां वासपर्ययः Mb. 3. 258. 5. -प्रासादः a palace. -भवनम्, -मन्दिरम्, -सदनम् a dwelling-place, house. -यष्टिः *f.* a roosting perch, a rod for a bird to perch on; उत्कीर्णा इव वासयष्टिषु निशानिद्रालसा बर्हिणः V. 3. 2; Me. 81. -योगः a kind of fragrant powder. -सज्जा = वासकसज्जा q. v.

वासक *a.* (-का or -सिका *f.*) [वास्-वस्-णिच् वा ष्वल्] 1 Scenting, perfuming, infusing, fumigating &c. -2 Causing to dwell, populating. -कः Scent. -का (also वासिका) 1 An abode, habitation. -2 A bed-chamber. -कम् Clothes. -Comp. -सज्जा, -सज्जिका a woman who dresses herself in all her ornaments and keeps herself (and her house) ready to receive her lover, especially when he has made an appointment with her; an expectant heroine, one of the several classes of a *Nāyikā*; S. D. thus defines her:— कुरुते मण्डनं यस्याः (या तु) सज्जिते वासवेशमनि । सा तु वासकसज्जा स्याद्विदितप्रियसंगमा ॥