

burnt down the excellent chariot of Angāraparna, and he fell down, head downwards, as he swooned due to the lustre of the missile 1. 158. 28, 29, 37; (ii) used by Droṇa (besides using other divine missiles) against Arjuna at the time of the cattle-raid; Arjuna combated it with his Āgneyāstra 4. 53. 48; (iii) on the same occasion used by Bhīṣma and Arjuna against each other to combat each other's missiles 4. 59. 21; (iv) in his fight with Citrasena and the Gandharvas Arjuna killed thousands of Gandharvas with Āgneyāstra 3. 234. 7; when released once again, the Gandharvas, afflicted by heat, were dejected 3. 234. 17; (v) at the time of displaying his skill in the use of missiles, Arjuna produced fire by releasing Āgneyāstra 1. 125. 19; (vi) employed by Bhīṣma against Rāma (Jāmadagnya); it was rendered ineffective by the counter-use of Vāruṇāstra 5. 181. 12. **D.** Mode of use : The normal arrows were supposed to be infused by this *astra* (*astre te vāruṇāgneye tābhyaṃ bāṇasamāhite* 7. 73. 48) by reciting *mantras* over it (*anumantrya* 5. 181. 12, *abhimantrya* 7. 172. 15); Aśvatthāman also sipped water (*vāry upasprśya* 7. 172. 14) before reciting *mantras*. **E.** Status : Inferior to Śivā's Pāśupatāstra 13. 14. 127.

Āgneyāstra² nt. : Name of a missile identified with Kṛṣṇa's Sudarśana cakra.

Received by Kṛṣṇa from God Fire *before* the burning of the Khāṇḍava forest 1. 216. 21; however, it is said that Kṛṣṇa got it from God Fire *after* satisfying him 7. 10. 21; released by Kṛṣṇa against Śālva 3. 23. 28. [See Sudarśana].

Āngirasa nt. : Name of a bow used by Droṇa.

Described as heavenly (*divya*), Droṇa used it to fight a duel with Dhṛṣṭadyumna; Droṇa shot arrows with it which looked like *brahmadanḍa* 7. 164. 122.

Ājagava¹ nt. : Name of the bow of king Māndhātṛ.

He received it miraculously soon after his birth (from Indra? 3. 126. 27, 29, 32) 3. 126. 31. [See Ājagava²].

Ājagava² adj. : The Gāṇḍīva bow of Arjuna so described 7. 120. 86, (85). [lit. 'one which was covered with the skin of a goat and a cow?'].

Ātharvaṇa nt. : Name (?) of a missile.

Karṇa had received it from Rāma (Jāmadagnya); described as 'of great prowess' (*mahāmahiman*) and 'killer of enemies' (*arivināśana*); by using it Karṇa blew away the burning missile of Arjuna 8. 66. 3.

Ādityāstra nt. : Name of a missile.

Used by Arjuna to dry up the floods of waters created by Śakuni with his *māyā* 7. 29. 25.

Āpluta nt. : One of the twenty-one movements (*mārga*) used while fighting with a sword.

Dhṛṣṭadyumna adopted it in turn while attacking Droṇa 7. 164. 147-148.

Āviddha nt. : One of the twenty-one movements (*mārga*) used while fighting with a sword.

Dhṛṣṭadyumna adopted it in turn while attacking Droṇa 7. 164. 147-148.

Āsura¹ adj. : A kind of *vyūha* (arrangement of the army) known to the Asuras.

Bhīṣma knew different kinds of *vyūhas*, one of them being *āsura* 6. 19. 2; he arranged