

Karkatakam—Cancer; when the sun enters this it is Dakṣiṇāyana.

Vi. II. 8. 31.

Karkaśa—a commander of Bhaṇḍa.

Br. IV. 21. 79.

Karkoṭa (ka)—the Nāga presiding over the month of Puṣya.¹ A Kādraveya Nāga.² The *sabhā* of, in Māhiṣamati. His son defeated by Kārtavīrya Arjuna;³ used for Tripurārī's chariot.⁴ The assembly of, conquered by Kārtavīrya Arjuna.⁵

¹ Bhā. XII. 11. 42; M. 126. 18; Vā. 52. 17; 69. 70. ² Br. II. 23. 17; III. 7. 34; IV. 20. 53; 33. 36; M. 6. 39; Vi. I. 21. 22. ³ Br. III. 69. 26; M. 43. 29. ⁴ M. 133. 33; 163. 56. ⁵ Vā. 94. 26.

Karkoṭakesvaram—a *tīrtham* on the Narmadā.

M. 191. 36.

Karṇa (ṛ)—born of Kuntī as a virgin and abandoned by her; brought up by Adhiratha; became a king and father of Vṛṣasena.¹ Pāṇḍavas defeated his army. Arjuna was saved from Karṇa's arrows by Kṛṣṇa. Joined Duryodhana in insulting Vidura, and was his evil adviser.² Resented Sāmba's action in carrying away Lakṣmaṇā but vanquished by Sāmba. In charge of gifts in Yudhiṣṭira's *Rājasūya*. Joined Duryodhana's army and succeeded Droṇa as commander for two days, but was killed by Arjuna.³ Failed to hit the mark in the *svayamvara* of Lakṣmaṇā.⁴ Identified with Cakravarman, the son of Bala.⁵ Was called son of Sūta as he was brought up by Adhiratha the Sūta.⁶

¹ Bhā. IX. 23. 13-14; X. 49. 2; Vi. IV. 14. 36; 18. 28-9; V. 35. 5 and 7; 38. 16. ² Bhā. I. 15. 15-16; III. 1. 14; 3. 13. ³ Bhā. X. 68. 5 and 9; 75. 5; 78 [95 (v) 16] & [37]. ⁴ Ib. X. 83. 23. ⁵ Br. III. 6. 32. ⁶ Vā. 99. 118.