

Usra, m.; **Usrā**, f.; **Usrika**, m.; **Usriya**, m.; **Usriyā**, f. All these words denote a 'bull' or a 'cow,' occurring frequently in the Rigveda,¹ and sometimes later,² but usually with some reference to the morning light. In some passages the sense is doubtful. See **Go**.

¹ *Usra*, Rv. vi. 12, 4; *usrā*, i. 3, 8; viii. 75, 8; 96, 8; ix. 58, 2, etc.; *usrika*, i. 190, 5; *usriya*, v. 58, 6 (with *urṣabhā*); ix. 74, 3; *usriyā*, i. 153, 4; 180, 3; ii. 40, 2, etc. In ix. 70, 6, *usriya* is applied to a calf; and in ix. 68, 1; 93, 2, *usriyā* means 'milk.'

² *Usrau dhūrśāhu*, Vājasaneyi Samhitā, iv. 33; *usrā*, Av. xii. 3, 37; *usriya*, Av. i. 12, 1; *usriyā*, Av. ix. 4, 1; Vājasaneyi Samhitā, xxxv. 2, 3. In Av. v. 20, 1; 28, 3, it means 'cow-hide,' or perhaps in v. 28, 3, 'milk.'

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Urjayant Aupamanyava is mentioned in the Vamśa Brāhmaṇa¹ as a pupil of **Bhānumant Aupamanyava**.

¹ *Indische Studien*, 4, 372.

Urjayantī is regarded by Ludwig¹ in one passage of the Rigveda² as the name of a fort, the stronghold of **Nārmara**. The verse is, however, quite unintelligible.³

¹ Translation of the Rigveda, 3, 152.

² ii. 13, 8.

³ Sāyaṇa makes Urjayantī a Piśāci;

Grassmann, the sun; Roth, s.v. *urjay*, takes it adjectivally. Cf. Oldenberg, *Rigveda-Noten*, 1, 199.

Urjavya, a word occurring only once in the Rigveda,¹ is taken by Ludwig² to be the name of a sacrificer. Roth,³ however, regards the word as an adjective meaning 'rich in strength,' and this is the more probable interpretation.

¹ v. 41, 20.

² Translation of the Rigveda, 3, 155.

³ St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v.

Urṇa-nābhi,¹ **Urṇa-vābhi**, **Urṇa-vant** are all names of the spider in the later Samhitās and the Brāhmaṇas in allusion to the insect's spinning threads of wool, as it were.

¹ *Urṇa-nābhi* ('having wool in its navel'), Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa, i. 1, 2, 5; Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad, ii. 1, 23; *Urṇa-vābhi* ('wool-spinner'), Kāthaka

Samhitā, viii. 1; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, xiv. 5, 1, 23; *Urṇa-vant* ('possessing wool'), Kauṣītaki Brāhmaṇa, xix. 3 (in a Mantra).