

**Veśya** in two passages of the Rigveda (iv. 26, 3; vi. 61, 14) seems to denote the relation of 'dependence' rather than 'neighbourhood.' Cf. i. **Veśa**.

**Veṣka** in the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa (iii. 8, 1, 15) denotes the 'noose' for strangling the sacrificial animal. See **Bleṣka**.

**Vehat** seems to mean a 'cow that miscarries.' It is mentioned in the Atharvaveda<sup>1</sup> and later.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> xii. 4, 37 *et seq.* In iii. 23, 1, a woman is called *vehat*.

<sup>2</sup> Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā, xviii. 27; xxiv. 1, etc.; Taittiriya Saṃhitā, ii. 1, 5, 3, etc. In Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa,

xii. 4, 4, 6, Eggeling, *Sacred Books of the East*, 44, 195, adopts the sense 'a cow desiring the bull.' But cf. Whitney, *Translation of the Atharvaveda*, 127.

**Vaikarṇa** occurs but once in the Rigveda<sup>1</sup> in the description of the **Dāśarājña**, where **Sudās** is stated to have overthrown the twenty-one tribes (*janān*) of the kings or folk of the two Vaikarṇas. Zimmer<sup>2</sup> conjectures that they were a joint people, the **Kuru-Krivis**: this is quite possible, and even probable. **Vikarṇa** as the name of a people is found in the **Mahābhārata**,<sup>3</sup> and a lexicographer<sup>4</sup> places the **Vikarṇas** in **Kāśmīr**, a reminiscence probably of a real settlement of the **Kurus** in that country. Cf. **Uttara Kuru**.

<sup>1</sup> vii. 18, 11.

<sup>2</sup> *Altindisches Leben*, 103.

<sup>3</sup> vi. 2105.

<sup>4</sup> *St. Petersburg Dictionary*, s.v.

Cf. Hopkins, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 15, 261 *et seq.*, who sees in **Vaikarṇau** the two **Vaikarṇa** kings.

**Vaikhānasa** is the name of a mythical group of **Rṣis** who are said in the **Pañcaviṃśa Brāhmaṇa**<sup>1</sup> to have been slain at **Muni-maraṇa** by **Rahasyu Devamalimluc**, and who are mentioned in the **Taittiriya Āraṇyaka** also.<sup>2</sup> An individual **Vaikhānasa** is **Puruhanman**.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> xiv. 4, 7.

<sup>2</sup> i. 23, 3 (*Indische Studien*, 1, 78).

<sup>3</sup> xiv. 9, 29.