

संज्ञा Wife of the sun and mother of Yama and Yamunā. See अग्निनीकुमार, जाया.

सत्यभामा Daughter of king Satrājīṭ and one of the most favourite wives of Krishna. It was for her that Krishna brought down the *Pa'rija'ta* tree from heaven.

सत्यवत् Son of a blind old king, chosen as her lord by Sāvitrī, the lovely daughter of king As'vapati. See सावित्री.

सत्ताजित् Father of Satyabhāmā. He got the *Syamantaka* jewel from the sun as a gift and prided himself on it. From his brother Prasena the precious jewel passed into the hands of Jāmbavat who, being vanquished in fight, presented it with his daughter to Krishna. (See जांबवत्.) Krishna returned the jewel to Satrājīṭ but the latter presented it to Krishna with his daughter Satyabhāmā. Afterwards when Satyabhāmā was at her father's, Sātadhanvan, at the request of Akrūra, killed Satrājīṭ and obtained possession of the jewel. Krishna slew S'atadhanvan but the jewel had already been handed over to अक्रूर (q. v.) and was allowed to remain with him.

संज्ञाति King of vultures, the elder brother of Jatāyu.

सहदेव The youngest of the Pāṇḍava princes, begotten on Mādrī by the younger As'vin. He was proficient in astrology and is considered as the *beau ideal* of masculine beauty.

सात्वकि A hero of the Yādava family who acted as charioteer to Krishna and was a staunch adherent of the Pa'ndavas in the great war.

सांरीपनि A sage who was the preceptor of Krishna and Balara'ma. He demanded as his

preceptor's fee that his son who was kept under the waters of the sea by a demon should be restored to him. Krishna plunged into the sea, killed the demon and brought back the boy.

सावित्री The only daughter of king As'vapati. When she reached a marriageable age her father asked her to go out in search of a husband and make her choice herself. She returned and announced to her father that she had chosen Satyavat, son of an old king who was then living in a forest with his wife. At this announcement Nārada who happened to be present told her and her father that she would choose grief and misery in choosing Satyavat, as he was fated to die in a year counting from that day. But the high-souled maiden could on no account be put off her purpose and in due time the young couple were married. Sāvitrī put aside her jewels and wore the coarse raiment of hermits.

"Sadly, sadly as she counted, day by day flew swiftly by,

"And the fated time came nearer when her Satyavân must die.

"Yet three days and he must perish, sadly thought the loving wife,

"And she vowed to fast, unresting, for his last three days of life."

She maintained her fast and on the third day, when her husband went out to perform his daily task of felling trees, she accompanied him. Fatigued by work Satyavat rested his head upon his wife's breast and fell asleep. In the meantime Yama deprived him of his soul in the presence of Sāvitrī and moved towards the south. Sāvitrī closely followed him