

Eṇī denotes the 'female antelope' in the later Samhitās,<sup>1</sup> perhaps as the feminine of *Eta*.

<sup>1</sup> Av. v. 14, 11; Taittirīya Samhitā, | iii. 14, 17; Vājasaneyi Samhitā, xxiv.  
v. 5, 15, 1; Maitrāyaṇī Samhitā, | 36; Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 82.

*Eta* in the plural (*etāh*) denotes the steeds of the Maruts, being a swift species of deer, which are mentioned several times in the Rigveda,<sup>1</sup> and the skins of which are also said to be worn by the Maruts on their shoulders.<sup>2</sup> The epithet *pr̥thubudhna*, once applied to them in the Rigveda,<sup>3</sup> and variously interpreted as 'broad-hoofed,'<sup>4</sup> 'broad-chested,'<sup>5</sup> and 'broad in the hinder part,'<sup>6</sup> seems to indicate that they were not gazelles.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> i. 165, 2; 169, 6, 7; v. 54, 5; |  
x. 77, 2.

<sup>2</sup> Rv. i. 166, 10. Cf. Roth, *St. Petersburg Dictionary*, s.v.

<sup>3</sup> i. 169, 6.

<sup>4</sup> By Grassman and Zimmer.

<sup>5</sup> Griffith, *Hymns of the Rigveda*,

i, 235.

<sup>6</sup> Monier-Williams, *Dictionary*, s.v.

<sup>7</sup> Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 83.

1. *Etaśa* is in several passages of the Rigveda,<sup>1</sup> according to Roth<sup>2</sup> the name of a protégé whom Indra helped against the sun-god Sūrya. But in all these passages *Etaśa* seems merely to designate the horse of the sun.

<sup>1</sup> i. 62, 15; iv. 30, 6; v. 29, 5.

<sup>2</sup> *St. Petersburg Dictionary*, s.v.

<sup>3</sup> Macdonell, *Vedic Mythology*, pp. 149,  
150.

2. *Etaśa* is in the Kauṣītaki Brāhmaṇa<sup>1</sup> the name of a sage who is said to have cursed his children because they interrupted him in the midst of a rite; hence the Aitaśāyanas (descendants of *Etaśa*) are declared to be the worst of the Bṛ̥ḡus. The same story appears in the Aitareya Brāhmaṇa,<sup>2</sup> where, however, the sage's name is Aitaśa, and the Aitaśāyanas are described as the worst of the Aurvas.

<sup>1</sup> xxx. 5.

<sup>2</sup> vi. 33. Cf. Hillebrandt, *Vedische Mythologie*, 2, 173.

*Eḍidhiṣuḥ-pati* is a term occurring only in the Vājasaneyi Samhitā,<sup>1</sup> where the commentator Mahīdhara interprets it as

<sup>1</sup> xxx. 9.