

*Jyākā* means 'bowstring,' with a contemptuous sense, in the Rigveda,<sup>1</sup> and in the simple sense in the Atharvaveda.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> x. 133. 1, where *anyakeṣām jyākāḥ* is unmistakably contemptuous. Cf. Macdonell, *Vedic Grammar*, p. 137.

<sup>2</sup> i. 2, 2.

*Jyā-pāśa* means 'bowstring' in the Atharvaveda (xi. 10, 22).

*Jyā-hroda* occurs in the description of the arms of the *Vrātya* in the *Pañcaviṃśa Brāhmaṇa*,<sup>1</sup> and is also mentioned in the *Sūtras*.<sup>2</sup> The sense is somewhat obscure, for one *Sūtra* describes it as a 'bow not meant for use' (*ayogyam dhanus*),<sup>3</sup> while the other speaks of it as a 'bow without an arrow' (*dhanuṣka aniṣu*).<sup>4</sup> Some sort of a bow, therefore, seems to be meant.

<sup>1</sup> xvii. 1, 14 (spelt *-hroḍa* in text, *-hroḍa* in comm.).

<sup>2</sup> *Kātyāyana Śrauta Sūtra*, xxii. 4, 11 (spelt *-hroḍa*); *Lātyāyana Śrauta Sūtra*, viii. 6, 8 (spelt *-hroḍa*: the editor notes that the *Drāhyāyana Sūtra* has the same reading).

<sup>3</sup> *Kātyāyana*, loc. cit.

<sup>4</sup> *Lātyāyana*, loc. cit.

Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 38; Hopkins, *Transactions of the Connecticut Acad my of Arts and Sciences*, 15, 32; Weber, *Indische Studien*, I, 33, 52.

*Jyeṣṭha*, ordinarily meaning 'greatest,' has further the specific sense of 'eldest'<sup>1</sup> brother in the Rigveda.<sup>2</sup> It also means the eldest among sons, which is another side of the same sense.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> With changed accent, *jyeṣṭhā*. Cf. Macdonell, *Vedic Grammar*, p. 83, 14.

<sup>2</sup> iv. 33, 5; x. 11, 2.

<sup>3</sup> Av. xii. 2, 35; *Aitareya Brāhmaṇa*, vii. 17; *Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa*, xi. 5, 3, 8, and cf. *Jyāṣṭhina*.

*Jyeṣṭha-ghnī*, 'slaying the eldest,' is the name of a *Nakṣatra*, or lunar mansion, usually called *Jyeṣṭhā*, in the Atharvaveda<sup>1</sup> and the *Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa*.<sup>2</sup> It is Antares or *Cor Scipionis*.

<sup>1</sup> vi. 110, 2. Cf. vi. 112, 1.

<sup>2</sup> i. 5, 2, 8. Cf. Whitney, *Translation of the Atharvaveda*, 361.

***Jyeṣṭhā*. See *Nakṣatra*.**