Tarda, 'borer,' occurs in a hymn of the Atharvaveda enumerating insects that injure grain. Whitney 2 suggests that a kind of mouse or rat may be meant. Roth³ thought a bird was denoted.

1 vi. 50, 1. 2. 3 St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v. 2 Translation of the Atharvaveda, Cf. Bloomfield, Hymns of the Atharva-318.

Tardman in the Atharvaveda applies to the hole in the yoke In the Satapatha Brāhmaņa2 it designates a hole in a skin.

1 xiv. 1, 40.

2 iii. 2, 1, 2; Eggeling, Sacred Books of the East, 26, 26, n. 1.

Tarya is, according to Sayana, the name of a man in one passage of the Rigveda.¹ But the verse is hopelessly obscure.²

1 v, 44, 12. Cf. Ludwig, Translation of the Rigveda, 3, 158, 159. ² Oldenberg, Rgveda-Noten, 1, 342.

Talāśa is the name of a tree in the Atharvaveda. Whitney? suggests that it may be the same as tālīśa (Flacourtia cataphracta).

¹ vi. 15, 3. ² Translation of the Atharvaveda, 291. Cf. Zimmer, Altindisches Laben, 62.

Talpa is the regular term for 'bed' or 'couch' from the Rigveda and the Atharvaveda onwards. One made of Udumbara wood is mentioned in the Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa.3 The violation of the bed of a Guru, or teacher, is already mentioned in the Chandogya Upanisad,4 while the adjective talpya, 'born in the nuptial couch,' denotes 'legitimate' in the Satapatha Brāhmana.5

1 Rv. vii. 55, 8; Av. v. 17, 12; xiv. 2, 31. 41.

³ i. 2, 6, 5.

⁴ v. 10, 9.

5 xiii. 1, 6, 2. Cf. Zimmer, Altindisches Leben, 154.

² Taittirīya Samhitā, vi. 2, 6, 4; Taittirīya Brāhmaņa, ii. 2, 5, 3; Pancavimsa Brāhmaņa, xxiii. 4, 2; xxv. 1, 10.