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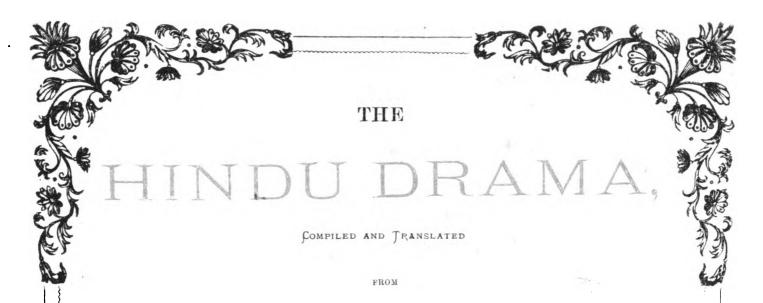
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INTRODUCTION.

ROM the earliest times the dramatic system has prevailed among the Aryans. It is said in the Shastras that it originated with Brahma himself, the Creator of the universe. Subsequently the sage Bharata, who adopted the system, imparted the knowledge of it to a member of devotees living in the recesses of forests and composed books suited to their require-That Bharata was the first to introduce it among men, admits of no doubt. Are not the concurring testimony borne by many of the Sanskrit authors of Ancient India and the use of the words Bharatsutra (literally aphorisms of Bharata) and Bharat-putra (literally son of Bharata) in dramatic literature, the one signifying Nataka or drama, and the other Nat or the Manager, indisputable proofs as to the validity of his claim? But what is greatly to be deplored is that no other book than Bharata-sanhitá, written by him on the subject of dramatic representation, is to be met with anywhere in this country. It was not that Bharata confined his instructions to the devotees, but he also instructed the heavenly nymphs Urvasi, Menaká and others in Nátya (gesticulation with language); Nritya (gesticulation without language, or pantomime) and Nritya (simple dancing), for the purposes of representation in the court of Indra. The dramatic art is briefly noticed in Bharata-sanhitá. The subject has been dwelt upon in extenso in Dasa Rupaka (description of the ten kinds of theatrical composition), a celebrated Sanskrit work on rhetoric written by a Sanskrit Scholar by the name of Dhananjaya in the 11th century of the Christian era. At this time Hindu drama after having attained the highest perfection was on its way to decline. But grave doubts are entertained as to the exact date of its publication since mention is made in it of Ratnávalí Nátiká, which was written a century later. If Dhananjaya had written his book in the 11th century, how could he possibly have made any mention therein of Ratnáváli, which was written in the next?

The "Sarasvati Kanthábharana" is a work ascribed to Bhoja Raja. It treats generally of poetical or rhetorical composition in five books, the last of which comprehends many of the details peculiar to dramatic writing. The examples quoted are from a variety of poems and plays, and they offer the same difficulty, as to the accuracy of the attribution, as the Dasa Kúpaka, by including illustrations from the "Ratnávali." Bhoja must have reigned some years later, or Hersha some years earlier, than has been hitherto believed on scarcely disputable grounds, for a composition of the one to be cited by the other. There is a commentary on this work by Ratneswara Mahopadhyaya, but he takes no notice of the author.

Schitya Darpana, though not a very ancient book, contains vast information on drama and also the opinions of the ancients on it. Though the date of the work is not known, yet no one doubts that it was subsequent to that of Kávya Prákasa. Some are of opinion that it was written by Visvanátha Kaviráj, son of Chandra Sekhra Kaviráj, in 1504 of the Christian era. Chandra Sekhra lived on the other side of the Bramha-puttra in the District of Dacca in Eastern Bengal.

Sangit-Ratnákara.—Another Sanskrit work on Music, contains descriptions of various modes of dramatic representation. Indeed no other Sanskrit work makes mention of all the modes described in the book. The book however, treats more especially of singing, dancing and instrumental music than of drama. S'árangadeva, the son of Sohaladeva, was its author. His ancestors lived in Cashmere and it was his grandfather Bhaskaradeva who left the country and settled in the South. In acquiring learning and writing books he received considerable encouragement from a prince of those parts named Siñhaladeva. Nothing is definitely known as to the exact date of its publication. Some are of opinion that it was written between the 12th and 15th century. A comment on this book was got up between 1457 and 1477, by desire of Protapadeva, king of Vijayanagara. There is also another gloss named Sangitsudhákara, written by another celebrated Pundit, named Sinhabhupála.

Amongst the works which treat generally de Arte Pætica, and which are exceedingly numerous, some of the Principal are, the Kávyádersa by Dandi, the author of the Dasa Kumára and supposed to be cotemporary with Bhoja; the Kávyálankára "Vritti," Váwana Acharya, the Kuvaláyanda, an enlargement of the Chandráloka of Jayadeva by Apyaya Díkshita, who was patronised by Krishha Raya, sovereign of Vijayanagar about 1520, the Alankára Sarvaswa of Bháma; the Rasa Gangádhara of Jagannáth Pandit Raj,* and the Alankára Kaustubha by Kavi Karnapúraka, a Vaishnava Gosain, who illustrates all his rules by verses of his own, relating to the loves of Krishna and Rádhá, and the pastimes of the deity with the Gopies of Vrindávan.

Besides the general systems, there are several treatises on the passions and emotions which poetry is intended to depicture or excite, as the Sringára Tilaka of Rúdra Bhatta, and the Rasa Manjarí and the Rasa Tarangini of Bhanu Datta. The latter comprises a number of rules, which are quoted as those of Bharata.

In addition to the information derivable from these sources, as to the system or history of the Hindu drama, the commentaries by which several of the plays are accompanied furnish important accessions to our knowledge of both. With respect also to the latter, we have in the Bhoja Prabandha and Sarangdhara Paddhati, two satisfactory guides for the verification of the writers prior to their respective dates. The Sarangdhara Paddhati is a similar catalogue of earlier writers written by Sarangdhara, the grandson of Raghava Deva, the spiritual guide of Hammíra, Prince of Sakambhari, in the beginning of the fourteenth century. This work is consequently not later than the end of the fourteenth or the beginning of the fifteenth century, and determines within that limit the existence of the writers it names, several of whom are included amongst the dramatic authors.

^{*} From this distinguished author, whom the society of savants of his time, honored with the title of *Pandit Ráj* or Prince of Pandits, the Tagore family is descended, the author of the present work is 12th in descent from him.

The following are some of the other Sanskrit works which treat at length on drama and dramatic representation and which form the chief basis of this treatise:—

- (1) Sangit-Darpana by Dámodara Mis'ra.
- (2) Sangita-Párijáta by Ahahala Sástri.
- (3) Nárada-Sanhitá and Náradí Sikshá by Nárada.
- (4) Narttaka-Nirnaya by Pundarika Bichchhlila of Carnáta.
- (5) Sangita-Náráyana by Gayapati Náráyánadeva.
- (6) Sangita-Sára by Harináyaka.
- (7) Rága-Bibodha by Shomesvara.
- (8) Dhvani-Manjari by Vis'vábasu.
- (9) Rága-Sarvvasvasára by Silhana.
- (10) Sangita-Bháskara by Bháskarácharyya.
- (11) Sangitárnava by Kallinátha.
- (12) Sangita-Bháshya, Sangita-Kaustuva, Sangita-Ratnamálá by Rishi Mantangaja.
- (13) Tándavatarangeśvara and Kohaliya by Andhúka Bhatta.
- (14) Gitasiddhánta-Bháskara and Tumburu-Sanhitá by Rámánandatirtha Svami.
- (15) Rangadaya by Sámbhabácháryya.
- (16) Nátya-Chandriká (a work on rhetoric).

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PART I.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

Sages have divided Music into two classes, viz.: Drisya Sangita (visible music), and Śrávya Sangíta (audible music), by reference to the organs of sight and hearing, by which it is apprehended by the mind. That class of music which is apprehended by the sense of hearing is called Śrávya Sangita, as vocal and instrumental music. The other class, which is exhibited by representation and perceived by the organ of sight, goes by the name of Drisya Sangita, as dancing (Nritya), and dramatic representation (Nátaka, &c.) Although the term Drisya Sangita is applied to both dancing and dramatic representation, the designation will be restricted in the course of this work to the latter sense to prevent misinterpretation and ambiguity. Personation or representation by an assumed character being essential to Drisya Sangita, it is also called Rúpaka (from Rúpa, form). Abhinaya or acting is the representation of high and low characters on the stage under suitable guises.(i)



⁽i) सङ्गीतं दिविषं प्रोत्तं ट्रायं श्राव्यच्च सूरिभिः। ट्रायं तपाभिनेयं तत् रूपारोपात्तु रूपकम्॥

Gesticulation, speech, dress and emotion being distinguished, acting consists of four, and in accordance with the variety of subject-matter, $R \acute{u}paka$, of ten kinds. The $R \acute{u}paka$ s, properly so termed, are—(1) $N \acute{a}taka$, (2) Prakarana, (3) $Samavak\acute{a}ra$, (4) $Ih\acute{a}mriga$, (5) Dima, (6) $Vy\acute{a}yoga$, (7) $A\bar{n}ka$, (8) Prahasana, (9) $Bh\acute{a}na$, and (10) Vithi.(i)

Other kinds of dramatic writing not coming under any of the classes mentioned above are designated Upa-rúpakas. They are eighteen in number, viz.: (1) Nátiká, (2) Trotaka, (3) Gosthí, (4) Sattaka, (5) Nátyarásaka, (6) Prasthána, (7) Ullapya, (8) Kávya, (9) Prenkhana, (10) Rásaka, (11) Sanlápaka, (12) Śrígadita, (13) Śilpaka, (14) Vilásiká, (15) Durmmalliká, (16) Prakaraní, (17) Hrillís'a, and (18) Bhániká.(ii)

Nátya, which is derived from the word Nata, (actor), and which means a representation by experienced actors, has been divided by the authorities on music into two classes, viz.: Márga and Des'í. The Dramas which Bramhá sought and obtained of Mahádeva and his consort Párvatí, by dint of austerities, go by the name of Márga-Nátyas. These are of twenty kinds, viz.: (1) Nátaka, (2) Prakarana,

⁽i) भवेदभिनयोऽवस्थानुकारः स चतुर्विधः। स्वाष्ट्रिको वाधिकश्चेवमा हार्य्यः साध्विकस्वया। नाटकं सप्रकरणमश्चो खायोग यव च। भागः समवकारस्य वीथी प्रहसनं हिमः। ईहामृगस्य विश्वेयो दश्मे नाञ्चलक्येगे॥

⁽ii) नाटिका चोटकं ग्रोखी सट्टकं नाच्यरासकम्। प्रकारोक्षाप्यकाच्यानि प्रेष्ट्रचं रासकं तथा॥ गंजापकं श्रीगदितं प्रिल्पकच्च विचासिका। दुच्चेक्षिका मकरणी च्छीभ्रो भाणिकेति च॥ चश्रादम् प्राक्षकपक्षपकाणि मनीविणः। विना विभ्रेषं सर्व्य यां चल्या नाटकवन्मतम्॥

(3) Bhána, (4) Prahasana, (5) Dima, (6) Vyáyoga, (7) Samavakára, (8) Víthí, (9) Aāka, (10) Ihámriga, (11) Nátiká, (12) Prákashiká, (13) Bhaniká, (14) Haāsiká, (15) Viyoginí, (16) Dipiká, (17) Kalotsáhatará, (18) Chitrá, (19) Jugupsitá, and (20) Vichitrárthá. The first ten kinds were obtained of Mahádeva; the rest, of Párvatí.(i) Such kinds of dramatic composition as are in vogue among mortals are designated Des'i Nátyas. They have been classified by Dantila and other authorities into sixteen kinds, viz.: (1) Sattaka, (2) Trotaka, (3) Gosthí, (4) Vrindaka, (5) Silpaka, (6) Preākhana, (7) Saālápaka, (8) Hrillísa, (9) Rásaka, (10) Śrígadita, (11) Bhilukí, (12) Tumbakí, (13) Sajjita, (14) Parivartta, (15) Múrtti, and (16) Prahelika.(ii)

CONSTRUCTION OF THE STAGE.

As the Ranga-Bhúmi (stage) and Sabhá (assembly) are essential to the representation of the Rúpakas and Upa-rúpakas, it is intended to begin with their description first.

(i) नटखातिप्रवीवस्य कर्मा त्वाम्नाश्चम् श्वे ।

मार्गदेशीति नाश्चस्य भेददयमदीरितम् ॥

मस्त्रवा यत्तपत्तक्षा मार्गितं शिवयोः पुरः ।

मार्गनाश्चस्य तत्राङ्गलस्य विंगतिधोश्चते ॥

नाटकस्य प्रकर्मं भागं प्रस्तनं हिमः ।

खायोगसमवकारौ वीश्यक्षे शामृगा इति ।

स्पैकाचे दश्चेतानि भाषितानि कपिईना ॥

नाटिका प्राक्षिका स्र भाष्यका शंसका तथा ।

वियोगिनी स्र दिपका क्षोत्मा श्वरा पुनः ॥

विचा जुगुधिता चैव विचित्राचेति दुर्गया। यवं मार्ग नाक्मुक्तं ग्रिवाभ्यां ब्रह्मचे पुरा॥

(ii) दिन्ताचादिभिवतानि देशीनाचानि घोड़ग्र॥
सट्टमं चोटकं गोछी बन्दकच ततः परम्।
प्रित्यकं भेडचं वंचापकञ्जीत ततः परम्॥
इस्तोग्ररासकानुक्तावेवं स्रीग्रदितं तथा।
भिज्ञी तुन्कती चैव सिज्जतं परिवर्त्तकम्।
मूर्तिः प्रदेखिका चैति घोड़ग्रीक्रानि सरिभः॥

According to Kohala and other writers, the laying of the foundations of the stage should be attended with the consecration of the ground and certain other religious ceremonies. An auspicious moment must be selected for the performance of the ceremony, and the director who has to plant the pillars of the stage should prepare himself for the duty by fasting for three days. The pillars should be made of gold, or catechu,* kántála,† or red sandal wood, and should have their upper part made thick, smooth, and as hollow as possible. Their formal planting should be accompanied with the following invocation:—"Oh Pillar! as the mountains Himálaya, Sumeru, and Mahendra are fast and immovably fixed on the ground, be thou even like them." One-third of the whole length of each pillar should be planted under-ground and the part dug out well filled up with sand and other materials. Several persons are of opinion that no rules have been laid down in the Sástras with regard to the length, breadth, and height of the stage, and that it must always be constructed with a view to the purposes of repre-Others, however, assert that the length and the breadth sentation. should be 20 cubits (30 feet) each. There should be no pillars posted in the centre of the stage. The front part or procenium must be built of wood. It should be richly decorated with Kalasas (wood carved out in the form of earthen water-pots), Patákás (flags), and Puttalikás (images), hung with garlands, and furnished with Gabákshas (windows), and Toranas (ornamented arches). The lower

[·] Acacia, catechu.

⁺ The jack tree (Artocarpus integrifolia.)

end of the stage must be white-plastered and rendered smooth, and the platform must on no account be slippery, lest the feet of the actors slip. The *Nepathya* (Green-room) must be on the west side of the stage, and should occupy one-third of the whole space.(i)

YABANIKÁ-THE CURTAIN.

The painted screen which conceals the stage from the spectators before acting begins and between the acts, is called Yabaniká. It should be made of fine, thin cloth of close texture. As it is usual to change the "scenes" at the end of every act and every scene, so the curtain ought also to be varied conformably to the Rasas* (sentiments) pervading the representation. The white Yabaniká is suited to Śringára (love); the yellow to Vira (heroism); the smoke-colored (slightly pink) to Karuná (tenderness); the black to Adbhúta (surprise); the piebald to Hásya (mirth); the

तेवां मूखानि यमेन सिकतािमः प्रपूरनेत्।
विद्धादेषं विकारी तत्र नाखानुक्यतः।
क्किविष्ठातिविकारा रङ्गभूमिमेनोक्रा ॥
आकामध्ये न कर्तवं कमावंकापनं नृषैः।
कुर्यादुपरिभागन्तुं दाबदिसिरावतम् ॥
मवाकैविविधेकिनैः शाक्तभिक्तिम्दिनतम्।
कुर्वेव पताकाभिविष्ठाकेकोर्येरिष ॥
कुर्वेव पताकाभिविष्ठाकेकोर्येरिष ॥
कुर्वेव भागो युतः कार्यः पुत्रमास्ये रक्षकृतैः।
क्षिभागः कुद्धिमः स्रात् स्वधािमः परिकेपितः ॥
नातिक्षक्षां स्वयं कुर्यात् पादः स्ववित केत्रथा।
धालकृतीयभागेन नेपयां पिक्रमां दिशं ॥
कार्येदन पानावां वेषावां स्वापनादिकं॥

^{*} Vide "The Eight Principal Rasas of the Hindus" by the Author.

⁽i) को इवायुक्तमार्गे ब सावाजिमां बमावरेत्।
तस्माबो दृत्य वाळ्ख्यभीत्या कि विन्धे विवे ॥
भूत्रदिविक्तमादि क्रता भित्तिः प्रयोजनेत्।
भित्तिवापारे निर्वृत्ते क्रम्मानां खापनं भवेत्॥
त्रभे दिने सानुक्ते खिरनक्षणवप्रयोः।
स्यम्भानां स्मापनं कुर्यात् जिराणेपोवितो गुदः॥
त्रदाः स्यः खादिराः खार्वाः पानसा राक्षणस्ताः।
वयो यथोक्तत्रविराः स्त्रूवाया बातिपिक्तिवाः॥
यथावको गुद्देमें विद्यमांच यथावकः।
यथा जिर्दिमें केन्द्रव तथा त्मवको भव॥
स्वं मन्नं समुवाय्यं स्मापयेत् क्रम्ममनवम्।
दक्षते यावदेतेषां तद्धैं निवनेद्म्वि॥

blue to *Bhayánaka* (terror); the smoke-colored to *Bibhatsa* (disgust); and the red to *Raudra* (anger). There are some, however, who are of opinion that curtains of the color of the rising sun are suited to all the *Rasas*. The modern dramatists, one and all, subscribe to this opinion. In the stages of old, the *Yabaniká* consisted of two parts which were not lifted up by means of pulleys as in modern times, but were wound up and carried away by two females selected for their beauty and figure.(i)*

THE ASSEMBLY.

The grounds to the east of the stage should be set apart for the king, or for the head of the assembly who must be well-versed in celestial and terrestrial music, well skilled in the elegant arts, a sound critic, a rewarder of merit, and one possessed of a cheerful disposition and of the power of appreciating the different modifications of the mind. Brámhanas should be seated on the south, and boys and persons belonging to the staff of royalty, on the north, and close to the stage. Far off at the extremities are to be seated the heralds, eulogists, connoisseurs and guards in attendance on the king or on the head of the assembly. Armed strangers, heretics, and

हासे विचित्रा कर्तवा नीजवर्या भयानके। बीभत्सके धूमजा स्थान् रौडे रक्ता प्रशस्तते॥ बहुते क्रव्यवर्या स्थादेतत् प्राचीनसम्पतम्। बदबापि च सम्बेज काय्या यवनिका व्येः॥

^{*}This practice still prevails to a certain extent in the N. W. Provinces of India in representations of the Jhanki.

⁽i) कार्य्या यक्तिका तत्र नीरन्तुः सूच्यवाससा । धार्या सङ्घनारीम्यां तत्त्रत्यानप्रवेशने ॥ सम्बद्धां च ऋक्यारे पीता वीरे मग्रस्ते । धूमवर्षा च करने क्तांया कीपनाहते ॥

such persons as are given to vice, or do not conform to the orthodox tenets of faith, must not be permitted to enter the theatre; nor are the sick and the inappreciating to be allowed access thereto, as they contribute only to the interruption of the play, and spoil the effect of it. Those persons only are considered proper audience who are cheerful in disposition and competent in arbitrating, careful, patient, out-spoken, devoid of pride, possessed of the power of appreciating the sentiments and dramatic performances, and are well-versed in all the branches of music.(i)

NAMING OF THE DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

THE naming of the characters in dramatic composition must not be arbitrary, but take place in accordance with propriety. The name of the king must be expressive of the sentiment of heroism; that of the Bramhin must have reference to the family and to the

(i) शाचावाः पूर्वभागे तु कुर्यावृपतिमञ्ज्यम् । सर्व्योपनरविज्ञेनो विश्वेषण मण्डीपतिः ॥ तीर्याणयविश्वेषणः पारितीविकदानदः । श्वेनाधिकविवेषण्ञो देशीमार्गविभागवित् । श्वेषण्य रसभावणः स्वानाणविश्वारदः ॥ विश्वेषण्यार्याणतयिनपुर्वणोऽभिनयवित् रसाणप्रारणः सक्षणग्रवरोषेकिनिकधः । पराभिमायणो वर्षात वज्ञमानो पृतन्त्रीणः श्वेमी दाता वीरो जगति कृष्यते नायक इति ॥ पुरोन्तसः स्युविद्याण मञ्जपस्य च दिख्वे । श्वमात्रवाणपुणाच जत्तरां भित्तमात्रिताः ॥ विन्दमः कावकाचैव कवानाव्यविद्योऽपि वे ॥

माव्यथानो विद्योधिमुख्याक्तिस्ति प्रस्निकः ।

राचोऽष्ट्रद्या तैः कार्या यावनाटकदर्धनम् ॥

तचोत्वार्याः मयनम व्यवचाताच प्रस्निकः ।

तवा मु च्द्राः पामराच तथा पायव्यधिक्तिकः ॥

राजाच्या सर्वे स्वोपविद्याः खुः सभासदः ।

खन्या पीक्तिचानां वासादीधी न जायते ॥

मध्याः सावधानाव्यक्तियानां नायवादिनः ।

खग्रवां रसभावचाक्तीर्यंचित्यकीविदाः ॥

सानन्दा नाचभावचाक्तावनाः खुः सभासदः ॥

सानन्दा नाचभावचाक्तावनाः सुः सभासदः ॥

particular Vedic subdivision to which he belongs, and that of the Brahmin woman, to her family only. The merchant should have his name formed of any terms signifying riches, horse, or hand, prefixed to the word Datta. The deities must be called by the names by which they are especially known, and such names should invariably end in the term Deva. The names of the principal Rákshasas ought to be derived from such words as signify terror, and those of the common ones, from such expressions as Rakta (blood), Meda (marrow), Mánsa (flesh), Vasá (fat), Sonita (blood), &c. Words signifying gems should form the first-half of the names of Yakshas, while the term Ratha should be used as the second-half of the names of Gandharvas. The names of harlots must have such words as Dattá, Sená, and Mitrá affixed to them. The Vidúshakas must have their names formed of words signifying flower or mirth. The chetis or maid-servants are to be named with words meaning creepers and flowers, and female companions or confidante, with words signifying jewelled ornaments. or the epithet "amiable," "sweet," or "pleasant in speech," &c. The names of heroines must be those of creepers, rivers, flowers, and stars; and the names of queens must signify "conquest," "place," or "sweet softness." There seem to be no especial rules with regard to the nomenclature of other characters. Their names should be smooth or harsh in accordance with their caste or profession.(i)

देवानां पूर्वपर्याने देव इत्यन्ततो भवेत् ॥ राज्यसां भीकरं नाम कार्यमञ्जूनवार्यकम्। जन्मकांबां राषायुक्तं यज्ञाबां रत्नमादिकम्॥

⁽i) ऋपतीनां वीररसप्रधानं नाम कारवेत्। सम्मासागीननाना च मर्मानां विपनामकम् ॥ भ्रनात्रपाविनामानि वविजां दत्तसंभ्रया।

THE APPAREL OF THE ACTORS.

The apparel of the actors ought to be of three kinds, viz.:

(1) white, (2) colored, and (3) soiled. Devotees, ordinary women, courtiers, Kanchukis, (attendants on the women's apartments), Brahmins, inspired persons, and priests, must put on white garments. The colored dress is for the gods, the Dánavas,* the Gandharvas,† the Asuras,‡ the Yakshas,§ and the Rakshas. Soiled clothes are suited to drunkards, madmen, menials, mountaineers, thieves, and convicts. In the use of these garments, however, the consideration of place, time, age, rank, and profession should not be lost sight of.(i)

* Demons.

नाम कार्ये पिशाचानां वीभत्यरससूचकम्।
दक्षा घेना च मिचा च वेग्यानां नाम कार्येत्॥
प्रव्यायां द्वासथीतेन नामा कार्ये। विद्वयकः।
जताकुसमनामानि चेटीनां सम्यथीजयेत्॥
रत्नाभरवनाक्षा तु सृशाचा च प्रियमदा।
दंसब्बीनामतचापि नाच्चे कार्यः सखीजनः॥
जतानदीपुत्र्यतारानामा कार्या तु नायिका।
विजयस्वानामानि रसपेश्वनाम च॥
राजब्बीयां विधातवं नास्यक्या गोचनाम च।
सनुक्रानां पदानां द्वि यथायोगं नियोजयेत्॥

(i) श्रको विचित्रो मिसनिक्षिविधी वेश उच्यते।
वेशां य उचितो वेशः क्रमात सोऽपि च कच्यते।
धर्माकर्मानुकृष्णानां गुंसां वा योधितामिष।
धर्मात्यकच्चुकीनाच विज्ञसिद्धपुरोधसाम्॥
द्रत्यादीनान्तु वेशः स्थात् श्रक्तौ भूषांश्रकादिभिः।
देवदानवयच्यां यां गन्यव्योदगरच्यसाम्॥
विचित्रो वेशः कर्त्तं थो भूषवैवेसनादिभिः।
प्रमत्तोन्मत्तदासानां श्रेखे चैव निवासिनाम्॥
चौराचां द्रख्यातानां मिसनो वेश उच्यते।
एवं वेशो वृषेः कार्यो देशजातिवयोऽनगः॥

⁺ Demi-gods inhabiting Indra's heaven, and forming the orchestra at all the banquets of the principal deities.

I Demons of the first order, in continual hostility with the gods.

[§] Demi-gods attendant especially on Kuvera, the god of riches, and employed in the care of his gardens and treasures.

FEMALE CHARACTERS.

The character of women as well as of men may be distinguished as uttama (good), madhyama (average), and adhama (bad); and of each of these classifications again there are many varieties.(i)

Females in dramatic writings are divided into four classes, viz.: (1) Divyá or celestial beings or nymphs, (2) Nripapatní or queens, (3) Kula-strí or women of the respectable class of society, and (4) Ganiká or courtezans. They are also distinguished as Dhírá (a woman who, although jealous of a husband or lover, suppresses all expression of resentment in his presence), Lalitá (one fond of pleasure and gaiety), Udáttá (high-spirited, ambitious or bountiful), and Nibhritá (unassuming and solitary). Celestial beings and queens and princesses come under any or all of these orders; women of the respectable class of society, under the Udáttá and Nibhritá classes; and courtezans and female artizans, under the Udáttá and Lalitá classes. The confidante or the female emissary bears a Sankirna or mixed character.(ii)

Women are again classed as Sviyá, Parakiyá, and Sádhá-raniyá. The Sviyá class of women should be full of modesty and simplicity, devoted to their husbands, and attentive to their house-

दिया त्याक्तना क्रोतेर्ग बेंगुक्ता भवन्ति हि ॥ उदात्ता निस्ता चैव भवेत् कुषजाक्तना । ग्रांबका शिल्पकारी च उदात्ताचिते स्रते ॥ प्रेग्रा चैव हि विक्रे या सङ्गीर्का प्रकृताविष ॥

⁽i) स्त्रीबाच पुरुवाबाच उत्तमा मध्यमाऽधमाः।

⁽ii) नायिकाचैव वच्चामि चतसः पुनरेव हि । दिखा च रूपपत्नी च कुचस्ती ग्रांबका तथा। रतास्तु नायिका चे या नानापक्ततिजच्चाः। धीराच चिताचैव उदात्ता निस्तास्त्रथा।

hold duties. The Sviyá are again subdivided into three species, viz.:
(a) Mugdhá, (b) Madhyá, and (c) Pragalbhá.(i)

(a) Mugdhá.

The Mugdhá is one that has just attained her puberty, but is averse to sensualities, and calm under anger.(ii)

(b) Madhyá.

An adolescent woman is called the *Madhyá*. She is slightly rude in her speech towards her husband, but is pretty bashful.(iii)

(c) Pragalbhá.

The Pragalbhá is a woman who has attained her maturity and has outgrown a sense of childish bashfulness, and who devotes herself entirely to the service of her husband.(iv)

The Parakiyá are divided into two classes, viz., Kanyaká and Parorhá—

- (a) The Kanyaká are unmarried girls who have just entered the threshold of youth and are full of bashfulness.
- (b) The Parorhá (otherwise called the Anyorhá) are those who having lawful husbands conduct illicit correspondence with other people, and are bereft of the sense of shame. They
- (i) स्वाउन्या साधार बङ्गीति तद्गृबा नाथिका चिधा। विनयार्जवादियुक्ता स्टइकच्मेपरा पतिनता सीया। सापि कथिता चिविधा सुम्धा सभ्या प्रमणुभेति॥
- (ii) मम्बा नववयःकामा रती वामा मुदुः क्षि।
- (iii) मध्या विश्वित्रवुरता मरूरसारयीवना । ईवत्मगण्यभवत्रना मध्यमहीजिता मता ॥
- (iv) सारान्या गाड़ताबख्या समस्तरतकोविदा । भावोन्नता दरनोड़ा प्रगस्थानानाथका ॥

are invariably found to frequent public places on festive occasions.(i)

The Sádháraniyá are public women who must be of a calm temperament and well versed in the elegant arts. They have no hatred for the worthless, nor have they any respect for the qualified ones. They show an outward semblance of affection for such persons as have money. With the help of their mothers or guardians, they manage to turn out poor people who might bear genuine love towards them, in order to secure the protection of the rich. They are generally favorably inclined towards the thief, the ignorant, the impostor, and the deep designer, and towards such persons as have come in possession of wealth by chance. They have been sometimes found to be attached to their admirers, under the influence of amorous passions. They can in no case, however, contribute towards the happiness of their lovers.(ii)

With reference to the variety of their condition, the Sviyá, Parakiyá, and Sádháraníyá, may each be divided into the following classes, viz.:—(1) Svádhínapatiká, (2) Vásakasajjá, (3) Virahotkánthitá, (4) Khanditá, (5) Kalahántaritá, (6) Vipralabdhá, (7) Proshitapriyá, and (8) Abhisáriká.(iii)

⁽i) परकीया विधा मोता परोढ़ा कन्यका तथा । यात्रादिनिरताऽन्योढ़ा कुखटा ग्राचित्रपा ॥ कन्या त्वजातोपयमा सचच्चा नवयौवना ।

⁽ii) धीरा क्षाप्रमण्भा खाडे ग्या सामान्यनायिका ॥ निर्मुखानपि न हे छि न ग्रन्थित ग्रिबलिपि। विक्तमानं समाजीका सा रागं दर्शे वेहिष्टः॥ काममञ्जीकतमपि परिचीबधनं नरम्। माना निक्कामवेदेवा प्रनःसन्यानकाष्ट्रया॥

तस्त्रः पर्कृका मूर्काः स्वाप्तप्रधनास्त्रथा। चिष्क्रिनश्वक्षकामाद्या स्वासं प्रायेख वस्त्रभाः ॥ रषापि मदनायत्ता सापि सत्रानुरामिकी। रक्षायां वा विरक्षायां रतमस्यां सद्वेभम् ॥

⁽iii) श्वासामछाववस्त्रा स्यः साधीनपतिकादिकाः । साधीनपतिका वासकसञ्जा विरद्दीत्विष्टिता सास्त्रिता कत्त्रहान्तरिता विषयक्था प्रोधितिप्रवा सभिसारिकेत्वरे सञ्जीप्रस्तीनामवस्ताः।

Svádhinapatiká.

The Svádhinapatiká is one who leads a contented life, because she has her husband always close by her and obedient to her wishes.(i)

Vásakasajjá.

The Vásakasajjá is a woman who dresses herself in joyous expectation of her lover, and anxiously awaits his presence.(ii)

Virahotkanthitá.

The Virahotkanthitá is a woman who pines for the absence of her lover who had expected to return, but could not do so on account of pressure of business, or of some unforeseen circumstances.(iii)

Khanditá.

The Khunditá is a woman who smarts under a sense of jealousy and anger caused by observing her lover coming towards her with marks of infidelity on his person.(iv)

Kalahántaritá.

The Kalahántaritá is one who turns her lover out of her presence, in sheer anger, for some real or imaginary wrong done to her, even after he had tried to appease her in exaggerated terms of flattery, and then repents of her action.(v)

- (i) आसन्नायत्तरमञ्जू दश खाधीनभर्तृ का ।
- (ii) सुदा वासकतच्या खं मख्यवयेखति प्रिये।
- (iii) सामनुं सर्वाचनीऽपि देवानावाति यत्पियः। वदनाममुःसान्ती विरहीत्वस्थिता तु सा ॥
- (iv) पार्श्वमिति प्रियो यस्या अन्यसम्भोगविक्रितः। सा सस्थितेति कथिता धीरैरीर्खाकवायिता॥
- (v). चाटुकारमपि मायनाचं रोवादपास्य या । प्रयाकापमवात्रोति कवचानारिता तु सा ॥

Vipralabdhá.

The Vipralabdhá is a woman who feels herself extremely slighted on account of her lover's failing to meet her at the appointed time.(i)

Proshitabhartriká.

The *Proshitabhartriká*, otherwise called *Proshita-priyá*, is a woman who languishes for the absence of her husband who has been obliged to be away from her in a distant country, on score of various engagements.(ii)

Abhisáriká.

The Abhisáriká is a woman who is, under the influence of passion, anxious to go in search of her lover, with a view either to meet him at a certain place or to bring him there.

If a Kulastri goes to meet her husband, she clings to herself in sheer fear, veils herself completely to escape detection, and takes care that her ornaments do not make a jingling noise, while she is on the way to her destination. In the case of a harlot, she dresses herself in a gorgeous style, and marches on her way, the ornaments of her feet making a jingling sound, and her face beaming with delight. If a confidente has to be sent by a woman in quest of her lover, she must be faltering in her speech, halting in her steps, and be full of looks indicative of flurry and confusion proceeding from amorous feelings.(iii)

- (i) प्रियः क्रत्वापि सङ्घेतं यस्या नाथाति सिद्धिस्। विमन्त्रस्था तु सा चिया नितान्तमवमानिता॥
- (ii) नानाकार्य्यवणाट् यस्या दूरदेणं गतः पतिः। सा मनीभवदुःसात्तौ भवेत् प्रीवितभक्तृं का ॥
- (iii) खिभसारयते कान्तं या मन्त्रचयसम्बदा । खयं वाभिसरत्येषा धीरेकक्वाभिसारिका ॥ यंशीना खेषु गाचेषु मूकीक्वतिवभूषवा । खवगुण्डनसंवीता कुषजाभिसरेदयदि ॥ विचित्रोष्णकवेशा तु वसन्नूपुरनिखना ।

All characters, male and female, are divisible into two distinct classes: Ábhyantara (appertaining to the inner apartments) and Váhya (belonging to the outer apartments).(i)

The female inmates and frequenters of the inner apartments of a palace are classed as follows:—Mahádeví, Deví, Sváminí, Stháyiní, Bhoginí, Śilpakáriká, Nátakíyá, Narttakí, Anuchárí, Áyuktá, Paricháriká, Saācháriní, Preākhanakáriká, Mahattará, Pratíhárí, Kumárí and Sthavirá.(ii)

Mahádevi.

The coronation of the king takes place in company with the Mahádevi. She is born of a high family and holds an excellent character. She is the king's equal in age, and holds the first and most exalted rank among his queens. She is scarcely under the influence of anger, and is loved and esteemed by all. She has the greatest insight into the character of the king, partakes of his prosperity as well as of his misfortunes, always promotes his welfare by the performance of religious rites and devotes herself to bringing about and maintaining the prosperity of the inner apartments. She is faithful

ममोदस्रोयवदना खाबे प्याभिसरेड् यदि ॥ मदस्त्रचितर्वचापा विश्वमोत्पुस्तचोचना । खाविडगतिसस्रारा खात् प्रेष्टाभिसरेट् यदि ॥

⁽i) सब्बीसां प्रकृतीनान्तु प्रकारो दिविधः स्थतः। तत्र राजोपचारो यो भवेदाश्यन्तरस्तु सः॥ तत्र राजोपचारेषु पुनरश्यान्तरात्र्यम्। स्त्रीविभागं प्रवस्थामि उपचारं तचेव च॥

⁽ii) महादेवी तथा देवी खामिनी खायिनी तथा।
भोगिनी भिल्पकारी च नाटकीयाथ न संकी ॥
खनुवारी तथायका तथा च परिचारिका।
तथा सञ्जारिकी चैव तथा प्रेष्ट्र वकारिका ॥
महत्तरा प्रतीहारी कुमारी ख्राविरा तथा।
धीरैवक्तस्तु भूपानासेव खान्यन्तरो गवः॥

and devoted to her royal husband, and is of a forgiving disposition and conciliatory spirit.(i)

Deni.

The *Devi* is almost equal to the *Mahádevi* in position and character. She is, however, described as being less exalted, arrogant, youthful, fond of carnal amusements and external beauty, jealous of the other queens, and proud of her youth. She must be born of some royal family.(ii)

Sváminí.

The Svámini is distinguished for her surpassing beauty, modesty, and carefulness, and is described as belonging to the Padmini or first class of women. She is either the wife of a king, general, or courtier. She is devoted to her husband and is most happy in his society. The term Svámini is sometimes restricted to a queen possessed of surpassing beauty and excellent character, and to one who is devoted to her lord.(iii)

Stháyiní.

The Sthaying is possessed of beauty and youth. She is sometimes harsh and sometimes soft in her manners. She is well-skilled

⁽i) तत्र मूर्दाविसक्ता च कुचग्रीचिता। समतुच्यवयक्ता च मध्यस्या कोधवर्जिता। सभीषा व्यम्भीचन्ता समदुःखसुखास्यदा। ग्रान्तिसस्ययनैनित्यं भर्त्तु मञ्जूचकारिको। प्रतिवृता चमाबुक्ता सन्तःपुरहिते रता। रिभग्नैबेस चंक्ता महादेवी प्रकीर्तिता।

⁽ii) रिभरेव ग्रंबेयुका वक्तमानविवर्किता। गर्विता राजपुत्री खाद्रतिसम्भोगतत्परा ॥ वाचा नित्योक्त्रसमुखा प्रतिपद्येष्ट्रसूथिनी। यौवनादिगुबोक्तका सा देवीत्यभिधीयते॥

⁽iii) रूपिबी पद्मिनीजातिः सावधाना रूपाष्ट्रना । सेनापते रमात्यानी दिख्यनी तत्पराश्रये । नता या नामतचैव सामिनीत्यभिसंचिता ।

in the amorous art and jealous of her rivals. She belongs to the udáttá class, and is fond of sweet scents and garlands, conversant with the intentions of the king, free of malice, ready, laborious, kind, full of gay thoughtlessness, and capable of appreciating the social respectability of others.(i)

Bhogini.

The *Bhogini* possesses a good character and a mild conciliatory disposition, and holds a somewhat respectable position. She is sometimes soft and sometimes a little harsh in her manners. She belongs to the *Nivrita* class.(ii)

Śilpakáriká.

The Silpakáriká is skilled in the practical arts (Mechanical and Fine) and various works of ingenuity, and knows the use, efficacy and preparation of sweet scents. She is proficient in writing, painting, and in what concern the bed, the seat and the conveyance. She is penetrating, dexterous, entertaining, mild and amiable, and comes under the Nivritá class.(iii)

Nátakíyá.

The Nátakiyá understands all about the system of time, and the different modifications of mind. She can readily comprehend the

- (i) रूपयीवनसम्पद्गां कर्कणा जिलता तथा।

 रितसम्भोगकुणजा प्रतिपद्येष्ट्यसूथिनी॥

 रत्तास्फुटा सुप्रदात्ता च गन्धमास्थोक्त्रजा तथा।

 टप्पिक्कन्दरत्ता च सर्व्य देर्थाविविजिता॥

 उपस्थिता प्रमत्ता च त्यक्ताजस्या स्त्रिनिस्र्रा।

 मान्यामान्यविशेषजा स्थायिनी कथिता तथा॥
- (ii) सुशीला लघ्समाना मृदुर्नात्युद्धता तथा।

 मध्यस्या निस्ता चान्ता भोगिनीति हि सा स्वता ॥
- (iii) नानाकचाविष्रेषचा नानाणिक्यविषच्याः।

 गन्धिष्रक्यविभागचा खेखाखेखिवशारदा॥

 प्रयनासनयानचा चतुरा मधुरा तथा।

 दचा चित्रा स्फुटा तीत्रा निस्टता प्रिक्यकारिका॥

motives of others. She is a devout follower of her preceptor, sharp, intelligent, well proficient in acting and instrumental music, and possessed of argumentative powers.(i)

Narttaki.

The Narttaki is proficient in singing and dancing and in the use of various kinds of musical instruments. She belongs to the Pragalbhá class. She is always laborious and unwearied. She is known as the most distinguished of women for beauty, youth and various accomplishments. She must be bereft of the sense of bashfulness.(ii)

Anuchárí.

The woman that attends on the king on all occasions goes by the name of Anuchárí or Anucháriká.(iii)

Ayuktá.

The Ayuktá is employed in the store and armoury, and entrusted with the keeping of corn, fruits, roots, seeds, scents, clothes, and ornaments, &c. She also serves in several other ways, such as in her capacity of relating entertaining stories.(iv)

⁽i) ग्रहमोच्चलथज्ञा च रसभावविभाविका । परभावेष्ट्रितच्चा च खाचार्य्यानुगता तथा ॥ चतुराभिनयज्ञा च जहापोहविष्रारदा । निपुषा वाद्यभाखे घु नाटकीया प्रकीर्त्तिता ॥

⁽ii) नानावादाप्रयोगचा त्रत्यगोतविषद्यवा । सदा प्रगत्नभा च तथा त्यक्तत्त्वच्ना जितस्रमा । समानता च नारीम् रूपयौवनकान्तिम् । न दृश्यते गुर्वोर्यक्षा नर्त्तकी सा प्रकोर्त्तिता ॥

⁽iii) सर्व्यावसाप्रचारेषु सनुग्रस्थित या त्रपम्। विज्ञेया नामतः सा तु त्रपतेरनुचारिका ॥

⁽iv) भाष्डागारे नियुक्ता च छायुधागार एव च।
चोषधिष चमू चेषु वी जेषु खाखता तथा॥
गन्धाभरकवल्लेष् छाल्यानकथनेषु च।
वक्ष्येषु नियुक्ता या छायुक्ता रति सा स्थाता॥

Paricháriká.

The Paricháriká is entrusted with the charge of umbrellas, beds, and seats. She is also employed in fanning, dressing, and in shampooing her employer, in putting ornaments on her person, as well as in making garlands for her use.(i)

Sancháriká.

The Sancháriká is entrusted, among other things, with the charge of bowers, temples, pleasure-houses, and the various divisions of the inner apartments of the king. She is described as being the recipient of great attention at the hands of her employer. (ii)

Prenkhanakáriká.

The *Prenkhanakáriká* is employed in services connected with carnal amusements, open or covert.(iii)

Mahattará.

The Mahattará is employed to seek the welfare of the inner apartments by her benedictions and religious practices.(iv)

Pratihárí.

The *Pratihári* reports to the king about war, peace, and other affairs.(v)

- (i) इत्तर्ययासने युक्ता तथा खजनकर्मा । संवाहने च गर्ळे च तथा चैव प्रसाधने ॥ तथाभर च संबोगे मास्य चंग्रह को तथा। विज्ञेया नामतः सातु लपतेः परिचारिका ॥
- (ii) नानाकचादिचारिख्यसयोपवनसञ्चराः। देवतायतनकी जामासादपरिसञ्चराः॥ यत्नेषु च नियुक्ता यास्त्रधा च विविधात्रये। सञ्चारिकास्त विज्ञेश नाद्यज्ञै रूपचारतः॥
- (iii) प्रेष्ठकाः कामसंयुक्ते चुन्नागृत्त्वसमुख्यितः। यातियका वृष्णेः सातु च्रीया प्रेष्ठकारिका॥
- (iv) सर्व्वान्तःपुररचायामाश्रीःखस्ययनादिभिः। या नित्यमभिनन्दन्ति चे यास्तासु महत्तराः॥
- (v) सन्धिविग्रन्थसम्बन्धं नानाकार्यंसमुह्यितम् । निवेदयन्ति याः कार्यं प्रतीष्टार्यस्तु ताः स्वताः ॥

Kumári.

The Kumári is described as a virgin full of bashfulness and holding a not very high position among the inmates of the interior. She belongs to the Nibhritá class.(i)

Sthavirá.

The Sthavirá is described as an aged woman well acquainted with the character, habit, practices, and position of the predecessors of her royal employer, and as standing high in the estimation of kings and princes.(ii)

According to some authorities, the ladies of the Brahmin class, queens, heroines of plays, pravrájikás, (female devotees,) wives and daughters of princes, courtiers, merchants, and of learned men, are included in the first (uttama) class. Nurses, companions, messengers, female door-keepers, flower-women, milk-women, consorts of feudatory chiefs, Natis, (wives of the managers of theatrical companies,) are included in the second (madhyama) class. Parichárikás, and such inmates of the interior of the palace as come from a foreign country, should come under the second class, even if they are worthy of being placed in the first. Pimps, harlots, and unchaste women, women who assume the garb of ascetics for wordly purposes, female artizans, women distinguished as chetis,



⁽i) ध्यप्राप्तरिसम्भोगा ससम्मान्ता सन्दश्चः। जिस्ता याः सत्ताम्यास्य ताः कुमाय्यं इति स्थाताः॥

⁽ii) पूर्वेराजनयाभिचाः सर्वराजसु पूजिताः। पूर्वराजीपचारचा टहाचा इति कीर्त्तिताः॥

women of the *Mlechchha* class, fallen women, wives of menial servants, astrologers, cow-herds, and of spies, are included in the last (*Adhama*) class.(i)

A woman who is moderate in speech, is witty, bashful, gentle, respectably connected, adorned with all virtues, obedient to her superiors, and is patient and grave, is called by certain authorities an *Uttamaprakriti* woman, or a woman of the first class.(ii) The *Ganikâ* should be well-skilled in the Arts, and in singing, acting and dancing, always ready to serve others and be lovely and love inspiring, kind, humble, amiable, free from the vices peculiar to the female sex, pleasant, open-hearted, dexterous, industrious, and proficient in the knowledge and application of the elegant arts.(iii)

The Narttaki must be a young woman, with a fair share of beauty, worth and goodness. She should decorate herself in neck-laces and other ornaments of gold, and be skilful, gentle, witty,

- (ii) खतःपरं पवस्थामि ख्रीबाख् प्रकृतिं पुनः । मितभाषा विद्ग्धा च सक्का चाप्यनिष्ठु रा । कुषाधीकम्बोपेता गुरूबां घासने रता । गासीर्थिधेर्यासम्पद्मा उत्तमा प्रकृतिः खाता ॥
- (iii) नानाशिखपयोगचा नाख्योगविचच्या।
 काणेपयोग चार्या तु सम्वाभिरता सदा ॥
 चीलवा भावचावाथ्यां सम्बन विनयेन च।
 माध्येय च क्युक्ता चतुःविक्वकान्विता ॥
 तणोपचारकुणचा कीदोवैः परिवर्जिता।
 प्रियवादी प्रियक्या स्फुटा दचा जितस्रमा।
 प्रिम्भुवेच संयुक्ता गविका परिकीर्तिता ॥

⁽i) नाषाबी नायिका राजी तथा प्रमाजिकापि च।

खमात्यराजपुनाबां सार्थवान्नसमे धसाम् ॥

योधितः खनपाषापि उत्तमाः परिकोत्तिंताः ।

धानेयिका सखी दूती प्रतोचारी च मालिनी ॥

महामूह्रम्ख याजान याख सामन्तयोधितः ।

नटी च नर्त्तको चैव उत्तमाप्यभिचारिका ।

मध्यमास्तु समाख्याता उत्तमापि विदेशजा ॥

कुटुनी पुंखली चेटी खिक्निनी भिष्यिनी तथा ।

मु च्छाः खियो वन्यकी च नद्यावन्योख योधितः ॥

पाणिन्यो दासगोपाचचार्यानाच्च योधितः ॥

समुक्ता याः स्नियकाख बधमेष्ठ विनिर्द्धिते ॥

possessed of a sweet voice and the power of understanding instrumental music and the laws of musical time.(i) The woman who laughs at unseasonable hours, who always uses scents and garlands, is harsh, angry, exceedingly poor, halting in steps, full of all sorts of vices, and who does not come under the *Nibhritá* class, belongs to the *Apakrishna* or the last class of women.(ii)

Those persons that may safely be admitted into the interior of a palace are described as below.

Such females ought to be admitted as are virgins, or are not held in much respect, are indifferent to their personal charms, and unmindful of their clothes and ornaments, forgiving, patient, good-tempered, unwearied, and above the influence of anger, pride, sensual desire and the failings of their sex, and come under the Nibhritá class. The eunuchs, who are considered neither males nor females, may also be admitted. The Snátaka,* Kanchuki, Varshavara, Upastháyiká and the Nirmundá are employed to guard the doors of the inner chambers. As a general rule, such males ought to be admitted into the interior as are incapable of carnal enjoyments.

^{*} A man of the three first classes having completed the term prescribed for his studies becomes a house-keeper; if at the end of this period he has not acquired a knowledge of the Vedas, he is called a Vratasnātaka; if he has acquired that knowledge earlier, he is called Vidyásnātaka; and if he finishes his regular studies just on the expiration of the prescribed period, he is designated Ubhasnātaka.

⁽i) रूपगुराष्ट्रीसयीवनस्वर्णमास्याभरसस्मना । विद्यदा स्विग्धा मधुरा पेद्रास्त्रभरस्तकाका च ॥ भारतास्त्र स्वाभिता स्वयतास्त्रा रसेस्व सम्पना । रवंविधगुराव्या कर्त्तवा नर्त्तवी वृधेः ।

⁽ii) खखानदासिनी रूचा खाविदगतिचे हिता। दीर्घरोषा च दीना च तथा चानिस्तोद्भटा ॥ सर्वदोषाभिषंगुका गन्धमाख्योपश्रोभिता। रवंविधा मकर्त्तवा निक्रष्टा मक्रतिवृधेः ॥

The good and pure-minded Snátaka should be placed in charge of articles required for purposes of worship, &c.; the Kanchuki, in that of monetary matters; and the Varshavara, in that of love affairs. The Upastháyiká and the Nirmundá are required to accompany the ladies anywhere. The services of the Anucháris are to be brought into requisition when a lady's anger has to be appeared by her lord. Such females are to be employed in the theatre hall as may be found to possess a general knowledge of all things.(i)

The Varshavara is an eunuch, endowed with little strength, feminine in habits, well up in work, and without any blemishes as to family descent or actions.(ii)

The Kanchuki is possessed of a sound knowledge of Theology, sciences and various Sástras and is free from all illicit desires.(iii)

(i) समासाख्यकां तासां प्रवच्यामि दिजीत्तमाः । या नियोज्या नियोगेषु प्रयोगेषु तथेव हि ॥ धनुदद्दा द्यसम्भान्ताः खवेषाचारनिस्हराः । द्यान्ता रान्ता सुधीताख जितकोधा जितिन्त्रियाः ॥ धक्को भा निम्हताखेव जीरोबेख विवर्णिताः । ता नियोगे नियोक्षया वनिता महवर्णिताः ॥ यस्थाव्यसुंसकं नाम त्रतीया महतिस्तु सा । सा द्यानाः प्रसद्धारे योज्या पार्धिववेषानि ॥ खातकाः कञ्चका ये च तथा वर्षवराख ये । उपखायिकनिमुखाः कच्चास्थानेषु योजयेत् ॥ धपुमांसस्तु पुद्धा ये च स्त्रीभोगविज्ञंताः । यते लक्तः पुरचराः कार्य्या नित्यं हि नाटके ॥

वस्तरो स्वातकं कुर्योदार्यमाचारवं युवम्। प्रेरबे चार्थकं युक्ते कञ्जुकीयान् नियोजयेत्॥ तथा वर्धवरां स्वेव कामचारेषु योजयेत्। उपस्थायिक निभुष्टाः स्त्रीवां प्रेषवकारके॥ मानकार्येषु नारीकां नियुष्त्रीतानचारिकाः। सर्ववसान्तयोगस्यां नास्थागारे नियोजयेत्॥

- (ii) ये त्वस्पसताः कुशसाः कीवास स्त्रीखभाविनः। आत्या न दुष्टाः कार्यो तु ते वै वर्षवराः स्वताः।
- (iii) ये विद्यासन्त्रसम्प्रज्ञाः कामदोषविवर्णिताः । ज्ञानविज्ञानकुष्रचाः कञ्जुकीयासु ते स्वाताः ।

MALE CHARACTERS.

The character of men as of women may be distinguished as good, average, or bad; and of each of these classifications again there are many varieties. In drama, the heroes, belonging to the class of good and average and possessed of various attributes, are divided into four classes, viz., Dhiroddhata, Dhiralalita, Dhirodátta and Dhiraprasánta. The gods belong to the first class, the kings to the second, ministers and generals to the third, and Brahmans and merchants, to the fourth class.(i)

The *Dhiroddhata* is one full of jealousy, haughtiness, and a bragging of valour, possessed of the power of showing by means of incantations such objects as are not expected to be present at a particular place, well up in imposing upon others, restless, rude and given to self-praise.(ii)

The *Dhiralalita* is one who is not much troubled with the sense of responsibility, who devotes his time to the cultivation of the Fine Arts, and is of a contented mind and mild temperament.(iii)

(i) स्नीबास पुरवाकाञ्च उत्तमाधममध्यमाः । नाच्य चलार रवेते नायकाः परिकीत्तिताः ॥ मध्योत्तमायां प्रकृतौ नानासच्चकच्चिताः । धीरोदतो धीरसम्बतो धीरोदात्तसच्चेन च । धीरम्मात्त्तचैनेति नायका नाटकाम्निताः ॥ देवा धीरोदता चेयाः सुधीरस्विताः हपाः । सेनापतिरमात्याच घीरोहात्ताः प्रकीतिताः। बास्त्रवा विकाचेव मोक्ता घीरप्रशान्तकाः।

- (ii) दर्पमात्मर्थभूविछी मायाक्कप्रपरायबः। धीरोदतस्तदशारी चलव्यक्को विकत्यनः॥
- (iii) निश्चिनो धीरचचितः कचासक्तः सुखी मृदुः।

The *Dhirodátta* is one who is not easily swayed by anger or grief, who is of a calm and serious disposition, is forgiving, unwavering of purpose and not given to self-laudation, and who conceals his haughtiness under cover of humility.(i)

The *Dhiraprasanta* is possessed of general qualifications such as humility, &c., and is well represented in the character of Brahmins and others.(ii)

Male characters connected with a palace are the following: viz. Rájá (King), Senápati (General), Kumára (Prince), Mantrí (Prime-Minister), Sachiva (Councillor or Courtier) Prárviváka (Chief-judge), and Prayogádhikrita (persons employed in all sorts of work). These, and certain other persons (known as Sabhástára or attendants on the royal court), are called Báhyacharas, i. e., inmates of the exterior of the palace.(iii)

Rájá.

The Rájá (King) is described as being gentle, intelligent, truthful, above the influence of passions, dexterous, far-seeing, learned, bold, powerful, patient, religious, prudent, earnest, grateful, kind and considerate in speaking to others, popular, mild, forgiving,

राजा चेनापतिचैव कुमारी नविवस्तया । सचिवाः प्राष्ट्रविवेकास प्रयोगाधिस्ततास्त्रया ॥ यते चान्ये च वस्रवः सभास्तारा दपस्य तु । विभागमेवां वस्त्रामि सस्त्रवस्त्र एषक एचक्॥

⁽i) महासत्त्वोऽतिग्रम्भीरः चमावानविकत्यनः । स्थिरो निगृष्णद्वारो धीरोदात्तो दृष्ट्वतः ॥

⁽ii) सामान्यग्रववतास्तु घीरणान्ती विजादिकः ॥

⁽iii) रतदेव दश्रविधं प्रोक्तमन्तःपुरं मया। स्रतः परं प्रवस्थामि वास्तुं पुरवसस्यस्य ॥

magnanimous, careful, an encourager of the arts, well-versed in Political Economy and in the art of conversation, capable of penetrating into the motives and weak points of enemies, of applying the six cardinal political principles (viz. peace, war, march, halt, stratagem, and according protection), and of ascertaining the rise, progress and decay of nations and empires, and as being furnished with the knowledge of various Śástras and averse to proscribed amusements. (i)

Senápati.

The Senápati (General) must be gentle, truthful, laborious, kind and considerate in speech, capable of ascertaining the weak points of the enemy and the proper time for commencing military operations, well-versed in Political Economy, always devoted to the interests of the king, and must be of high birth and expert enough to suit his conduct to the requirements of time and place (ii)

Mantri.

The Mantri (Minister) must belong to some high family and be intelligent, religious, pure-hearted, and well-versed in polity and

⁽i) श्रोणवान् बुडिसम्पद्मः सत्यवादी जितेन्त्रियः । हत्तः प्रग्रम्भः स्रतिमान् विकान्तो स्रतिमान् स्रचिः ॥ दोर्घदशौँ महोत्साद्यः स्रतत्तः प्रियवानपि । सोकपास्त्रतस्यदः श्रूरो वीदः स्रमान्वितः ॥ उख्यतस्याप्रमत्तस्य सदस्यत्यर्थशास्त्रवित् । नानान्यप्रसादः जहापोद्दविच्चसः ॥ प्रभावेक्तितस्य वास्गुग्योनाप्यसङ्गतः ।

मानाशासार्थतत्त्वचो नानाशिस्तप्रयोजकः । स्नानर्शिद्ययच्य परस्ये विचचयः। स्ताचोऽस्तमी चैव गुबैरेतीर्भवेद्गुपः ।

⁽ii) भीषवान् सत्यसम्पन्नस्यक्ताषस्यः पियनदः । परदम्बिधिचो यो याणाकावविभेषवान् ॥ अर्थभाक्तार्थतत्त्वचो स्तृनुदक्तः कुके दतः । देभवित् काखविकैव भवेत् सेनापतिगुँकैः ॥

various other Śástras. He should also be a country-man of the King's, and one entirely devoted to his intersets. The Sachiva (Councillor, is also described as one possessed of the virtues of the Mantri. (i)

Prárviváka.

The *Prárviváka* (Chief-judge) is described as one well proficient in law and Political Economy, intelligent, conciliatory, religious, devoted to the King, capable of distinguishing good from bad, forgiving, devoid of anger, calm and considerate, and impartial. (ii)

Sabhástára.

According to *Vrihaspati*, such persons are fit to be *Sabhástáras*, or attendants on royal courts, as are always steady, earnest, unwearied, complacent, forgiving, humble, conciliatory, skilful, versed in polity and in the art of conversation. (iii)

- (i) कुचीना वृद्धिसमात्राः प्रतिनीतिविधारदाः । खरेग्याखानुरकाख श्रुवधी धार्मिकाच्या । धमात्या मिक्कवैन गुचैरेतीर्भवन्ति हि ॥
- (ii) श्ववद्याचंतत्त्वज्ञा वृद्धिमन्तो वञ्जस्ताः।

 मध्यस्या धान्मिना रक्ताः कार्य्याकार्य्यविषञ्जवाः॥

 ज्ञान्ता दान्ता जितकोधा नोदताः समद्भिनः।
 देव्ह्याः प्राकृतिवाकास्य स्थाप्या धर्मासनेव्वपि॥

सभाषद्यम्

(iii) उत्यितासाममतास व्यक्ताससा जितकामाः । सिग्धाः चान्ता विमीतास मध्यसा निपुणास्त्रथा ॥ नयसा विनयसास ऊद्दापोद्दविषद्यसाः । मानारूपेः समावका गुणैरेतेभंवन्ति दि ॥ देहस्पतिमतादेवां गृसानां प्रविभागकम् । विसेयसापि कर्मा शैः सभास्तारादिकस्पनम् ॥ The various male characters that are introduced into a Drama come under some one or other of the following divisions, viz.: (1) the good, (2) the average, and (3) the bad. To the first class belong those who have subdued their passions, who are proficient in various arts, well-versed in history and the other Śástras, learned, gentle, void of envy, possessed of an insight into the character of men, and capable of distinguishing virtue from vice. Under the second class come all such as are well acquainted with social practices and various arts, and are possessed of qualification of an average order. The third class comprises within its scope all persons who are rude, wicked, weak, imbecile, foolish, angry, ungrateful, frivolous, sinful, irrationally addicted to sensual pleasures, quarrelsome, capable of committing theft and murder, and incapable of forming a right estimate of the rank, position, and character of other people. (i)

Some are of opinion that the Kings, the Gandharvas, the blessed inhabitants of the other world, the sages, Vásukí (the sovereign of

कत्तवाक्या दुराचारा निःसत्ताः खस्पवृदयः।
क्रोधना घातकाचैव क्रतन्नाः सम्बद्धिकः॥
व्यारम्भप्रसन्नास्य यत्किश्विदादनास्यकाः।
पिश्वनाः पायनिरताः खोषोस्याः कष्णचित्रयाः॥
मान्यामान्यविश्रेषाकामनभित्राच तक्कराः।
यभिद्धिक संयुक्ताः प्रक्रस्थेवाधमाः स्वताः॥

⁽i) सत ऊद्धं प्रवक्षामि नानापुरुषसक्ष्यम् । नानाग्रीकागु विजेका उत्तमाधममध्यमाः ॥ प्रयोक्तस्याः प्रथमाविविज्ञेया मक्कतिवृधेः । नानाधिस्यादिसम्पन्ना ज्ञानवन्तो जिते नियाः ॥ स्रोके तु वे विग्रेषज्ञा धर्माधस्यविष्णस्याः । ग्राकिति हासकुष्णसाः ग्रीकटन्तस्यवस्थिताः । स्वित्रेषासम्बद्धमग्राः मक्कत्या तून्तमाः स्वताः ॥ स्रोकोपचारतन्त्रज्ञाः ग्रिस्पणास्वविष्णस्याः । मध्यणस्त्रकोपताः प्रक्रत्या मध्यमाः स्वताः ॥

snakes), the deities, and the learned, belong to the first class; that the Kinnaras (a class of celestial beings), the Ráks hasas, the Yakshas, the Vetálas (goblins haunting cemetries and animating dead bodies), Ganas (inferior deities), devotees, Bráhmanas, the courtiers, the councillors, the Kanchukis, the stage-managers, the Páripársvikas, the Vidúshakas, the Pithamarddakas, the priests, the ministers, the merchants. and the orators come under the second class; and that the Súdras, Pisachas, Kapalikas (worshippers of Siva of the "left-hand" order. characterized by carrying an opened skull as a cup and by drinking spirituous liquors), Rangajivis (painters), artists, Digamvaras (a certain religious sect wearing no clothes), Vaidyas (physicians), Khapanakas (mendicants,—Bauddha or Jaina), patitas (social out-casts). astrologers, dancers, Pukkasas (people born of the Nisháda father and Súdra mother), Pulindakas (barbarians or Mlechchhas), Natas, (sons of degraded Kshatriyas), Chetas (servants), Vitas (persons retained about the person of the King), rogues, assassins, dependents on others, and menials are to be reckoned as belonging to the last class. (i)

(i) व्यगत्मव्वेभूपाचा खमचा ये श्ररीरियः।
मुनिवासिकदेवास विदांसीऽप्यत्तमाः स्वताः॥
कित्तरा राज्यसास्वैव यज्ञा वेतासजा ग्रवाः।
तपस्तिनी वास्त्रवास वे चानुदत्तिनी जनाः॥
स्रमात्यकञ्ज्ञकीसूष्रधारास पारिपार्श्विकः।
विद्वकः पीठमद्देः पुरोधा मिव्यक्तस्याः॥

सार्चवाश्वास्त्रया वागमी हत्यादा मध्यमाः स्वताः ॥
मूताः पिद्याचाः कापास्तिरिङ्गित्रिस्विदिगम्बराः ।
वैद्याः स्वप्यका वस्ववन्यवः पिततास्त्रया ॥
धातकाः पुद्धसार्वेव नत्तेकास्य पुर्शिन्दकाः ।
नटचेटविटाचापि पूर्तकास्व तथैव च ॥
परोपजीविनो दासा एते चैवाधमाः स्वताः ॥

Nata.

The Nata or the Stage-manager should resemble the King so far as dress, gravity and magnanimity are concerned. Their appearance, conduct and manners should also be similar. The reason given is that what the King is in his kingdom, the Nata is in the theatre. (i)

Nati.

The Natí is described as the female companion of the Nata.

The beauty, dress and action of every member of the theatrical company must be fully in keeping with those of the original characters. (ii)

Sútradhára.

The Sútradhára (literally, the person who holds the thread), or regulator of business, must be a man who has the knowledge of the rules of the drama and of refined speech, and understands music to such an extent as to be able to ascertain the suitabilities of songs to occasions. He should be proficient in the science of musical sounds and musical instruments and should also be a practical instrumentalist, be active, well-versed in ethics, morals, Poetry, and the arts, in the art of dressing the actors, in rendering different kinds of

⁽i) ग्राम्भीर्ये (दाय्येसम्पत्नी राजवस्तु भवेत्रटः । धाचार्य्येषुद्धरा प्रास्ता च सी ध्वाष्ट्रपुरस्कृतः । राजवद्भगतस्तासाद्राजापि नटवद्भवेत् ॥ यथा नटस्तथा राजा यथा राजा तथा नटः । उभयोभीवसम्पत्तिः समसीसाङ्गसीष्ठवाः ॥

⁽ii) यादश्रं यस्य चडूपं प्रक्रत्या तस्य तादशम् । वेश्रो वेश्वविधानेन कर्त्तव्यस्य पुनः पुनः॥

representations, in Prosody, Astronomy, and in Geography, terrestrial and physical, conversant with the geneology of royal families, with the manners and customs of various nations and with human nature in general, and should be full of wit and thoughtfulness. He must have a knowledge of various Sastras and be able to apply them to their legitimate purposes and to inculcate them to others to their benefit. He should also be naturally endowed with a retentive memory, and be intelligent, patient, generous, truthful, unwavering, pure, healthy, gentle, forgiving, temperate, pleasant-spoken and kind. He should also be devoid of such blemishes as are even of an average order. According to the author of Ratnávalí, the Sútra-dhára must go off after reciting the Nándí in the Mudárá (middle) scale of music. (i)

Páripársvika.

The Páripársvika possesses to some extent the virtues of the Sútradhára and is a man of an average character. (ii)

(i) तच समधारग्राम् वच्चामः। स्रस्यादित रव तावस्रच्याच्चता स्रहोनवाक्षंकारता गीतकाल-विधानच्चता स्रवादिचतत्त्ववेदनस्र। चतुरातो युकुण्यलः शास्त्रक्षंपतिष्ठितः। विविधस्यक्षतार्थमो नीतिशास्त्राचं वित्तया ॥ वेशोपचारिनपुषः काव्यशास्त्रविच्छवः। नानागतिप्रचारचो रसभावविश्रारदः॥ नान्यगेगकुण्यो नानाशिष्यसमन्वितः। इन्दोविधानतत्त्वचः सर्वशास्त्रविच्छवः॥ ग्रहनच्चचतत्त्वचो देशस्याद्यारत्त्ववित्॥ पृथ्ववीदीपवर्षायां पर्वतानां जनस्य च।

प्रमागचितित्त्वच राजवंश्वप्रसूतिवित्।
श्रोता शास्त्राचेकार्यांगं श्रुत्वा चैवावधारकः।
खवधार्योपदेशा च श्रे योवक्षोपदेशने।
स्तर्गुग्रस्थाचार्यः सूचधारो विधीयते॥
स्वाभाविकान् गृगांचेव गदतो मे निवोधत॥
स्वितान् मितमान् धीर उदारः स्विरवाक् श्रुचिः।
खरोगो मधुरः चान्तो रान्तचैव पियमदः।
मध्यदोवविनिमुक्तः सञ्जवाग्दिश्वनस्या॥

(ii) सूत्रधारगुचैरेवं किश्विदूनैः समन्वितः। मध्यमप्रकृतिस्तन्त्रीर्विश्वेयः पारिपार्त्रिकः।

Dristánta.

Dristanta is advancing an argument to maintain some assertion. Example:—"Bhima—Arya! all this is expected from her as she is the wife of Doorjadhana."—Venisanhara.

Tarka.

Tarka is reasoning in harmony with nature. Example:—"I am always visited in my sleep with auspicious and inauspicious dreams and hundreds of them turn out to be true with respect to me and my brothers."—Venisanhára.

Sankshepa.

Sankshepa is assisting in another's work with a view to lessen his trouble. Example:—"King—My love! thy limbs are softer than the Sírísha flowers (Acacia Sírísha), they are not intended for such hard tasks. Let me, thy devoted servant, cull the flowers for thee."—Chandrakulá.

Gunakirtana.

Gunakirtana is the enumeration of one's excellence. Example:—
"Your eyes are like the Khonjan (a small kind of Wagtail &c.)"—
Chandrakalá..

Lesa.

Lesa is saying something and pointing out the resemblance which it bears to something else. Example:—"King—Ours will this day be the pride like that of the Pándavas, when they with Sikhandhi before them, put Visnadeva to death."—Venisanhára.

- (11) Pascháttápa, (12) Upapatty, (13) Ásánsá, (14) Adhyavasáya,
- (15) Visarpa, (16) Wllekha, (17) Wttajaná, (18) Pariváda, (19) Néti,
- (20) Arthaveseshana, (21) Protsáhana, (22) Sáháyya, (23) Abhimána,
- (24) Anuvritti (25) Wtkirttana, (26) Yáchná, (27) Parihara, (28) Nevedana, (29) Pravartaná, (30) Ákhyána, (31) Yukti, (32) Praharsha, and (33) Upadesa.

Asírváda.

Asírváda implies benediction. Example:—"My child, be thou as dear to thy lord as Sarmmisthá, the wife of Yayáti, and be thou blessed like her with as worthy a son as Puru."—Sakuntalá.

Akranda.

Akranda is wild speech consequent on everwhelming grief. Example:—"Kanchuki—Ah! madam Kunti! Ornament of the place! &c."—Venisanhāra.

Kapatatá.

Kapatatá is the assumption of a false shape by means of Máyá (a sort of a magical illusion.) Example:—"That Rákshasa having abandoned the shape of a deer and assuming some other false shape fights desperately with Lakshana."—Kulapatyanka.

Akshama.

Akshama implies getting impatient at the slightest disrespect. Example:—"King—Satyavadin, (one who speaks truth) I have come to know everything. But there can be no motive in deceiving this lady."

"Sárangadeva-Perish thou &c."-Sakuntalá.

Vali in secret but know that therewith thou hast put an end to the acquisition of thy spiritual welfare."

Pascháttápa.

Pascháttápa is repentance from the consciousness of having done something wrong unconsciously. Example:—"Rama—Was not I kissed by my queen? Was I then deceived again and again?"—Anutapanka.

Wpapatti.

Wpapatti consists in shewing resons why a thing should be done. Example:—"Náyaka (hero) at the place of execution—"If you choose to save the life of that person who values life only for your sake and who would surely die on your death, then hesitate not to save your life by sacrificing mine in its stead."—Nágánanda.

A'sansá.

A'sansá implies wish or expectation. Example:—"Mádhava—I will but ask to see her face, the shrine of love, once more."—Málati-mádhava translated by Wilson.

Adhyavasáya.

Adhyavasáya means resolution. Example:—"Bajranábha— Erelong I will this day, with this mace of mine, at once dash his breast into pieces and thereby extinguish all your hopes here and hereafter."—Pravábati.

Visarpa.

Visarpa is beginning a thing which has a mischievous termination. Example:—"All this is the consequence of one single wicked act, &c., &c."—Venisanhára.

to the King)—What is this? What dost thou say? Thou art surely acquainted with the practices of society; people suspect the virtue of a woman, who during the life-time of her husband puts up with her relatives though she may be the paragon of virtue. So friends and relatives wish a woman to accompany her lord, whether she is loved by her lord or not."—Sakuntalá.

Protsáhana.

Protsáhana is encouraging a man to some action. Example:—
"Dost thou think that this woman who is fierce as the night of universal dissolution is not to be killed, because she is a woman? Let not such thoughts oppress thee, my child! Kill her for the safety of the three worlds."—Válarámáyana.

Sâháyya.

Sáháyya is assistance rendered to a person in a great danger. Example:—"Asvatháma (to Kripa)—Be thou in the company of the Maháraja." "Kripa:—Yes, I am anxious to render my services."—Venisanhára.

Abhimána.

Abhimána is getting hurt or wounded at the words of another. Example:—" Duryyodhana—Mother, why do you speak this day in this unusual and pitiable language."—Venisanhára.

Anubritti.

Anubritti is complaisence proceeding from affectionate regards. Example:—"King—Your Tapasyás (practising the penances) are,



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