BHRNGARA IN SANSKRIT LITERATURE

1. The first meaning given in the Larger Petrograd Dictionary for the Sanskrit noun bhringāra—m. is "a golden water jug". But in the "Corrections and Addenda to the Whole Work", at the end of volume VII, it is stated that the attribute "'golden' has to be deleted inspite of the lexicographers", and this correction is duly taken into account in the smaller version as well as in the dictionaries dependant on it.1

In the original entry itself Böhtlingk and Roth add, however, the furtner information that "according to the Yuktikalpataru in the Sabdakalpadruma" another, or rather a more special, meaning of bhringāra—m. is "a vase used at the inauguration of a king made of 8 different substances and having 8 different forms". It is understandable that the reference to the Yuktika.2, etc., is omitted by Monier-Williams e.g.; but the information retained, viz. that this latter meaning is listed by (a) lexicographer(s) only, cannot but provoke the doubt whether this particular meaning is at all actual usage.

2. Such a doubt is not, however, justified. The Yuktikalpataru of/ascribed to Bhoja (11th century) has meanwhile been edited, and it is now possible to convince oneself that the Śabdakalpadruma is in fact correct (cf. below §§ 3.1 and 3.2). And the situation seems to have improved in other regards also since the times of Böhtlingk and Roth, thanks to the lexicographical work done by P.K. Gode and

^{1.} It was, however, apparently overlooked by Debrunner (cf. J. Wackernagel, Altindische Grammatik II, .: Die Nominalsuffixe, by A. Debrunner, Göttingen J. 54 p. 287) and M. Mayihofer, A. Concise Etimological Dictionary, Vol. II, Heidelberg 1963, p. 519—The fact that attributes meaning "gol 'en' are often (cf. below) found added to "hyneāra" is sufficient proof that Böhtlingk and Roth are right and the lexicographers wrong.

^{2.} This is the siglum used in: An Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Sanskrit on Historical Principles. Indologists should in my view consider adopting its sigla.

^{3.} If one is able to get a copy of it which turned out to be difficult in Germany. Perhaps this edition should be reprinted.—All the sections referred to in this study are, however, quoted in full in the *Dharmakoša* (cf. fn. 83).

C.G. Karve to whom we owe the revised and enlarged edition of Apte's Practical Sanskrit-English Dictionary.⁴ For this contains further references which I now propose to study (in the order of their enumeration).

2.1. Pratijānayaugandharāyana 4.21:

kāraņair balubhir yuktaih kāmam nāpakrtam tvayā / guņeşu na tu me dveşo bhrngārah pratigrhyatām //

This verse is spoken by Bādarāyana, the chamberlain of king Pradvota Mahasena, the father of Vasavadatta; the other persons present are Bharatarohaka, king Pradyota's councellor, and Yaugandharayana, the minister of Udayana, king of Vatsa, who has finally succeeded in escaping from Pradyota's captivity together with Vasavadatta who requites his love. Evidently these are not the chamberlain's own words, but a message of Mahasena's which he only delivers to Yaugandharayana Likewise there cannot be the least doubt that with these words Pradyota wants to show himself not only forgiving, but that he also wants to honour Udayana's minister. The assumption that the vessel offered to Yaugandharayana could be "a vase used at the coronation of the king" is therefore completely unfounded and the translation of this verse as given by Woolner and Sarup' is on the whole,8 quite correct: "Though many wiles were used, you did no wrong I have no quarrel with your qualities, pray accept the chalice". And to be sure, it is not this particular vessel itself which Yaugandharayana is requested to "accept"—as a gift, i e as a token of Pradyota's favour; but he is given a drink in accordance with ageold custom and rules for the hospitable treatment of a guest. This is also so clearly stated by the author himself that nothing remains to be desired for it is thus that Yaugandharayana reacts to the message (4.22):

hā dhik |
grhā na nirvānti mayā dīpitās
tathaiva tāvad dhṛdayāni mantriṇām |
iyam tu pūjā mama daṇḍadhāriṇaḥ
krtāparādhasya hi satkṛtir vadhah |

This is rendered by Woolner and Sarup:10

"Ah me! The houses I had fired still smoulder, so it is with the hearts of ministers. Here am I honoured, who should be punished, while the best honour for an offender is death."

This is quite faithful a translation except perhaps for last line, the particle hi has apparently been ignored and a "while" in the sense of "inspite of the fact that" as well as a superlative have been smuggled in as it were. 11 Yet what the minister says in this line is rather: "for being treated hospitably [as I am by Pradyota in this way] is death for an offender [like me] (i.e. the just punishment by which his complete defeat is sealed because he is not by any means worthy of such a treatment)"; or perhaps: "the death i.e. the usual capital or corporal punishment) of an offender [like me] certainly (hi) is (i.e. consists in) hospitable treatment", in which case the arthantaranyāsa figure of speach would be clearer still, for the emphasis would lie on the disparity between the treatment to be expected under normal conditions and that actually given. In any case Yaugandharayana himself uses the keyword satketi and declares himself, explicity or implicitly, to be overwhelmed by the king's most gracious12 treatment of him. He accepts the favour, though as if ashamed of it, and thus asks himself to be given the vase called bhrngara—which is therefore,

^{4.} Poona 1957 (reprinted in reduced format Tokyo 1978)

^{5.} śingārah as read in S. Sharma's edition. (Pratijnāyaugandharāyanam of Bhāsa..., Delhi, Patna, Varanasi 1965) is, of course, a printing error.

^{6.} This is the meaning given in Apte's dictionary (cf. fn. 4).

^{7.} Thirteen plays of Bhasa, translated into English (Punjab University Oriental Series 13), London 1930 (reprinted Delhi, Varanasi, Patna, Madras 1985), p. 34.

^{9.} Cf P. Thieme, Der Fremdling im Rgveda..., (AKM XXIII. 2), Leipzig 1938 (Repr. Nendeln 1966), p. 24 f.

^{10.} Woolner and Sarup apparently follow Ganapati Sastrī who takes the interjections hā dhik to indicate that Y, does not want to accept the hhingāra (cf. o. c., p. 125: b'ringārasatkāram arocayamāna āha—heti |....|ato bhingārasatkāram pratigrahītum necchāmīty abhiprāyah || .)

^{11.} O. c. (cf fn. 7), 1 c.

^{12.} Cf. PratiYau (cf. fn. 2) 4. 25/26: yadi me mahāsenah prasannah, kim atah param icchāmi,

to be sure, a particular drinking vessel, or chalice, if this is the right word, most probably a precious one, but not necessarily a svarnaracitapātra (-visesa) as C D. Devadhar would have it.¹⁸

2.2. The next passage quoted in Apte's dictionary is from a text of comparatively late date, viz. the so-called Sivabhārata¹⁴ of Paramānanda (who died probably in 1687). The narration of Sivāji's victory over Kār Talab Khān, a general of Shāyista Khān, in 1661¹⁶ is wound up by a description of the loot: "Elephants and horses left in the middle of the forest by the flying enemies are brought by (his) soldiers" (29.57: vimukteşv aṭavɪgarbhe ripubhih prapalāyibhih sainyair ānɪyamāneşu gajeşu turageşu ca//), "and at many places his servants pile up large heaps of [various vessels] left behind by the enemies when taking to flight because they were afraid of [their] weight, [viz. heaps] of plates, goblets and bhīnāgāras of manifold types (?) as well as of various other golden vessels" (29.58-59: bhārabhītyavamuktānām apayātair arātibhih/ sthālānām caṣakānām ca bhīngārānām ca bhīnāgārānām ca bhīnāgārānām ca bhīnāgārānām anekasah/ svabhrtyaih kriyamāneṣu parvateṣu ca sarvatah //).

Even if the attribute sauvarnānām qualifies bhrīngārānām, too, there cannot be the least doubt that what the latter expression refers to here is, again, simply a particular type of vessel and, to be sure, one which is not at all connected with a/the coronation ceremony. On the contrary, it evidently forms part of the usual equipment of officers and soldiers while on an expedition, as indispensable as forage.

And this conclusion is strikingly confirmed by Kalhana; for, in his account of king Jayapīda's (751-782 A.D.) fighting a battle against his brother-in-law, Jajja, who had usurped the throne during his absence, he introduces at IV. 476 the candāla soldier who finally succeeds in killing Jajja with the following words:

trīdevo grāmacandālah prāpto grāmyaih saha yudhi/ko tra jajja iti bhrāmyan yodhān papraccha sarvatah//

And the enquiries of this brave man are not in vain, for (IV. 477):17

trşnārtam svarnabhrngārāt pibantam vāri tasya te /
raṇamadhye hayārūdham tam dūrāt samadarsayan //,

"they showed him from afar that [prince] who, pained by thirst, was drinking water from a golden jug in the midst of battle, while mounted on a horse", 18 so that he is able to kill him with a stone discharged with a sling.

2.3. The last of the passages quoted in Apte's dictionary is Kautiliya Arthasāstra 1.12 (to be precise: 1.12.7). When dealing with the employment of secret servants it is said of the "desperadoes" (tikṣṇa),10 forming a subgroup of the "roving spies (samcāra):20 teṣām bāhyam cāram chatrabhṛṇgāravyajanapādukāsanayānavāhanopagrāhinas tīkṣṇā vidyuh. This is rendered by R. P. Kangle quite correctly thus:21 "Braves (serving as) bearers of umbrella, water-vessel, fan, shoes, seat, carriage and riding animal, should (spy on and) ascertain the out-of-door activity of those (officers)." Of course, it is to be understood that this type of gūdhapuruṣas fulfill their duties as servants of the persons referred to by the initial pronoun,22 viz. the mahāmātras, alias tīrthas, the high dignitaries enumerated in the preceding sentence.23 It is further to be noted

^{13.} Bhāsanājakacakram: Plays Ascribed to Bhāsa... (Poona O. S. 64), Poona 1952, p. 582.

^{14.} Ed. by V. S Apte and M. C. Apte. ASS Extra 5, Poona 1930.

^{15.} Cf. G. S. Sardesai's "Foreword" to his edition of the Paramānandakārya of Karīndra Paramānanda, (GOS No. CXX) Baroda 1952, p. 1 ff.

^{16.} Cf. e. g. Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Shivaji, Calcutta 19616, p. 83 f.

 ^{17.} This is one of the passages referred to already in the Larger Petrograd Dictionary.
 18. Quoted from M. A. Stein, Kalhana's Rājatarangiņi..., Westminster 1900, (Repr. Delhi-Paina-Varanasi 1961). p. 164.

^{19.} Defined in 1. 12. 2 as "those in the land who are brave, have given up all (thought of) personal safety (and) would fight, for the sake of money, an elephant or a wild animal..." (ye janapade tūrās tyaktātmano hastinam vyālam vā dravyahetok pratiyodhayeyus te tīkṣṇāḥ). The translation quoted is Kangle's (see fn. 21); in view of the expression tyktajivitayodhin [Mbh. (Poona) 3.51.15] tyaktātmāne should not perhaps be co-ordinated but rendered "who fight..., ready to lose their lives / not caring for their lives."

^{20.} Cf H. Scharfe, Untersuchungen zur Staatsrechtslehre des Kaufalya, Wiesbaden 1968, p. 246 f.

^{21.} The Kautiliya Arthasāstra, Pt. II, Bombay 1963, p. 28.

^{22.} Cf. also Scharfe's translation of this passage, o. c. (cf. fn. 20), p. 253 and 267.

^{23.} Cf. Scharfe, o. c., p. 215 ff. as well as F. Wilhelm, "The Eighteen Dignitaries (tirtha-s)" in; ALB Vols. XXXI-XXXII, 1967-68, Dr. V. Reghavan Felicitation Volume, pp. 152-157; and "Die achtzehn Wurdenträger" in: ZDMG, Supplementa I: XVII, Deutscher Orientalistentag...... Wurzburg, hrsg. von W. Voigt, Wiesbaden 1969, pp 894-897.

that—in contradistinction to the "poisongivers" (rasada) whose attention is focussed on the indoor activity of the tirthas the tiksnas have a secret mission to spy out the bāhya cāra of this group of people, i.e. the king's confidants and assistants. It is because of this 'division of labour', this specialization, that one is amazed to read in the Jayamangalā commentary2 that the tiksnas as bearers of umbrella etc. are: antahpravetanārhāh, "[permitted and hence] able to enter [the house of their master]", as well as: pratyāsannavartino marmajāāh, "stay near [to their masters and thus] know [their] weak points."

But it is necessary to realize that the unknown commentator is here not primarily concerned with explaining how and why a tiksna is especially qualified to keep (secret) watch on the outdoor activities of his master; rather he wants to emphasize that a tikina having been employed as bearer of umbrella, etc. is in fact able to gain information. The conclusion suggesting itself is hence that the author of the Jayamangala did not deem it necessary to address himself to this point in particular, perhaps because he took it for granted that the titles of occupation enumerated by Kautalya are selfexplanatory. In fact, it is quite clear that a high dignitary like a minister, etc., expects his bearer-of-umbrella to his functions especially when he leaves the house; and this holds equally good for the bearerof-fan and those responsible for the carriage and the riding animal; and as for the other servants, this passage of the Arthasastra is itself evidence of the fact that they, too, usually accompanied their masters in order to fulfill their (rather) specialized duties if need be In any case all the tikinas' duties must have been such that they could gain information about their masters bāhya cāra even if they were not eyewistnesses; as it was at least part of their duty to accompany their masters when leaving the house they were not only the very persons for spying out their outdoor activity, but also the only among the servants who could at all gather direct information about it which does not, of course, mean that their work as spies was exclusively limited to this field.

Now, as regards the bhringaropagrahin—and it is, of course, he to whom our attention has to be turned above all—, there is no

likelihood whatsoever that the vessel committed to his care has anything to do with the particular "vase used at the coronation of a king," except perhaps for its form. Evidently all the objects mentioned at AS 1. 12. 7, including the riding animals, serve, at least first of all, practical purposes of every-day life, though on a markedly high level of prosperity or affluence: It is the well-being and comfort of the master which is to be secured with their help: he is to be protected against the parching rays of the sun, his thirst is to be quenched, he is to be fanned, and he needs the appropriate means of transport, etc. All this, together with the specialized bearer, is clearly in keeping with his extraordinarily high social position. Beyond the practical purposes which they serve, the umbrella etc. are also status symbols signalizing high rank in the political hierarchy—which is by no means necessarily identical with that of caste. It is even probable that by keeping such a domestic staff, or part of it,25 the mantrin, purohita etc. imitate the royal household. But, to repeat the final conclusion, nothing warrants the assumption that what is referred to by the expression bhringara is not an ordinary, though certainly precious, drinking vessel. but the particular one used in the ritual of abhiseka.

This conclusion—and the deliberations on which it is based—is strikingly confirmed by a passage of Bāna's Harşacarita. 26 It forms part of the description of prince Rajyavardhana's arrival from his successful war against the Hūnas, at the beginning of the sixth ucclivāsa; Harşa is said to have seen his elder brother (... jyeṣṭliam bhrātaram apaṣyat), amid a "throng of servants" (parljanena parivṛtam) "reduced in numbers by their long and rapid march" (dūradrutāgamanamuṣitabāhulyena), and this 'reduction' is specified by stating that the umbrella-bearer was wanting, the superintendent of the wardrobe legged behind, the pitcher-carrier had collapsed, the spittoon-bearer was prostrate, the betel-bearer panted and the sword-bearer 'limped' 17

^{24.} Arthasāstra-Vyākhyā Jayamangalā, ed. with Introduction by G. Harihara Sastri, Madras 1958, p. 381. 14 f.

^{25.} For the enumeration at AS 1.12.7 need not imply that all the dignitaries referred to employ each and every type of servant mentioned.

^{26.} It is listed by R. Schmidt, Nachträge zum Sanskrit Wörterbuch....., Leipzig 1928, s. v. bhrhgaragrahin. The reference (196. 11) is to the 'Bombay edition (1892)'', but it can easily be located in any edition as the passage is from the second paragraph of the 6th ucchvasa.

^{27.} Quoted from the translation of E. B. Cowell and F. W. Thomas, The Harsa-Carita of Bona, London 1897 (Repr. Delhi-Varanasi-Patna 1968), p. 165.

(vicchinnachattradharena lambitambaravahina bhrastabhragaragrahina cyutacamaradhārinā tāmyattāmbūlikena khañjatkhadgagrahinā). Clearly this bhringaragrahin, the descendant so to say of Kautalya's bhringaropaerahin, is but one of the prakasadaserakas mentioned immediately after the compounds quoted now; and it is even tempting to take this latter expression to mean-otherwise than the commentator Sankara who explains it by aturangatvan nisciyamanah, "being recognized as such because of [their] not riding on horse back", and his colleague Ranganātha28 who takes it to be equivalent to "known [by name]"29 (prakāsah prasiddhih/ nāmagrahanena vyapadesya ity arthah) -rather "public servant," i.e. servant appearing publicly (in the company of his master)", as distinct from and to some extent opposed to a domestic in the strict sense of the term. Yet, be that as it may, this much is quite certain: The vessel mentioned by Bana, even if it be made of gold as e.g. Rangaantha would have it,30 has nothing to do with the coronation of a king.

In passing only it should be noted here that Kamandaki still knew the "bearer-of-umbrella" and his fellow servants, but significantly he comes to speak of them in the section on the various types of spies (cāravikalpaparakaraņa), viz. at 13.46;31

chatravyajanabhringārayānavāhanadhārinah | mahāmātrā-(read:tra-)³¹a bahirvārtām vidyur

anye ca tadvidhāḥ //

2.4. The foregoing examination thus yields the—rather disappointing—result that the word *bhrngara* does not have the meaning ascribed to it by Gode and Karve in *any* of the three passages. One is hence given the idea that these references have somehow been put at the wrong point by them when preparing their revised edition of Apte's dictionary in any case it has become evident that they belong to the second meaning given there, viz: "a pitcher of a particular shape".

In addition it has to be noted that this semantic paraphrase is in its turn also not entirely satisfactory. For the two passages which the Chief Editors quote for it, viz. Rām(āyaṇa) 5.18.12 (=5.16. 12 in the critical edition)³² and Ve(nīsaṃhāra) 6 (recte: $6\frac{1}{16}, 33$ clearly show that the particular vessel denoted is if not exclusively then at least mainly used to keep water in. And that this is in fact its (primary) function can likewise be seen in the three passages examined above (§ 2.1-2.3). Indian commentators seem to have been aware of this fact; thus, e.g. Rāma remarks in his Tilaka on the R. passage referred to just now: bhrṇgāraih kalaṣaih/ dhattūrakusumasadṛṣajalapātrair ity artha iti tīrthaḥ,—and (Maheṣvara)tīrtha's explanation deservest attention in other respects, too, as we shall see later. That bhrṇgāra denotes a particular vessel for water is stated also by the authors of commentaries on the Amarakoṣa, e.g. by Lingayasūrin , who explains (and thereby implicitly refers to Uṇādisūtra 3.136)³⁸: bhriyate pūryate

^{28.} Cf. Harşa Carita of Banabhajja with the Commentary Marmavabodhini of Ranganātha, ed. by Śūranād Kuñjan Pillai, (University of Kerala Sanskrit Series, No, 187), Trivandrum 1958, p. 261.

^{29.} Cf also Kane's "well known (servants)" (The Harshacarita of Bānabhatja with Exhaustive Notes, Delhi-Patna-Varanasi 1965, p. 117 (of the second part).

^{30.} For he (o.c., l.c.) explains bhrhadra as sauvarnakaraka of course, following the example of the lexicographers (cf. fn. 39.

^{31.} The reference of the Larger Petrograd Dictionary "12.44" is of course, to Rajendralala Mitra's edition of The Nitisāra or the Elements of Polity by Kāmandaki (BI 19 and 179), Calcutta 1861. The edition used by me is that published in the ASS (No. 136), 1964.

³¹a. It is noteworthy that the author of the Upādhyāyanirapek jū commentary understood the term mahāmātra correctly (.....taddhārinah | mahāmātrā- (read with the BI edition *tra-) bahirvārtām.....mahāmātrā mantripurohitādayah teşām bahirgatām vārtām bāhyavicaraṇam viduh |), whereas Sankarārya, mislead by the wrong reading mahāmātrā, regards this as a plural and takes it to mean hastišikṣāniyuktāh!

^{32.} kāncanair api bhringārair jahrur salilam agratah | (mandalāgrān asīms caiva grhyānyān prsthato yayuh ||)

^{33.} mahārāja! sisirasurabhisalilascmpūrņo's am bhringārah pānabhājancm cedam 1.

^{34.} This its function is perhaps the clue to the interpretation of the appellative meaning of the name suskabhringāra (Kaus U 2.6), "one whose water container is dry, i. e. empty" or "empty drinking vessel". The occurrence of this name does not, however, warrant the conclusion that the vessel meant is necessarily already Vedic; it is also not mentioned in W. Rau's monograph: Töpferei und Tongeschirr im vedischen Indien, (Akad. d. Wissenschaften u. d. Literatur Mainz), Wiesbaden 1972.

^{35.} The Rāmāvaṇa of Vālmiki with the Commentary (Tilaka) of Rāma, ed. by V. L. Sāstrī Paņsīkar, Bombay 1930, p. 622.

^{36.} What Mahesvaratirtha says is in fact: kāncanair bhrngāraih kanakā-lukābhih. bhrngārāh duttūrakusumasadršajalapātrāni ||

^{37.} Amarakosa with the Unpublished South Indian Commentaries Amarapadaviv_tti of Lingayasūrin and the Amarapadapārijāsa of Mallinātha, ed. by A. A. Ramanathan, Vol. I (ALS No. 101), Madras 1971, p. 503.

^{38.} Which reads: śrngārabhrngārau.

jalam atreti bhṛngāraḥ. 39 This derivation is as such, of course, not acceptable etymologically; but it is nevertheless very interesting as a further piece of evidence for the fact that water as its (normal) contents is quite often associated with bhṛngāra. To give but one more example from a commentary: In the Upādhyāya nirapekṣā on Kām. Nītis. 13.46 quoted above (§ 2.3) the word is likewise explained by jalapātra.

2.5. Our sources, however, even permit us to form an idea about at least some; perhaps the main, of the various purposes which a bhring ara qua jalapatra can serve.

The water kept in such a vessel is used as drinking water as is shown by the passages discussed above (§ 2.1-2.3), especially verse 3.477 of the Rajatarangini. The prose passage of the Venisamhāra mentioned in the preceding paragraph is equally clear. 40 In addition attention may be drawn to Caraka S. 1.1441 (to be precise: Sūtrasthāna 15.7): In a chapter on the preparations to be made by a medical doctor (upakalpaniya) it is said that sayanāsanādīni copanyastabhrāgāra-pratigrahāni, i.e. that "the bed, the chair and similar pieces of furniture—meant for the sick person—should have a bhrāgāra and a chamber vessel42 (or rather: a spittoon) placed by their side"; for, in all probability bhrāgāra denotes a drinking vessel here too.43

Another occasion for using the bhrāgāra type of vessel is foot washing, as an integral part of the honours due to a guest. This is

particularly evident at Ja III. 10. 86 f.: ** rājā aggamahesim pakkosāpetvā "bhodde, sahāyassa me pāde dhova" 'ti āha. Sā tassa pāde dhovi. Rājā suvāṇnabhimkāreṇa udakam āsiāci. Devī pāde dhovitvā gandhatelena makkhesi." The king......called his queen-consort and asked her: 'My dear, wash the feet of friend!' She then washed his feet [and] the king poured water [on them] with a golden pitcher. Having washed [his] feet queen anointed them with scented oil."

Quite similar is Harivansa 713945 (=No. 29 [312 f.] in the critical edition):

pādau prakşālayān cakre muneh sātrājitī svayam | | jalam devah svayam kṛṣṇo bhṛṅgāreṇa dadau tadā ||

For seen in the light of the Jataka passage the second line of this verse is quite naturally taken to mean that K_Isna himself assists Satyabhama in washing Narada's feet by pouring water from a bhṛṇ-gāra—and not to refer to his offering drinking water to the muni. The same type of vessel is mentioned at Mahābhārata 13 2729⁴⁶ (=13. 52.14 in the critical edition):

(kusiko bhāryayā sārdham ājagāma yato munih // 13)

but in this case the service is most probably not rendered by the royal couple, itself, since padas cd run thus:

kārayāmāsa sarvās ca kriyās tasya mahātmanah //

A bhringara is "used to wash the feet of an honourable guest" also in the Vasudevahinda according to A.P. Jamkhedkar.47

The same source contains the further information that from this very type of vessel "holy water is sprinkled over the head of a newly married couple", though it is not expressly stated which purpose this ceremonial or customary act serves. In any case it is in this connection that DN48 II. 172.19 ff. comes to one's mind, i.e. the story, of a fairy-tale character, of Sudassana and the appearance

^{39.} Cf. also Padacandrikā, A Commentary on the Nāmalineānusīrsana of Amara...by Rāyamukuta, ed. by K. K. Dutta, Vol. II, Calcutta 1973, p, 571: bibharty udakam bhrngārah | 'srngārabhrngārau ca' [Unādis. 3. 136] iti bhrna ārannumāgamagunāgamās ca nipātyante ||dve (i.e. bhrngāra and kanakālukā) suvarnaghastlajalapātrasya.—That the bhrngāra is made of gold is maintained also by Mallingtha (cf. o. c. [fn. 37) 1.c. kanakakarīranāmanī).

^{40.} Note also that the rākṣasa in the disguise of a muni repeatedly declares himself to be thirsty (tṛṣlto'smi), that he asks to be given water (and shade) (saṃbhāvayatu mēṃ kaṣcij jalacchāyāpradānena) and that the prose passage quoted above is immediately preceded by a corresponding order by Yudhişthira (kaḥ ko'tra bhoḥ, salilam upanaya).

^{41.} Cf. fn. 17.

^{42.} This is the meaning given for pratigraha in Monier-Williams' dictionary referring to the Caraka S., while in the Smaller Petrograd Dictionary we read: "basin or pot meant for the various needs of a diseased person, in particular spittoon."

^{43.} The rendering "(flower) vase" of Priyavrat Sharma (Caraka-Samhitā.. (Text with English Translation), Varanasi 1981, p. 105) is in any case not at all justifiable.

Pali texts, I use the abbreviations of the Critical Pali Dictionary.

^{45.} Cf. fn. 17.

^{46.} Cf, fn: 17, (1)

^{47.} A. P. Jamkhedkar, Vasudevahlmdi: A Cultural Study, Delhi 1984, p. 113.

^{48.} The reference to this and the other relevant passages in Pali texts I owe to the PTS's Pali-English Dictionary.

to him of the heavenly treasure of the wheel, whereupon⁴⁰ "the king... rose from his seat, and reverently uncovering from one shoulder his robe, held in his left hand a pitcher, and with his right hand sprinkled water up over the wheel:"⁸⁰ In this case, too, some form of consecration seems to be intended.

Yet, there is still another ceremony in connection with which a bhrngara-vessel is mentioned several times in Pali as well as Sanskrit sources, a ceremony at that of even greater significance in terms of the history of ideas, viz that of touching or pouring out water when making a donation. This custom, "ascertainable not only in India but everywhere where Indian culture has spread", 1 has long been misunderstood. The (basically) correct interpretation has been given by H. Lüders in a work published as late as 1951. Lacording to him "the donation is conceived of as a treaty", and he refers to the fact that in an old formula the "lie in connection with a donation" is mentioned by pouring out water, says Lüders, the donor confirms his donation.

Lüders' rather brief remarks have, of course, to be supplemented by what he says in the whole of his introduction about the connection between Varuna (who is to him the god of the oath) and water, and between the latter and the oath. Nevertheless I am far from being convinced that he is right as regards his interpretation of the donation being a treaty. A treaty per definitionem regulates the rights and duties of two parties, and I fail to see any such reciprocal commitment in the case of a donation. The problem with the latter is rather, at least from the viewpoint of the donee, whether what the

donor says when making his donation, or even when only promising to make it, can really be trusted; or whether the donee has to be prepared for the worst, viz. to expect that the donation is not made in the end, or claimed back, or that he is accused of having unlawfully taken possession of it, etc. That is to say, the essential point, I think, is—just like in the case of a statement made by a witness in court—to ensure that what is said by the donor is equally the truth, and nothing but the truth'. Therefore the donor is expected to solemnly confirm that his statement, "I hereby give you...", is true; and like a person taking an oath he simultaneously touches water or pours out water, and this certainly meant originally, as has been shown by Lüders, 55 that he exposes himself to a cause should his word be not the truth. 56

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In a foot-note Luders refers to Ja VI. 344.10 ff., where "the king takes a golden jug full of scented water and pours water on the hand of the merchant receiving the gift and while doing so he proclaims the donation of the village." What the king really says is (VI. 344.11): pācīnayavamajjhakagāmam rājabhogena bhuāja, but this is indeed nothing but a solemn and ceremonial—and as regards the rights of the future proprietor entirely precise—formulation by which the village is verbally made over to the merchant. That the king in addressing him in this manner speaks the truth, is confirmed by the accompanying act of pouring out water, and note that he does so on the hand of the person who is to receive the donation. And—what is particularly interesting in the context of the present study—the water is poured from a suvannabhinikāra!

This very ceremony is described with similar words e.g. at Ja 11. 371.13 f.: ... suvannabhimkārena pupphagandhavāsitam udakam

^{49.} Quored from: Dialogues of the Buddha, 3rd Ed., translated from the Pali...by T. W. and C. A. F. Rhys Davids, London 1951, p. 202.

^{50.} The original runs thus: atha kho Ānanda rājā Mahā-sudassano utthāy' āsanā, ekamsam uttarāsangam karitvā, vāmena hatthena bhinkāram guhetvā, dakkhinena hatthena cakkaratanam abbhukkiri.....; cf. Pj I. 175, 17. ff, Pv-a 75.5 ff, as well as Saddh 513.

^{51.} Quoted from H. Lüders (cf. fn. 52), l. c.

⁵² The reference is to: Valuna. Aus dem Nachless herausgegeben von L. Alsdorf I: Valuna und die Wasser, Göttingen 1951.

^{53.} O. C., p 32—The Translation is mine—as in other cases where German secondary literature is quoted in the present study.

^{51.} A passage of the Vidhurapandita-Jataka discussed by L. Alsdorf (WZKS 15, 1971 p. 46=Kleine Schriften, Wiesbaden 1971, p. 403) seems to contradict this

statement. However, if Alsdorf is in fact right, what is referred to implicitly at Ja VI. 309 31 is ingratitude; and its counterpositive cannot be said to form one of the objects of a donation qua treaty; besides Alsdorf himself stresses that the idea he finds expressed in this Jātaka is a singular one, "to my knowledge not attested elsewhere so far."

^{55.} Cf. Varuna...II: Varuna und das Ria, Göttingen 1959, p. 655 ff. and the article published from the papers left by Luders in: ZDMG 98, 1944, pp. 1-14. Cf. also B. Kölver, Texikritische und philologische Untersuchungen zur Röjatarangini des Kalhana, Wiesbaden 1971, p. 175 ff. (Appendix 3: Eine Eidesvorstellung des nordindischen Mittelalters).

^{56.} With various problems posed by the donation ceremony I hope to be able to deal in the near future in a more detailed and comprehensive manner.

nātetvā adāsib, namely the Bodhisattva his royal elephant to certain brahmins; or at Ja I. 85. 6 ff. (... suvonnabhimkarena pupphagandhavasitamaniyannaudakam adaya veluvanuyyanam pariccajanto dasabalassa hatthe udakam patesi (cf. also I. 93.13 f.), The locus classicus for the donation of the Veluvana garden, however, is Vin I. 39. 14 ff., a passage which deserves attention also in that it again clearly shows that what is confirmed by the pouring of water is the truth of the words by which the donation is proclaimed; for it runs thus: atha kho rājā Māgadho Seniyo Bimbisāro sovannamayam bhinkāram gahetvā bhagavato onojesi etaham bhante Veluvanam uyyanam buddhapamukkhassa bhikkhusamghassa dammiti.

Thus the material from Pali sources suggests that the vessel normally used in this ceremony is precisely our bhingāra: and this assumption is supported by Sanskrit texts; too,58 e.g. Harivamsa 14237 (= No. 42 B [2813] in the critical edition) where in a section which is partially rather difficult to understand Bali is said to have taken a golden bhingara with his hand (grhya hastena sambhranto bhingaram kanakodbhavam) in order to pour water (cf 2822: evam uktvā balih sighram pātayām āsa vai jalam).50 and thereby to confirm that what he has said (viz. dāsyāmi devadeva yad jad icchaty ayam prabhuh) is indeed true: Clearly in this case, too, the bhring ara is used in a donation ceremony. There is hence a certain likelihood that the vessel which can be seen in pictorial representations of this ceremony in Indian art—their existence is mentioned e.g. by Lüders and Waldschmidt59a—is a bhrhgara.

In addition to throwing light on the various purposes which a bhingara can serve, the passages drawn upon so far also warrant the conclusion that the vessel denoted by this expression should be of medium size, i.e. large enough to contain the quantity of water necessary for its various functions, but still so small that it can, most probably without exertion, be lifted and, in general, handled also with one sole hand. Besides one can hardly fail to notice that among the purposes attested by our sources not a few evidently belong to

the sphere of solemn, at least ceremonial acts: It seems that a particular utensil used in the household as a drinking vessel - and in this regard also as a water container—is resorted to in certain formal acts prescribed by protocol, convention, or ritual which are essentially connected with pouring out water; but for evident reasons the bhringara used for such 'higher' purposes is made of more valuable or the most precious material available (the 'gold' the lexicographers associate with it) and for ordinary water a more 'refined' liquid is substituted

Taken together all these observations and conclusions lend no little weight to the question one cannot but finally ask oneself, viz. why this particular type of vessel should not indeed have been used likewise in the royal consecration as affirmed by the author of the YuktiKa.

3. 1. For what he says is quite unequivocal, viz.: rājāo'bhisekapātram yad bhringāra iti ton matam /,

"[as] vessel [used at, or rather: appropriate for, i.e. to be used at the coronation of a king, is considered that called bliggara." The YuktiKa. then gives a relatively detailed description of the bhringara as abhisekapatra, introduced by the statement that there are eight varieties and that its measure(s) and its shape are also eightfold (tad astadhā tasya mānam ākrtis cāpi cāstadhā). What is referred to by the first astadha is the material from which the vessel is made, viz. gold, silver, earth (i.e. clay), copper, [rock] crystal, sandalwood, iron and horn [of a rhinoceros ?]. 80 In the subsequent pair of slokas its height and its circumference are given—but not the unit of measure intended-and it is made clear that these data refer to the eight varieties of bliring ara mentioned in the preceding verse so that the possibility that a total of 512 subspecies is taught can safely be ruled out. 11 Next the author comes to speak of various precious

^{57.} Cf. also Cp. 1.3.5.

^{58.} Cf. also E. Waldschmidt, Die Uberlieferung vom Lebensende des Buddha,...pt. 1, Göttingen 1944, p. 58.

^{59.} Cf. also the half verse rato vārisamāpūrņem bhrngāram sa parāmīsat quoted in the apparatus (196. 4) of the critical edition (p. 759).

⁵⁹a. In the books referred to in fn. 52 and 58 respectively.

^{60.} Yuktikalpataruh Mal araja-Śribhoja-viracitali, ed, by Pt. Isvara Chandra Sastri, Calcutta 1917, p. 76, verse 76:

s uvarnam rojatam bhaumam tomram sphatikam eva ca | card nam lahajam saragam etad asjavidham matam [[

^{61:} Verse 77-78:

bhānudik-nava-saptāsta - rudraloka - suronmitāh I astāv astau samākhyātā āyāmaparināhayoh !! dvi - caturbana - vedabdhi - banasaptotmavettita | yatlıakramam samuddiştam adityadi-dasabhuvam //

stones, etc., like ruby, diamond, beryl, pearls, etc., i.e. of the decoration of the bhringāra with such precious stones somehow permanently fixed to it; 12 his attention then turns to the question which of the eight varieties of bhringāra should be decorated in this manner, and to similar questions including the species of flowers to be fastened to the head of the king at the coronation and the types of precious stones to be put into the secanāmbhas. 13 The description is wound up by the promise:

ittham niscitya yah kuryān nṛpatih sekam ātmaṇah / sa cirāyur bhaved bhogī ito 'nyas tv anyathā caran //

What is said in the *bhrngāroddeṭa* of the *YuktiKa* does not hence give the impression of being fanciful. It seems rather to be largely based on real custom and tradition of course, of a particular period; and this assumption is supported among others by the observation that the author takes it for granted that a king may belong to any of the four castes. In any case there is no reason whatsoever to doubt that the statement at the very beginning, viz. that the *bhrngāra* is the *abhiṣekapātra* par excellence, is historically correct and trustworthy.

3.2. Yet, in one respect the YuktiKa does not come up to the expectations it itself creates: It does not give a description of the shape of a bhrngāra. What this kind of vessel looks like cannot at all be learned from it; 65 obviously it is taken for granted that the vessel as such is well known to the reader. In fact, the expression akrti—so one realizes when the author specifies what he had in mind

padmarāgas tathā vajram vaidūryam mauktikan tathā | nīlam marakatau caiva muktā ca sapta kīrtitāh || bhrīngārasaptake nyāsyā na bhaumo manim arhati |

63. Verse 84:

hīrakam padmarāgas ca valdūryam nīlam eva ca | catvāra manayo dheyāḥ caturnām secanāmbhasi ||

- 64. The expressions "four/fourfold (kings)", occurring in verses 82, 83(b) and 84, are explained by caturiatimahibhuj of verse 83 f.
- 65. The expression pratyasram in verse 81 does not, of course, imply that the $bh_{I}\dot{n}g\bar{a}ra$ has "corners" in the proper sense of the word. It is equally possible, nay even much more probable, that what is referred to by this expression are the four cardinal points projected upon the round $bh_{I}\dot{n}g\bar{a}ra$, the spout perhaps providing the point which is considered as the front.

when using it—refers only to one aspect of its "shape" or "appearance," viz. its decoration with precious stones.

But there are other sources which come to our help here. According to Mahesvaratirtha (cf. above § 2.4) a bhringara "is similar to the flower of a dhattūra." The plant denoted has been identified as three species of the genus Datura, "a a charactieristic of which is the funnel-shaped corolla. N. S. Mooss's Ayurvedic Flora Medica⁶⁷ contains a drawing showing also the flower of Datura metel Linn.. and the corolla is described as "tubular-infundibuliform, 15-18 cm long or even more, often 10-12, 5 cm across at the mouth..." A vessel of this shape, and size, can indeed be used to drink out of. and it can be placed provided its bottom is flat. As Mahesvara states it only to be "similar" to a Datura flower, it is least possible that the bhringara he has in mind is some what bulbous, if not even big-bellied, and if this be true, it could well contain enough water for washing a guest's feet. On the other hand it should not be forgotten that in India there has not been a tradition of exact and detailed descriptions of objects of the natural environment or products of human workmanship. And even if such a tradition could be found, one is left with the intricate problem posed by Mahesvara's statement in itself: We don't know what exactly he means by sadrsa, i.e. to what extent he at all intended to give a precise description of the type of vessel called bhringara. His testimony, though quite interesting as such, is not clear enough to bridge the gap between "Wörter und Sachen," i. e. to arrive at a clear visual idea of the object denoted. A practicable way is, however, shown by Buddhaghosa (5th century) in his commentary on the DN passage referred to above (§ 2.5). For he adds to the expression suvannabhinkāra of the māla text the explicatory attribute hatthi-sonda-sadisa-panāli (Sv 620.20f.), "with a spout similar [in shape] to the trunk of an elephant." Evidently this feature was regarded by him as really characteristic of a bhrhgāra. And obviously the author of the Vasudeva hindies also had in view the same feature when he characterized the

^{62.} Verse 79 f.:

^{66.} Cf. G. J. Meulenbeld, The Mādhavonidāna and its Chief Commentary, Chapters 1-10. Introduction, Translation and Notes, 1974, p. 564.

^{67. (}Vaidya Sarathy Series Book No. E 2), sec. ed., Fasciculus I, Kottayam 1978, p. 89 f.

^{68.} O. c. (cf. fn. 47), 1. c.

bhringara as being gajamuho (= gajamukha). To compare the spout of a vessel to the trunk of an elephant makes sense only if a particular similarity is referred to, i.e. if not the trunk as such is meant, but the trunk in particular position considered to be specific to this pachyderm, or perhaps the peculiar tapering form of the trunk. Unfortunately, however, quite a few positions meeting this condition come instantly to the mind of everybody only superficially familiar with elephants. The position tacitly referred to might e.g. be that of holding up the trunk so that it looks somewhat like the letter "s" "09 e.g. adopted by this animal when it trumpets. In a roll painting from Nepal in the possession of the Museum of Indian Art in Berlin (West) the Visvantara legend is depicted. It has been published by Lienhard in 198070 in an exemplary manner. Table XXIV (p.231) shows among other things the abhiseka of prince Jalini, In his detailed description and analysis of the relevant scene? Lienhard states. after having dealt with the prince himself, that "two men in red frock-coats stand to the left and right of the prince... Each of the two men holds a carafe with both hands 2 and is ready to pour the water it contains over the head of the prince to be consecrated as king. A third man.....waves⁷⁸ a parasol of golden yellow colour, a symbol of royal dignity and might." An identical vessel is found depicted at another point of the roll also, viz as part of a scene showing Madri in swoon.⁷⁴ Lienhard's identification of this vessel

athängäravotim müdhäm pauträpaharanasravät | hlädayäm üsatur väkyaih sacivau sajalänilaih [[

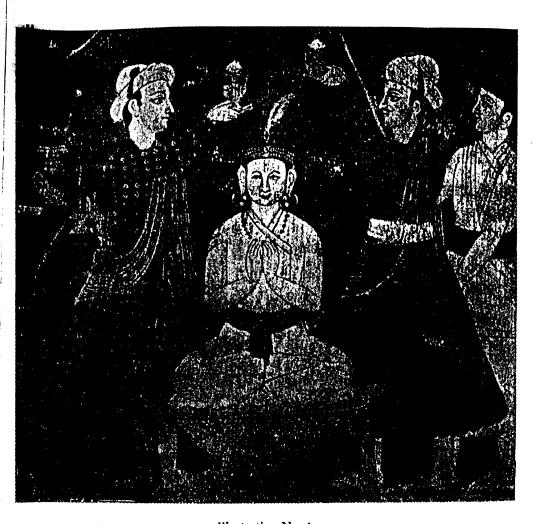


Illustration No. 1

By courtesy of the Museum für Indische Kunst,

Staatliche Museen Preussischer Kulturbesitz, Berlin (West)

^{69.} Cf. Budhasvāmin's B_Thatkathōślokasamgraha 2.37 where a wild elephant, trumpeting as if challenging the opposing elephant to battle, is said to he kimcid ākuncitōngulih; cf. also the expressions kare kuncitapuskare and samvellitakarah kari—ibid., 3.14 and 15.

^{70.} Die Legende vom Prinzen Visvantara. Eine neralesische Bilderrolle aus der Sammlung des Museums für Indische Kunst Berlin, Berlin 1980.

^{71.} O, c., p. 228 f.

This seems to have ritual or ceremonial rather than practical reasons but of, fo. 79.

^{73.} It seems that Lienhard has here been carried away by his imagination. All the picture shows is that a parasol is held above the prince so that the sun is (in accordance with a corresponding rule, [cf. J. Gonda, Ancient Indian Kingship... [cf. fn. 87], p. 37) prevented from shining directly on him.

^{74.} O. c., plate XVI; the description is given on p. 176: "...the prince, making strenuous effort to awake her from her swoon, sprinkles Madri's body with water," viz. with his right hand while he holds the vessel in his left. Cf. also Byhatkathāslokasamgraha 3.78:

as a "carafe for water" is evidently correct; but I think in this case it is definitely possible to go a step further, i.e. to do more than just determine its function, namely to connect it with its proper designation which cannot but be bhringāra; for one of the "carafe's" peculiarities is precisely the "elephant-trunk-like" spout, i.e. a spout which has the form of the letter "s". On the other hand it has to be taken into account that the Berlin roll painting is dated 1837 and thus more than 1300 years younger than the information gleaned from the famous Pali commentator And such a distance in time cannot be simply passed over as entirely insignificant however marked the traditionalism of Indian culture.

Fortunately, however, there are much older pictorial testimonies which can in a similar manner be connected with Buddhaghosa's remark. For Lüders draws attention to "one of the most beautiful reliefs from Bharhut" showing "Anathapedika when donating the Jetavana to the Buddha, and the donation is confirmed by pouring water from a vessel similar in shape to a teapot."77 In a foot-note he refers to Cunningham's well-known work on the Stupa of Bharhut, 28 viz. p. 14 (ff.) and plate XXVIII. In view of the text of the inscription found immediately below the sculpture the correctness of the identification of the scene is beyond any doubt. This means that it can be taken for granted that what is depicted here is a particular donation ceremony, i.e. an act with which the bhringara has been found to be intimately connected Now, the vessel which Anathapindika carries placed on his left hand, holding its handle with his right (or perhaps carries by the handle with his right hand, merely supporting it by his left hand)79 is admittedly different from the one depicted by the Nevar artists of the Berlin roll. It has not only an (arched) handle, but it is indeed similar to a teapot also in

^{75.} O. c., p. 42.

⁷⁶ Its Nepali name, however, is $gha_{I}\bar{a}$ (< Skt. $gha_{I}a(ka)$).

^{77.} Quoted from his Varuna (cf fn. 52), 1. c.

^{78.} The Stūpa of Bharhut: A Buddhist Monument..., by A. Cunningham, Repr. Varanasi 1962.

^{79.} In contradistinction to what is seen on the painted scroll from Nepal (cf. fn. 72), the impression one cannot help gathering here is that use of both hands is provoked, if not primarily then at least also, by the practical needs of safe and ateady carriage.

that it is much flatter and clearly big-bellied, covered by a lide and provided with a flat base; in addition the spout is here straight, rising at an angle of appr. 45° from the bottom a little beyond the level of the lid; but it evidently also tapers off towards the top; to some extent at least, and it is in this respect that it, too, is, or could be regarded as, similar to the trunk of an elephant, but perhaps in another regard also, viz. when the trunk is stretched out straight in spouting water. It is, hence, certainly possible, nay even highly probable that what Buddhaghosa had in mind was a vessel of this type which can thus be identified as the (ancient) bhringara.

Whether this teapot-like vessel represents the (direct) or one of the historical precursors of the 'carafe' of the roll painting from Nepal remains to be seen. It is anyway not possible to pursue this problem further in the course of the present study: The pictorial testimonies—of which there is obviously no dearth—call for an independent treatment. In the present context it is, however, important to repeat by way of summary that thanks to a particular textual information about the vessel called bhringara a bridge can be thrown across the gap between text and picture, and that pictofial testimonies confirm what is stated in the YuktiKa., viz. that the bhringara is indeed used at the coronation of a king. *2*

3.2. But this vessel was not only used in such an abhiseka ceremony. Obviously there is more to it. For it is note-worthy that the bhringaroddesa section of the YuktiKa, is quoted in the



Illustration No. 2
Source: A. K. Coomaraswamy, La Sculpture de Bharhut, Paris 1956,
Plate XXVI (Fig. 67)

^{80.} It may be noted here that the golden bhringāra (which king Jalauka throws into the Sodara spring according to Kalhana's Rājataranginī 1.128 in order to carry out what could be styled an anticipation of modern underground water tests) is not only susirodara (for which M. A. Stein's [cf. fn. 18, p. 25] "empty" is perhaps too colourless), but also sapidhānānanah, "closed at is mouth with a lid."

^{81.} Which would also have to examine the relation between the bhringāra or in general the abhiṣekapātṭa, and the pūtnaghaṭa as a symbol of prosperity. In passing only attention may be drawn to the fact that according to the Padacandrikā (cf. fn. 39, 11, p. 571) on Amarak. 2. 8, 32: dre i.e. bhadrukumbha and pūrnakumbha rājyābhiṣekāya nānātīrthādijalakanakaghaṭasya [scil. nāmaṇi].

^{82.} This conclusion is not of course, reversible: not each and every vessel that happens to be used at the coronation of a king, or an abhiseka ceremony (ultimately) modelled on it. can be identified as bhingāra—as may also be seen from B. N. Sharma's article on "Abhiseka in Indian Art" in: 101, Baroda; XXI. 1971-72, pp. 108-113; cf. also fn. 120.

Dharmakosa⁸³ in a chapter entitled "rojacihnāni rājopakaraṇāni ca." This heading—and the distinction between cilmas and upakaraṇas of the king—is also based on a corresponding statement of the YuktiKa, viz. the following one:⁸⁴

chatradhv jasimhāsanayānādibhyo yad anyat syāt | rājyāngam tad upakaraṇam tasmāl loke visesās tu //.

According to it there are certain "constitutive elements, i.e. paraphernalia or insignia, of kingship"88, different from the umbrella, the banner, the throne, the riding animal [viz. the elephant, etc.]88, etc., and that they form "utensils for use."87 Though the essential distinction between an upakarana and the umbrella and the other rājyāngas is not made much clearer by the subsequent three lines either, they give at least a complete enumeration of the former:

cāmarās cātha bhrīngāras caşakam ca prasādhan [m] | 88 vitāuas cātha sayyā ca vyajanam darpaṇāmbaram | etan navakam uddisṭam rājopakaraṇākliyayā | 1.

The group of nine paraphernalia forming the *upakaraṇas* of a king are hence chowrie, *bhṛṇgāra*, cup, comb, canopy, bed, fan, mirror and garment. It is highly questionable whether the difference between these *upakaraṇas* and the non-*upakaraṇas* among the *rājyāṇagas* really consists in the fact that the former are "utensils for use" only and the latter merely "signs of the king" (rājacilna) as the author of the *Dharmakosa* would seem to have it—though it cannot be denied that what is marked here as different from each other seems to be the private sphere, on the one hand, and that of appearing in public, on

^{83.} Rojanitikanda, ed. by Laxmanshastri Joshi, Vol. IV, Pt.V, 1979, p. 2829 and 2841a.

^{84.} P. 72, verse 33.

^{85.} The expression $r\bar{\sigma}jy\bar{\sigma}nga$ is here evidently not used in the special terminological sense it usually has in Niii—and related texts.

^{86.} The B_rhatkathāślokasamgraha (2.45) knows an abhisekahastin; cf. also § 5.1. It should however be noted that yāna may have the meaning "vehicle", too, and could therefore refer to the state chariot (cf. fn. 137).

^{87.} Thus it is that J. Gonda, Ancient Indian Kingship from the Religious Point of View (Reprinted from NUMEN III and IV with Addenda and Index), Leiden 1966, p. 37. renders upakarana as found at Mbh. 12.67.86. In the Nitikalpataru (cf. fn. 105, p. 174 f.) upakarana (in the compound rājatadupakarana) seems to refer not only to inanimate objects, but also to all the officers and servants of a king.

^{88.} Of course, the emendation prasadhanam would also be possible; but the feminine is met with again at YuktiKa. p. 78 verse 91.

^{89.} Cf. also the quotation from the Sivabharata (§ 2.2).

the other. For it has to be taken into account that the chowrie. or to be precise: the pair of fly-whisks, together with the (white) umbrella constitute "the emblems par excellence", as rightly stressed by Gonda. 90 There is not only textual evidence for this, 91 but it is also strikingly confirmed by art⁹². Hence the question arises if not at least the bhringara, too-the other upakaranas are less likely candidates except for the fan-has likewise to be regarded as an emblem of royalty, i.e. an identifying mark of a king. For it may be taken for granted that not an ordinary vessel of this type is meant, but one conforming to the description given subsequently, i.e. in the bhringaroddesa of the YuktiKa. That is to say, it has to be kept in mind that neither the chowrie nor the bhring ara nor any other of the upakaranasand the umbrella, etc., certainly don't form an exception in this regard-are as such specific to a king. It is always the material, the decoration, etc., that makes a particular object one of the royal paraphernalia; and Bhoja takes quite some pains to clearly

ekākini vānavāsiny arējalakşmaņy anītisāstrojāe | sattvotkaje mrgapatau rājeti girah parinamanti ||

rendered by the editor; "In... the lord of the animals the title 'king' ..., acquires its full significance."—In this connection it should also be mentioned that there are indications of the (white) umbrella being the only ensign of toyalty or the ensign par excellence. Thus e. g. the meaning of the expression n_Ipatikakuda at Raghuv. 3.70 (see also fn. 109) is made explicit by Kālidāsa himself by the subsequent sitātapatāraņa; and at Ja III. 11.7 ft. the king who wants to share his kingdom with a friend of his divides his umbrella into two halves in order to demonstrate this his decision. Last but not least, Amarakoša 2.8.32, too, has to be taken into account here (... chattraṃ tvātapatraṃ rājāas tu nṛpalakṣmā tat), though the final words of this verse need not be interpreted as stating that the umbrella is the only ensign of a king, but could also be taken to mean that the umbrella of a kirg, i. e. if it belongs to a kirg and is hence carried over his head, is an ensign, i.e. one of the royal insignia.

92. Cf. the article of B. N. Sharma's referred to in fn. 82 and that of G H. Khare (cf. fn. 95), plate 1.

describe the difference between its ordinary and its royal character. Similarly it is not necessary to give much thought to the—theoretical—possibility that what is referred to here by the expression bhrhgāra is but the royal drinking vessel; for, this passage of the YuktiKa. cannot by any means be dislinked from the bhrhgāroddesa section which after all is part of the detailed description of all the nine upakaranas enumerated at the outset: bhrhgāra as a rājopakarana is therefore the abhitekapātra which evidently remains with the king after his coronation and is perhaps even used by him albeit not as drinking vessel. And as to the abhitekapātra, it is perfectly understandable that it should have been regarded as another ensign of royalty in view of its extraordinary significance in the context of the royal consecration.

On the other hand it has to be admitted that usually one looks in vain for the bhingara, or a vessel equivalent to it, in lists or enumerations of the paraphernalia or emblems of royalty. E. g. Gonda³¹ does not refer to it. But clearly his outline does not exhaust the (primary) material—nor aim at reconstructing the historical development. The assumption that this particular emblem has so far simply been overlooked by most scholars is strikingly confirmed by a recent article of G.H. Khare's.³³ But before turning to the source drawn upon by him attention should first be focussed on another piece of evidence, viz. one which inspite of certain philological problems it poses is nevertheless ultimately so clear that any doubts one might still entertain as to the bhingara forming one of the insignia of royalty once and for all.

4. 1. What I am alluding to is a passage in Bharuci's commentary on the *Manusmṛti*, a text which has unfortunately come down to us only in a fragmentary state, and the trasmission of the only extant portion, viz. the *Manu-Sāstra-Vivaraņa* on adhyāyas 6-12, is also far from being good.

^{90.} O. c. (cf. fn. 87), I. c.

^{91.} E. g. Kālidāsa, Raghuv. 3.16 c/d (adeyam āsīt trayam eva bhūpateh sašiprabham chattram ubhe ca cāmare). It should be remembered that umbrella and chowrie are also named in the first place in the two sets of the YukiiKa.—Note that at 2.13 Dilīpa is nevertheless described as anātapatram (ātapaklāntam), but that Mallinātha explains: vratārtham parthitacchattram; the only king without any insignia whom I happened to meet in the course of my study is the lion of the verse quoted by O. Böhtlingk in his anthology Indische Sprūche, Sanskrit und Deutsch, St. Petersburg 1870-73², as no. 1395 (539):

^{93.} Cf. also the caşakoddesa of the Yukiika. (p. 78, verse 86 ft) as well as the kumbha-, arghyapātra-, pādyapātra- and ācamanapātra-luksaņas in the Viramitro-daya, Laksanaprakāša, p. 641 ft.

^{94.} Viz. in his work on kingship (cf fn. 87), p. 37 ff.

^{95. &}quot;Emblems of Royalty in Art and Literature" in: ABORI LVIII and LIX, Diamond Jubilee Volume, ed. by R. N. Dandekar, Poona 1978, pp. 683-689.

Manu 7.6, a verse particularly interesting in the context of the ideas about kingship in ancient India, runs thus:

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tapaty adityavac caişa e cakşumşi ca manamsi ca / na cainam bhuvi saknoti kascid apy abhiviksitum //

and Bharuci gives the following remarkable explanation:97 mahārāja-lingena cāmara-cchatra-bhringādinā yukto diptimattvāc caksūmsv ādityavat tāpayati, monāmsi dandapātanāt/. The question apart whether the characterization of the king as being furnished with the emblems of royalty is meant as reason for his "burning the eves" or as a restriction of this effect to a legally enthroned king or to the king insofar as he acts with authority, one is puzzled by the last member of the compound camara-cchatrabhringa. J. D. M. Derrett has taken the text as it stands, but his proposal to interpret it to mean "with his flywhisks, umbrella, and 'bees', etc." poses questions. And that he himself didn't feel happy about it becomes clear by his footnote "attendants?'.

After what has been said so far in the course of this study, it can hardly come as a surprise that I, on my part, should like to suggest a conjecture here, viz. to read obhringaradina instead of oblirngādinā. This implies that just one aksara has dropped out, and it further starts from the assumption that the contention of the lexicographer Mathuresa (17th century)98 that the word bhringa is used among others in the sense of bhringarass is at best based on a crux like that in Bharuci's commentary and not at all confirmed by actual usage. That instead of bhragadina one should read sragadina can also safely be ruled out, for the remark found in the Vacaspatya s.v. rajaśrnga, viz. that this expression is semantically equivalent to rājacihnacchatra,100 is of no relevance here since the "umbrella sas

one of emblems?"101 is already mentioned by Bharuci, and in a quite unequivocal manner at that; for a similar reason the contention of Purusottama, the author of the Trikandusesa,102 that sringa-n. has among others the meaning of cilina, can remain unchecked: In an explanation of the expression mahārājalinga, given by the author himself, what one is alone justified in expecting are the names of individual ensigns, and not at all the notion "sign" as such. Therefore I should think that the emendation proposed by me is the most natural one in the context, hence I take Bharuci to give the following explanation: "He; (i e. the great king) burns the eyes like the sun because he [too] is characterized by dazzling splendour insofar as/if/when he is furnished with the emblems of a great king. [viz.] the [pair of] fly-whisks, the umbrella, the vessel-used-for-hiscoronation, etc. [and he burns] the minds because he causes punishment to be inflicted."103 There is no doubt hence that Bharuci (between 600 and 650 A.D. according to Derrett)104 enumerates the bhrigara among the emblems of royalty, and among the most important ones at that.

42 That is to say, I regard it as definitely established that the vessel called bhringara forms qua abhişekapatra one of the distinctive marks of a king. But I should like to stress at the same time that I neither ignore nor want to dispute the fact that this its role and function is attested to in our sources but sporadically—though it will be shown later that there is more textual evidence than has been realized until now. Nonetheless in my opinion this quantitative argument does not carry much weight and this for the following reasons:

1. In most, nay practically all cases when commentators, etc., explain expressions like raja (etc.)—lakşman, —cilma, etc.105, or

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^{96.} Note that Bhāruci seems to have read caiva which may indeed be regarded as the older/original reading

^{97.} The edition used is, of course, that of J. D. M. Derrett, Bharuci's Commentary on the Manusmett (The Manu-Sastra-Vivarona, Books 6-12)..., Vol. I: The Text, Wiesbaden 1975, p. 50.

^{98.} Cf. C. Vogel, Indian Lexicography (A History of Indian Literature, ed. by J. Gonda, V. 4), Wiesbaden 1979, p. 365 ff.

^{99.} Cf. also the Larger Petrograd Dictionary s. v. bhriga-. In the edition of the Sabdaratnavali itself (ed by Pdt, Manindra Mohan Chaudhuri, Calcutta 1970), the corresponding statement is found on p 192.

^{100.} Cf. Trikandasesa 2. 8. 32.

^{101.} The semantic development is not clear to me

^{102.} Viz. at 3. 3. 70; cf. also (according to the Larger Petrograd Dictionary s. v. (riga-n.) Hem, on Medini 2, 3, 25-26

^{103.} The latter sentence has been quoted from Derrett's translation (Bhāruci's Commentary on the Manusmyth...Vol. II..., Wiesbaden 1975, p. 34) which seems a bit strange as regards the remaining part.

^{104.} O. c. (cf. fn. 97), Introduction p. 9 ff.

^{105.} Note that rajalak sana is also used in the sense of ibodily marks [indicating a future] king" (cf. e. g. Dašakumāracarita, ed., N R. Ācārya, NSP, Bombay 1951, p. 14, 1, 12 as well as H. Kohlbrugge, "Glücks und Unglücks zeichen

kakud (a), they confine themselves to mentioning just two, or at the utmost three, individual ensigns, and it is perfectly understandable that they adduce by name only those which are by far the most important or best known, definitely coming to one's mind first when the concept "emblem of royalty" is mentioned on and inspite of Bharuci's testimony it is highly improbable that the bhring dra ranked among the first two or three.

- 2. In a number of cases an author may well have had in mind the bhring ara, too, when speaking of "the signs of a king" but there is no way to find this out for sure.
- 3. The denotatum of *bhingara* or this expression itself may have been replaced by another one, expressions often met with in comparable contexts are in particular *kalasa*, *ghaṭa* and (pūrna-) *kumbha*.
- 4. Last but not least one has to reckon with the possibility that the role of the *bhrngara* as an emblem of royalty was limited in terms of its historical and/or its regional diffusion.

To give a few examples:

4. 2. 1. The explicate rājalinga of Amarakosa 3.3.92 is in its turn made clear in the Padacandrikā¹⁰⁷ by chattrādi, and in the

Vivarana¹⁰⁸ by kanakacchatracāmarādi.¹⁰⁰ At Viramitrodaya VI¹¹⁰ (Rājonitiprakāsa) 443.19 the expression cihnāni rājāo is explained by the immediately following dhvajapatakādīni.

4. 2. 2 Visnudharmotturapurana II. 158.4—to which attention has been drawn by J. J. Meyerin—

tatraivāyudhavarmādy m chatram ketum ca pūjayet /
rājalingāni sarvāni tathāstrāni ca pūjayet //

might prescribe the worshipping of the abhisekapātra, too, as part of the nirojana ceremony—although in this particular case there are some doubts since the Caturvargacintāmaṇi¹¹² teaches mantras for other emblems only and ignores our vessel. But Bhag. P. 1.16. 4 and 5 may be quoted as an example without hesitation for the last member of the compounds hrpaltingadhara and nrdevacilmadhrk is not at all indication enough that only such signs are meant here which a king bears on himself in the narrower sense of the word.

4.2.3. The Rāmāyaņa commentator Rāma of. § 2.4 above) paraphrases bhrīngāra of R. 5.16.12 by kalasa, and this latter expression is indeed very often met with in the context of passages dealing with the royal consecration. E.g. in his Vīramitrodaya (VI. 42. 181.) Mitramisra starts his brief exposition of the "abhişeka according to the Atharvanagopathabrāhmaņa" by stating: bilvaprabhrtīn sambhārān sambhrtya sodasa kalasān sodasa bilvāni valmīkasya ca mṛttikām sarvānnam sarvarasān sarvabījāni / tatra catvāraḥ sauvarnās catvāro rājatas catvāras tāmrās catvāro mṛṇmayāḥ /... And (a) golden kalasa (s) is (are) mentioned in Anantadeva's Rājadharmakaustubha, 113 in

am menschlichen Körper" in: Acta Orientalia XX, 1948, pp. 36-80) as well as in the sense of "characterization, i. e. description, of the king" of Viramitrodaya (cf. fn. 110) XX, p. 165, Rājadharmakaustubha (cf. fn. 113) p. 243 and Nitikalpataru (ed. by V. P. Mahajan, Poona 1956), p. 177.

^{106.} This holds good equally when individual emblems themselves are mentioned. Likewise it should be taken into account that even if an °ādi or a similar expression is lacking, those ensigns which are expressly named need not be meant to form an exhaustive enumeration of the ensigns in their entirety. The verse Ja 6.22, 28-29, to which my attention has kindly been drawn by me friend O, v. Hintiber remains difficult inspite of K. R. Norman's(cf. CPD s. v. upādhi—ratham) endeavours to solve the problems (cf. also O, v. Hintiber, "Two Jātaka Manuscripts from the National Library in Bangkok" in: JPTS Vol. X, 1985, 19 ff).—Cf. also Mallinātha on the passages from the Raghuv, referred to in fns. 91 and 109.

^{107.} Padacandrikā: A Commentary on the Nāmalingānusāsanam of Amara by Rāyamukuţa, ed. by K. K. Dutta, Vol. III, Calcutta 1978, p. 226.

^{108.} Amarakosa with the Unpublished South Indian Commentaries..., ed. by A. A. Ramanathan, Vol. II, Madras 1978, p. 352.

^{109.} Apparārya then quotes Ragh. V. 3.70 b, viz. (sa[=Dilīpah] sūnave) nīpotikakudom dattvā yūne sitātapavāraņam/.

^{110.} Viramitrodayah Lak sanaprakasah Mahamahopadhyayas imitromis raviracitah sahityopadhyayavisnupras adasarman asamsodhitah, Benares 1916.

^{111.} Trilogie altindischer Mächte und Feste der Vegetation.... Zurich-Leipzig, p. 127 (of Pt. II), fn. 2.

^{112.} Caturvargacintamani of Śri Hemādri, Vol. II; Vratakhanda, Pt. II, p. 619 ff.

^{113.} Rajadharmakaustubha of Anantadeva, ed. by M. Kamala Krsna Smrtitirtha, Baroda 1935, p. 318, verse 5 and 321, v. 29.

Nilakantha's Nitimayūkha¹¹⁴ and in Candesvara's Rajanitiratnākara, ¹¹⁵ and the sudsequent instruction in the latter, viz.

pūrayet sarvatīrthādbhir gāngena payasāthavā /, 116a clearly indicates that the abhisekapātra itself is referred to. Equally plain is Venīsamhāra 6.12 where Pancalaka, addressing Yudhisthira and Draupadī, asks them to abandon all doubt and then adds:

pūryantām salilena ratnakalasā rājyābhisekāya te |.

At other places or in other works of the same kind, instead of kalasa the expression ghata is found, e.g. in the Viramitrodaya (VI. 44.10). In the Mahābhārata (1.126.36) Karņa is consecrated king of the Angas "with golden ghatas [to the water contained in which] parched grain and flowers have been added" (salājakusumair ghataiḥ kāñcanaiḥ... abhīṣikto...). 116 It seems that ghata and kālasa are interchangeable in such contexts 117 yet this holds good for kumbha, too, or even pūrṇakumbha. As to the former expression, see e.g. Vīramitrodaya VI. 51.4 or 57.3, Rājadharmakaustubha 320 verse 25 ff. or Kṛtyakalpataru 16.7,110.

Of course, further and less hurried investigations are necessary in order to arrive at a well-founded interpretation of this terminological fluctuation,120 but a comprehensive and detailed study of the post-Vedic development of the royal consecration has anyway still to be undertaken by somebody, 121 and Nibandha texts like those drawn upon by me will then be of special importance. Nevertheless it is, I think, legitimate to state that mere non-occurrence of the expression bhrigāra itself in these sources does not at all warrant the conclusion that this particular type of vessel was not considered by their authors as an/the abhisekapātra. Besides, this non-occurrence is also not a total one. There is after all a passage in the Krtyakalpataru where the word is used, viz. in an enumeration of the various ābhisecanika dravyas,122 among which figures a hiranmaya bhrngāra also (16.5), though side by side with many "decorated golden pūrnakumbhas". A similar list of things required for a coronation is transmitted at Dip. 11.32 f; and all of them are expressly stated to "have been sent [by Asoka] for the coronation"123 (rājabhiseke pesitā)124, and, significantly, they include a bhinkara, too:125

^{114.} Niti Mayükha by Nilakantha Bhatta, ed. M. G. Bakre and V. P. Lele, Bombay 1921 (Repr. Delhi 1985); p. 171, 5

^{115.} The Rājanīti-Ratnākara by Candesvara, ed. by Kashi-Prasad Jayaswal, Patna 1924, p. 83.

¹¹⁵a. Cf. also fn. 81. On the unction fluid consisting of 16 or 17 different sorts of "water" and its preparation in Vedic times cf. J. C. Heesterman, The Ancient Indian Royal Consecration.....'s-Gravenhage 1957, pp. 79 ff. It should be noted that this is one of the traits of the Vedic royal consecration that has been preserved practically until the present day (cf. the study of Witze)'s referred to in fn. 121). There is much evidence to be found also in the Nibandha texts; in passing only I further note Brhatkathāslokasamgraha 1.89 cd: sarvatīrthāmbukalasair abhyasiācat sa (i.e. Gopālah) pālakam ||. In J. Sarkar's (cf. fn. 76) description of Śivāji's coronation ceremony it is stated (p. 208): "Then the eight ministers of his cabinet..., who stood ready at the eight points of the horizon with gold jugs full of the wrter of the Ganges and other holy rivers, emptied them over the heads of the king, queen and crown-prince..."

^{116.} Cf. also the verse from the *Prapoficasāra* quoted by B. N. Sharma in his article "Abhiseka in Indian Art" (cf. fn. 82).

^{117.} At other places they are distinguished; cf. e.g. Mbh. 14. 64, 12 and Venisamhāra $6\frac{13}{14}$ bhragāra (cf. fn. 33) versus 6. 12 kalasa (cf. § 4, 2, 3). Cf. also fn. 119.

^{118.} Kriyakalpataru of Bhatla Laksmidhara, Vol. XI: Rajadharmakanda, Baroda 1943.

^{119,} In the Aupapatikasūtra (cf. fn. 138) the compound punnakalasa-bhingāram is found

^{(§ 49.} II), explained by the commentator Abhayadevasūri to mean: jalaparipūrņau ghatabhrāgārau. An interesting information is given by Apparārya (Amarakoša with the unpublished South Indian commentaries..., Vol. I. Madras 1971, p. 503) for according to him bhadrakumbha and pūrņakumbha are rējadvāranikslptapūranakalasanāmans.

^{120.} In the section entitled abbişekapātralak sana of the Viramitrodaya (cf. fn. 110), p. 646 three different vessels are described (following a "Vaikhānasagrantha"); the third one is said to be sankhanibhākāram and agrato jalanālakam, i. e. to have a spout—in all probability the specific mark of a bhringāra proper.

^{121.} Much progress has, however, been achieved in this regard by M. Witzel in his contribution "The Coronation Rituals of Nepal", to: Heritage of the Kathmandu Valley, ed. by N. Gutschow and A. Michaels, St. Augustin 1987.

^{122.} Viz. p. 15 1, 15; this passage is part of a section said to be borrowed from the Rāmāyana (cf. p. 13. 1, 19 and fn. 3); this seems to be only partially true since the parts in question are not found in the critical edition nor in any other edition of the R. I was able to check.

^{123.} Cf. also 12.1. A parallel is Mhv. 11.28.

^{124.} I fail to understand Oldenberg's query (The Dipavamsa..., London-Edinburgh 1879, p 166): "all that being worthy(?) of a royal coronation".

^{125.} As Dip.11.39 (dutiyam abhisinc ttha..., ...dutiyābhiseko...) shows, the coronation referred to is a "second" one.

But it has to be admitted that the present argument (§ 4.2.3) is rather weak in that all it can at best be adduced for is the statement that the *bhringāra* was in fact used as an *abhisekapatra*. There are, however, also passages which clearly confirm Bharuci, and it is to these that attention will now be drawn.

5.1. Among the material utilized by G. N. Khare¹²⁶ "the story of Mūladeva as narrated in Jacobi's Hindu Tales¹²⁷ and translated by Meyer in (sic!) English"¹²⁸ is of relevance here. Its contents are summarized by Khare thus: "It is said that Mūladeva while residing at Bennāyada, the king of the country died without issue. The ministers and other state officers, therefore, let loose the five divine things of the five emblems of royalty to select the future king. When these divine things appeared before Mūladeva who was sitting in a garden in the capital at the time, the elephant trumpeted, the steed neighed, the golden pitcher sprinkled him, the chowrie fanned him, and the parasol shaded his head. Here an elephant, a horse, a golden pitcher, (a pair of) chowries, and a parasol are enumerated as the five emblems of royalty..."

The sentence to be considered here in the first place runs thus; 120 tam pecchiya gulugulyam hatthinā, hesiyam turangena, ahisitto bhingārena (=abhisikto bhingārena), viio camarehim, thiyam uvari pundarīyam, and this is perfectly clear. This part of the story of Mūladeva opens, however, with (62.34): io ya tie nayarīe aputto rāyā kālagao, "now the king of that city had died sonless", immediately followed by the phrase; tatlha ahiyāsiyāni panca divvāni, and the precise meaning of these sew words has given a number of scholars quite a headache. Meyer renders ahiyāsia- by "deputed" and refers 120 to "Indische Studien XV. 359 (where we find the correct translation pañca divyāni adhivāsitāni)": that is to say, he disagrees with Jacobi who derives

Prakrit ahiyasel trom Skt. adhyasayati - and proposes the rendering "to rule as a symbol"— as for the Skt. original, viz. adhivasita, he refers to Weber (who quotes the phrase pance divyany adhivasitani from Simhasanadvatrimsikā, but interprets it to mean "[they asked] five fateful questions") and to Tawney's translation of the Kathākosa¹³¹ (who renders divyāni by "ordeals" and the verb under discussion by "appointed").

The problem involved have been taken up for a fresh and much closer study by Edgerton¹³¹, and he has convincingly shown that the phrase in question means "the five divine instruments were imbued (with the superhuman power they were expected to use)">"they were consecrated", a meaning according well also with the expression panca divyany obhisiktani of the Parisistaparvan 183 Jacobi's translation of panca divvani by the "five insignia of royalty"-to which Khare also has obviously fallen a prey-has been criticized already by Meyer who deems it "hardly correct", the reason being that "with the Jainas too these are: Sword, parasol, crown, shoes, chowries", whereas here "we have: Elephant, steed, golden pitcher, chownes, parasol": similarly Edgerton¹⁸⁴ warns against confusing the five ensigns of royalty with the pancadivyani: he notes 136 that "the neuter noun divva is frequently found in the law-books in the sense of 'ordeals'" and argues that in the passages examined by him "the word is used in a concrete instead of an abstract sense", viz. that

^{126.} Cf. fn. 95.

^{127.} Actually the title of H. Jacobi's work is: Ausgewählte Erzählungen in Mähäräshiri, Leipzig 1886; the story is found there on pp. 56 ff.

^{128.} J. J. Meyer's Hindu Tales. London 1909, are "An English Translation of Jacobi's" reader; for the story of Muladeva see pp. 193 ff.

^{129.} Quoted from Jacobi's edition, p. 62 1, 36, p.

^{130.} Viz in fn. 3 on p. 131.

^{131.} The Kathākoša or Treasure of Stories (Oriental Translation Fund, New Series II)
London 1895; see pp. 4, 128 and 155.

^{132.} Viz. in an article of his entitled "Pañcadivyadhivasa or Choosing a King by Divine Will" published in: JAOS 33, 1913, pp. 158-166; this is also referred to in Edgerton's valuable notes on Jacobi's reader, viz. his "Notes on Jaina Māhārāṣṭrī' in: Indian Studies in Honor of Charles Rockwell Lanman, Cambridge Mass. 1929, pp. 27-30.

^{133.} Cf. Sthevirāvali Charita or Parisishtaparvan..., by H. Jacobi, Calcutta 1891, p. 166. This passage is already referred to (among many others which are partially not accessible to me) by Meyer. o, c., p. 131, fn. 3.

^{134.} Viz, in fn. 1 on p. 160 of the article referred to in fn. 132,

^{135.} P. 166.—Cf. also Kathākoša Prakaraņa of Srī Jinesvara Sūri, ed. by Jina Vijaya Muni (Singhi Jain Series No. 11), Bombay 1949, p. 73, 1, 31.

instead of 'divine ordeal or test' it means 'the instrument of divine test'. 136

I do not at all want to contradict either of the two scholars; but there are two points which I should nevertheless like to make:

- 1. It cannot be taken for granted that throughout the whole of Indian history the ensigns of royalty have been none other than the very five enumerated by Meyer and Edgerton indeed sources have been adduced in the foregoing which testify to the contrary.
- 2. Of the two pentads, viz. the rājakakudāni and the divyāni, it cannot be disputed that the latter set is divided into two subsets. viz. the two state animals, on the one side, and "the golden pitcher, the chowries and the parasol", i.e. three inanimate objects, on the other, and that out of these three the latter two form part of the ensigns of royalty (and not only the allegedly fixed set of five rajakakudas). There is hence no scope for any serious doubt that the "pitcher", i.e. bhrngara, too, is here equally regarded as one of the insignia: On its part the "golden pitcher" chooses the new king in that it by itself "sprinkles him", i.e. indicates that he is to be consecrated king in a ceremony in which it will function as the abhisekapātra. Yet in thus selecting the person who is to rule the country the bhrngāra symbolizes royalty to the same degree as the parasol and the chowries, the state elephant and the royal steed or the royal chariot197-so that from this angle the distinction between the ensigns. on the one hand, and the pañca divyāni, on the other, becomes ultimately insignificant in substance.
- 5.2. And this latter conclusion is, if I am not mistaken, fully confirmed by the Aupapātikasūtra.¹⁸⁸ For, in the description of

Kūnika's ceremonious setting out from the city of Campa this king, seated on his elephant, is not only said to be surrounded by excellent horses, elephants and many chariots, but he is also characterized as "one above whom a white umbrella is raised" (usaviya-seya-chatte), "one who is fanned with (a) chowrie (s)" (pavia-vala-viyaniye), and "one towards / by whom/whose a/the bhringara is lifted up" (abbhuggayabhrigāre). 189 Their possible or even probable practical functions apart, the umbrella and the chowrie(s) are clearly meant here, too, as insignia of royalty: In order to honour Mahāvīra the king sets out in a procession in which all the royal splendour is displayed—and which forms the model, so to say, of that of ministers and other state officers as referred to by Kautalya (cf. § 2. 3. above). Therefore it is highly improbable that nothing but a drinking vessel should be meant by the expression bhingara, i. e. an object serving a practical purpose only, however precious the materials from which it is made. Rather there is every likelihood that this bhringara also represents, and in the first place at that, an ensign of regal dignity.

5.3. Clearer still is the text to which I should now like to draw attention, viz. the Mārkandeya P. The passage I have in mind is referred to already in the Larger Petrograd Dictionary¹⁴⁰, but obviously Böhtlingk and Roth have failed to recognize its full significance. It occurs in the story of king¹⁴¹ Hariscandra who in order to keep his plighted word not only gives away the whole of his kingdom as

^{136.} Note however that in the Aupapātikasūtra (cf. fn. 138), p. 55 (§ 49. II) the flags of the umbrella are given the attribute divya.—This particular use of the legal-term divya has apparently been not taken notice of by R. W. Lariviere, The Divyatativa of Raghunandana Bhattācārya, Ordeals in Classical Hindu Law, Delhi 1981.

^{137.} On the "state chariot" (pusyaratha etc.) see e. g. Meyer, o. c., p. 131, fn, 3, and Edgerton, l. c., p. 160.

^{138.} E. Leumann, Das Aupapātika Sūtra, erstes Upānga der Jaina, I. Theil: Einleitung, Text und Glossar. (AKM VIII, 2), Leipzig, 1883, p. 57 (§ 52).

^{139.} E. Leumann renders this bahuvrihi compound, (o. c., p, 97), referring to the explanation given by the Skt. commentator, by "[the king] in whose direction the golden water jug is raised." In any case it is quite probable that the action denoted by abhy-ud-gam here is not performed by the king himself; cf. also Rām 5.18.11 (partially quoted in fn. 32).

^{140.} It owes this information, however, to Th. Aufrecht, Halāyudha's Abhidhānaratna-mālā, London-Bonn-Paris 1861, p. 299, —The particular Pārsvanāthacarita also referred to by Aufrecht, s. v. bhringāra. has as far as I know not yet been published.

^{141.} That he is a king (rājan) is stated already at the very outset; see Mārk, P. 8.3.

dakşinā to Visvāmitra, but is also able to clear his debts with this Rṣi only with the price he gets by selling his wife, Saivya and his son to a brahmin and in the end selling himself also as servant to a candāla. He is then forced to work at a cremation ground in the most abject state for more than a year when the corpse of his son, bitten by a snake, is brought there by the mother, the former queen. At first the parents do not recognize each other (cf. 8, 175: sa tām rorudatīm bhāryām nābhyajānāt tu pārthivah..... and 176: sāpi tam cārukešāntam purā dṛṣṭvā jaṭālakam | nābhyajānān nṛpasutā suṣkavṛkṣo-pamam nṛpam ||)149, but soon both of them become aware of the horrible truth and fall into a swoon. When they regain consciousness, the queen, after having fainted a second time, exclaims (202-203):

hā rājan jātasantāpām ittham mām daaranītalāt |
utthāpya nādya paryankam āroheti kim ucyate ||
nādya pasyami te chatram bhringāram athavā punah |
cāmaram vyajanam cāpi ko 'yam vidhiviparyayah ||

This is aptly rendered thus by Pargiter: 144 "Ah, O king. Why dost thou not now raise me, who am thus afflicted, from the ground and tell me to mount to thy couch? I do not see this day thy regal umbrella, nor yet thy golden 145 vase, thy chowrie or fan; what is this revolution?"

The "contrariety of fate", the total change in Hariscandra's circumstances is described by the author by contrasting his former

with the actual¹⁴⁶ state, and this is done in an artistically skilful manner in verse 203 by making. Saivya expressly state that she looks in vain for what formerly used to indicate her husband's special dignity and might, viz. the insignia of royalty, and clearly bhringara, too, is one of these. For what else should be the reason for mentioning the abhisekapatra along with the umbrella, the chowrie and the fan?

5.4. The observation that, particularly in Nibandha texts, the expression kalasa is often met with instead of bhingara (cf. § 4.2.3 above) permits us to present still another piece of evidence. The Krtyakalpataru contains also what is called a 'cihnavidhi', 147 and one of the effects ascribed to this ritual is the following one (198.3 f.):

camaram kalasam sankham satapatram vitanakam | bhavet tu siddhikāmasya nṛpasya phaladāyakam //.

Enumerated as it is together with other "utensils for use', which are clearly ensigns of royalty¹⁴⁸ and are mentioned here for none but this very reason, the vessel called kalasa cannot but have the same emblematic function; It, too, is one of the cilmas of the king, and thus indirectly confirms the result achieved with regard to the bhringāra. For, whatever the exact relation between the kalasa and the bhringāra in terms of the history of Indian arts and crafts, there should no longer be any doubt that if in fact two different vessels, i. e. vessels of different shape, are referred to by these expressions, one of them has taken the place of the other in the course of time, although their function has remained the same and this function was

^{142.} Cf. verse 8.127 f. for the description of Hariscandra when working at the cremation ground.

^{143.} Note that the parallel in the Devibhagavata, Skandha 7, adhyaya 26 verse 42 c/d runs thus: nādya pasyāmi te chatram simhāsanam athāpi vā //.

^{144.} The Mārkandeya Purāņa transl, with notes by F. E. Pargiter (BI 125), Calcutta 1904, p. 53.

^{145.} Obviously Pargiter still took bhringara to mean "golden vessel"; cf fn. 1

^{146.} Cf. also verse 8.204 ff.

^{147.} Cf. also the section called cihneşu devipūjāvidhi in the Vīramitrodaya (cf. § 4.2.2. p. 442; both these Nibandha works assert that they are quoting from the Devipurāna.

^{148.} On the conch see e. g. Dip, 11,32 and 12,2 (cf. § 4,2.3); as for the canopy see § 3,2 and e. g. YuktiKa, 79 verse 98 ff. vitāna-lakṣanam).

to serve as an abhisekapātra and therefore, to be sure, also as another of the many insignia of royalty in India¹⁴⁹.

ADDENDA

Page 1 § 2: On "The Sources and Authorship of the Yuktikalpataru", cf. S. R. Sarma in: Aligarh Journal of Oriental Studies III, 1986, 39-54.

Page 12, first paragraph:

Cf. two recent articles of H. Scharfe's, viz. "Nomadisches Erbgut in der indischen Tradition", in: Hinduismus und Buddhismus, Festschrift für U. Schneider, hrsg. von H. Falk, Freiburg 1987, 300-308, and "Zur Einsetzung des Königs im vedischen Indien", in: Studien zur Indologie und Iranistik 13/14=Festschrift W. Rau, hrsg. von H. Brückner, D. George, C. Vogel u. A. Wezler, Reinbek 1988, 185-193.

CORRIGENDA

[Wrong divisions of words are, as a rule, not taken into account here, nor the non-spacing of what should have been spaced, nor the erroneous substitution of a hyphen by a dash, etc.; references are to pages and lines, the latter extending to the foot-notes also]

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^{149.} There are at least two more passages which are likely to further corroborate what forms the main result of the present study. The first is AV Parisisian LXIV. 7.6 (The Parisisian of the Atharvaveda, ed. by G. M. Bolling and J. von Negelein, Leipzig 1909-1910, p. 413), and the second one is Visnusmiti 63.32; the latter forms part of a chapter in which things, etc. are enumerated the sight of which is considered inauspicious when the king starts on an expedition (cf. also P. V. Kane, History of Dharmasāstra, Vol. III, Poona 1973, p. 227 f.); and the former belongs to the vast subject of dream and its interpretation in India. But I have first to consult books not available at Hamburg or in Germany before a final conclusion can be arrived at regarding this material so that I have to postpone this to a later addendum.

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