map, and find yourself forced to account for every inch of the tract included, that you find out the gaps in your information. These I have now indicated, and I conclude with again expressing a hope that local officers interested in the history of the province will come forward with information which may clear up all the doubtful points.

### Baiswárí Folk Songs collected by Bábú JOGENDRA NÁTH RAE, Gházípur. (Contributed by W. IRVINE, Esq., C. S.)

[The following songs are composed in the Baiswárí dialect, with a slight admixture of Western Bhojpúrí. They were collected by Bábú J. N. Rae in the town of Gházípur. He says that he took them down, exactly as repeated, from the mouths of women of the lower castes, such as Kahárs, etc. Some songs were obtained from Gáthaks or male professional singers, who recited them, and whose words were taken down. The Bhartharí song was obtained from the dictation of a Gosain mendicant.—The text has been edited by Mr. G. A. Grierson, C. S., who has added a few notes, distinguished by his initials (G. A. G.). The translations have also been amended in several places, where they represented the original either incorrectly or too freely.—ED.]

## ॥ १॥ सोइर गीत।

भउज मेा का चूनरी पहिनाव
 भइया साहेव मुखड़ न बेलि
 भडजी चोठ बिजुकाई
 गरभ की माती डेहरिया चड़ि बैठी
 ननद लुटन मोहि चाई
 भउज मा का इत्यादि
 इहठिया घरवनी मैँ टठिया लेबेाँ
 चाँख चँजवनी खारा
 हसन खेलन का मैँ चेरिया लेबेाँ
 सइयाँ चड़न के घोड़ा
 भउज मा का इत्यादि

Note. ਅਤਰ is more usually भाਤज, and is possibly incorrect. चड़ि is a dialectic form of चटि. G. A. G.

### Translation.

1, O sister-in-law, dress me in a bordered garment. My brother did not even utter a word [*lit*. speak with his mouth],

[No. 2,

My sister-in-law with pouting lips And a proud face moved away and sat on the doorway, (saying :) "Lo! sister-in-law is here to rob me." O sister-in-law, dress me, etc. I shall take a plate as a present for the *Chhath*,\*

2. I shall take a plate as a present for the *Chhath*,\*
A cup for holding lamp-black for the eyes (of thy babe),
I shall take a waiting-maid to laugh and play with thy child,
I shall take a horse for thy husband to ride upon.
O sister-in-law, dress me, etc.\*

### ॥ २॥ सोहर गीत।

नन्द घर बाजे बधइया

मधुरा द्वथा को जन्म भये। है गेकुल बाजे बधइया रानी जसमत जी की ठाटा जनम्यो सखियन मङ्गल गइया नन्द घर बाजे बधइया,

NOTE. **TITI**, 'a little child', is generally used affectionately to mean 'a dear little child'. G. A. G.

#### Translation.

Birth-music is being sounded in the house of Nand.
At Mathurá Krish'n is born
And birth-music is sounded at Gokul.
To Queen Jasmat (Jasodá) a son is born.
All the attendant ladies sing songs of jubilee.
Birth-music is being sounded, etc.

The legend of the birth of S'rí Krish'n is so well-known that it requires no notes to describe how he was born at Mathurá and thence

\* A ceremony held in honour of the goddess *Chhath* a month after the birth of a child. It is on this day that the mother leaves the room where she was confined for the period; she is thenceforth considered as pure and capable of performing all the household duties and mixing freely with the inmates of the house. [The ceremony was originally performed on the sixth day after birth, hence its name. G. A. G.]

 $\dagger$  [Bháüj sister-in-law, *i. e.*, brother's wife; but nanad sister-in-law, *i. e.*, husband's sister. The idea of the piece is this: nanad goes to visit bháüj on the sixth day after the birth of the latter's son. Bháüj is sulky and says, "nanad has come to rob me of my child". Nanad remonstrates and says, she is come to make presents. There is a reference to the proverbial jealousy between sisters-in-law. Each is much displeased when the other has a child, but at the same time she is bound to give the mother handsome presents, in order that when her turn comes, she may get still handsomer ones.—ED.]

transported secretly to Gokul to the house of Nand, how this precaution was taken in order to save the child from falling into the hands of Kans, the wicked uncle and king of Mathurá, and how his real parents were confined in a black dingy den where the future hero was born.

Sohars are songs that are sung on the occasion of a birth. The women of the neighbourhood all muster together and make themselves jubilant over the interesting occasion. There is no end of *dholaks* (drums) being beaten with all the might of their bravery.

### ॥ ३॥ होली गीत।

१ पिचुकारिन काईँ केा मारि, लला हेा रङ्ग को चेट मोहि कारी लगत पिचुकारिन काईँ इत्यादि, २ भर पिचुकारी मेरे मुख पर मारी उँगिया भिजि तन सारी, लला हेा रङ्ग को चेट मोहि कारी लगत पिचुकारिन काईँ इत्यादि

NOTE. ant here = with, 'severe', of a wound &c. G. A. G.

Translation.

- Why dost thou spurt with a syringe? Ho Lalá! It strikes hard against me—the liquid red. Why dost thou spurt, etc.
- 2. The full syringe thou dost pour on my face— My entire bodice and body have got wet, Ho Lalá ! Why dost thou spurt, etc.

Holí songs are peculiar songs that are sung on the occasion of the celebrated festival known as the Holí which, as is well-known, is solemnized in honour of Krish'njí. [It is rather the festival in honour of the Uttaráyana or Vernal Equinox. G. A. G.]

## ॥ ४॥ चद्रती गीत।

१ चइत की चाननि रतियाँ र री निरखत भई भोर, मेारे रामा हो, चइत इत्यादि २ र री सइयाँ मेार चन्दा भइलेँ, र री मैँ तेा भइलेाँ चकेार मेारे रामा हो, चइत इत्यादि NOTE.  $\mathbf{v}$  t is an interjection only used in addressing females. The masculine form is  $\mathbf{v}$  t. The **च**कार, *chakor*, is the Greek partridge (*Perdix rufa*), which is said to be enamoured of the moon, and to exist on moonbeams and ambrosia. G. A. G.

### Translation.

- Gazing at the moonlit night of (the month of) Chait, It has become well-nigh dawn; O my Rámá, gazing at the moonlit night, etc.
   Lo, my husband has become the moon,
- And lo, I have become the *chakor*. O my Rámá, gazing at the moonlit night, etc.

## ॥ ५ ॥ चइती गीत ।

१ ए री तङ्ग भइली चोलिया रामा ए री नाजुक बह्तिँयाँ ना समाय मेारे रामा हो, तङ्ग भइली इत्यादि २ सुनु रे दरजिया के कोकड़े तू तेा निपटे नदान मेारे रामा हो, तङ्ग भइली इत्यादि Note. नाजुक is the Persian ناری and नदान is ای ای . G. A. G.

### Translation.

- Lo, my bodice has become tight, O Rámá, It does not fit my tender arms; O my Rámá, my bodice, etc.
- 2. Hark, son of the tailor, Thou art excessively foolish !
  O my Rámá, my bodice, etc.

## ॥ ई॥ कजरी गीत।

काईँ मेरि सुधि बिसराए परदेसिया १ च्यापु तेा जाय बिन्द्राबन इराए जिख जिख जेाग पठाए परदेसिया काईँ मेरि सुधि इत्यादि २ च्यापु तेा जाए दारिका बइठे कुबरी से नेइ जगाए परदेसिया काईँ मेरि सुधि इत्यादि

#### Translation.

O my beloved, why dost thou forget me in the foreign land?

- Thou hadst gone and settled in Bindrában, And from time to time sendedst letters of jog from the foreign land. O my beloved, why dost thou forget me, etc.
- 2. But now thou hast gone and residest in Dwáriká, And makest love with the hunch-backed woman in the foreign land. O my beloved, why dost thou forget me, etc.

When Krish'njí left Rádhikájí he went over to Dwáriká and there assumed the title of a king; there he is said to have fallen in love with a certain hunch-backed woman known in Hindú mythology as Kubjá or Kubrí. There is a legend to this effect that by the touch of the divine hands of Krish'njí this ugly creature was transformed into a most beautiful woman of graceful form and figure. In this song Rádhiká alludes to this awkward intrigue of her lover and twits him with his faithlessness.\*

### ॥ ७॥ कजरो गीत।

पुरुषु के देसवा से खदलें बनिजरवा रामा डेरा डाले सुन्दर के छँगनवा रे हरी सगरेां छँगनवा छैकेला बनिजरवा रामा केसे क बोहारेां घर छँगनवा रे हरीं टारी देड गाँदिया उलाटि देब बखरवा रामा निर्डार बोहारेां घर छँगनवा रे हरी छँगना बोहारत मेारा उड़ल छँचरवा रामा देवरा पापी निरखे मेार जोबनवा रे हरी छदसन देवरवा के पँसिया रे दियौखूँ रामा जब रे घरवा होतें छूरी बजवा रे हरी

\* ['Letters of jog' apparently means letters on the subject of practising asceticism. Mr. Grierson points out a parallel passage in a song of Súr Dás, in which that poet recounts a number of beneficent acts traditionally ascribed to Krish'n, such as his assistance to the Páṇḍavas, his protection of Draupadí, the destruction of Hiraṇyakaśipu, etc. Among them the poet adds : ápu jáï Dwáríká baiţhe likhi likhi jog paṭháź. The same statement also occurs in another of Súr Dás' songs, in which Rádhá is represented as complaining about Krish'n that while he himself is indulging in amorous intercourse with Kubrí and the Gopís, he exhorts her to devote herself to the practice of asceticism: ap ne jáï prem ras chákhe ham ko likhi likhi jog paṭháwe, i. e., 'while he himself is gone (to Gokul) to énjoy the sweets of love, he writes to me to recommend asceticism.'—Ep.]

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NOTE. बनिजरवा is long form of बनिजार, 'a merchant'. I would prefer to consider देख in the fifth line, as the 2nd singular imperative. बखरवा is long form of बखार, which literally means 'a granary.' G. A. G.

### Translation.

From the eastern land came a merchant, O Rámá.

He took up his lodgings in Sundar's yard, O Hari.

The merchant has filled up the entire yard, O Rámá.

How shall I sweep the dust of the yard with my broom, O Hari?

I will push away the trappings of the oxen and cast away the sacks, O Rámá.

And I shall sweep the yard bending myself down, O Hari.

While sweeping the yard the skirts of my cloth flew away, O Rámá. And my wicked brother-in-law began to gaze on my breast, O Hari. I would get such a brother-in-law killed, O Rámá.

If my "knife-thrusting" were at home, O Hari.

"Knife-thrusting" here refers to her husband, because he is her natural protector and as such could deal vengeance.\*

The Kajarís are sung during the rainy season. They were formerly indigenous to Mirzápur but are now spreading far and wide over the land. The airs of these songs are rather melancholy, though they are tuned to express different feelings and sentiments.

[The name of the song is probably derived from the darkness of the clouds at this season, which are considered to resemble  $k \dot{a} j a r$  or lamp-black collyrium. The well-known author of the treatise called Hindí Bhákhá,-Bábú Hariśchandra-gives a different account. He says that there was in Central India a famous Rájpút prince named Dádú Ráy, in whose time no Musalmán dared touch the Ganges. On a famine occurring in his dominions, he brought rain by the ardour of his devotions. This made him so popular that when he died and his Queen Nág'matí became satí with his corpse, the women of the country invented a new melody which was named Kajali to express their The author concludes "there are two reasons for the name sorrow. Kajali; -- one, that the king owned a forest called Kajali ban, and the other, that the third of the month on which this song is most sung is called in the Puráns, the Kajjalí tíj. G. A. G.]

## ॥ ८ ॥ जँतसार गीत । १ बारह बरिसवा को मैना रे तिरियवा रे तेरहे बरिसवा गोबिन्दा खासिक रे ना

\* [Chhúrí-baj'wá is the long form of chhúríbáj, a compound of chhúrí 'knife' and báj (Persian ;) 'one who is practised in something.'-ED.]

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च्यपने चोसरवाँ मैना भार लम्बी केसिया रे गोबिन्दा सँवारे टेडी पगडी हो ना

- ३ मैना जे। चल लागी अपने ससुरवाँ रामा पिछवाँ रे पिछवाँ गोबिन्दा आसिक हो ना
- 8 फिरि चलु फिरि चलु गोबिन्दा असिकवा रे सवन भदउवाँ हम चलि आहब हो ना

प सवन भदउवाँ की निस अँधिअरिया रे बिज्ली चमके जियरा मारे हो ना

NOTE. आसिक is the Arabic عاشق. G. A. G.

### Translation.

- 1, The girl Mainá is of twelve years, Her lover Gobindá is of thirteen.
- 2, In her parlour Mainá combs her long hair, Gobindá adjusts his slanting turban.
- 3, When Mainá was going to her father-in-law's house, O Rámá, The lover Gobindá followed close behind her.
- 4, "Go back, go back, my beloved Gobindá."I shall return in Sáwan or Bhádõ.
- 5, "The nights of Sáwan and Bhádõ are dark, "The lightning flashes, and it pierces my.heart."

In order to lighten the labour caused by incessant grinding of millstones, the women of these parts sing songs in a concert. Two women sit face to face with their legs spread and their arms holding tight the fulcrum of the grinding-stone.

# ॥ ८॥ भैरवी गीत । सइयाँ दरवजवा ठाड़ि रहूँ पिया मिलन की भई बेरिया दरवजवा इत्यादि ताव पिया का बेग मिलाओँ निकस जात जी हाँ रे पिया दरवजवा इत्यादि

NOTE. BIS is dialectic for BIG.

### Translation.

1, O my husband, I am standing (waiting) at my door, The time of meeting with my dear one has come, I am standing, etc. [No. 2,

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2, Until I am immediately united with my beloved, My soul is on the point of forsaking me, O my dear one ! I am standing, etc.

### ॥ १०॥ भैरवी गीत। १ रामा ! मोहि कल ना पड़त जिया मेँ याद खावे उन की बतिया मोहि कल ना पड़त जिया मेँ २ छन छन उठतु भरेाठे ठाड़ि रे पीर उठत हिया मेँ कल ना पड़त जिया मेँ

Note. कल पड़व usually means 'to sleep.' कल is 'rest', कल ना पड़त is literally 'rest does not fall.' ਤਰत is an old form of ਤਰत. भरांड or more usually भरेड is literally 'a lintel.' भरांडे is locative. G. A. G.

### Translation.

- O Rám, a disquiet comes over my soul, When I call to remembrance his words. A disquiet comes, etc.
- 2. Every moment I get up to stand by the door, And a pain rises up in my heart.A disquiet comes, etc.

## ॥ ११ ॥ भैरवी गीत।

१ नजर लगी रे मेा का राम चलत अँगनवा मेारे राम नजर लगी इत्यादि २ अँगिया मसक गई चुड़िया तड़क गई गिर गया हाथे का कँगनवा नजर लगी इत्यादि

Translation.

- O Rám, have any evil eyes fallen upon me When I was passing along the yard ? Have any evil eyes, etc.
- 2, My bodice has got loose, the *churis* (hand-bangles) have been shivered,

The bracelets of my hands have fallen down.

O Rám, have any evil eyes, etc.

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## ॥ १२॥ भैरवी गीत।

१ पनिघटवाँ रोको ठाड़ कैसे भरूँ पनिखाँ रे गोइयाँ ! पनिघटवाँ इत्यादि २ प्रक डर मोहे सास ननद की दूजे बैरन मेारो सौतिनियाँ पनिघटवाँ इत्यादि

### Translation.

- He stands obstructing the steps leading to the waters. How then, my friend, can I fill my pails ? He stands obstructing, etc.
- I am already afraid of my mother-in-law and sister-in-law, Over and above are the other wives of my husband. He stands obstructing, etc.

## ॥ १३॥ भैरवी गोत।

 सइयाँ चँखियाँ नहिँ लागी रे समुभि समुभि उन की बतियाँ चँखियाँ इत्यादि
 चावन कहि गये, चजह्रँ न चार किन सौतिन बेलमार सइयाँ चँखियाँ इत्यादि

NOTE. किन = केंगि. G. A. G.

#### Translation.

- Lo, I have not set eyes on my husband, And yet full well I remember his promise. Lo, I have not set eyes, etc.
- 2, He went away with a promise to come, but up to this day he has not come.

What evil woman has deprived me of him ? Lo, I have not set eyes, etc. 1884.]

## ॥ १४ ॥ भैरवी गीत।

१ सइयाँ बलि जाओं मेा से बेलित ना तलप तलप रैन गुजारी सइयाँ बलि जाओँ इत्यादि २ तदरपिया मैँ तुम पर बारी लपक भाषक गरवाँ लागि सेएँ ना सइयाँ बलि जाओँ इत्यादि

### Translation.

- O husband I will kill myself, do speak with me. I passed the whole night in fits and starts. O husband, I will kill myself, etc.
- 2. Says Kadarpiyá, I am extremely fond of thee, And I wish to fall on thy neck and hold thee tight. O husband, I will kill myself, etc.

# ॥ १५ ॥ देाहा ।

गैन नैन को जात है, नैन नैन को हेत। नैन नैन चारी करत, नैन नैन कहि देत॥

### Translation.

The eye goeth to the eye for the sake of the eye. The eye stealeth the eye and the eye informs the eye.

## ॥ १६ ॥ देशहा। एक तेा नैना बिख भरे, टूजे चज्जन सार। चर बउरी कोइ देत है मतवाले हृषियार?॥

### Translation.

Thine eyes are already filled with poison, they are decked with lampblack over and above.

O mad girl, does any one put a weapon into the hands of a drunken person?

## ॥ १७॥ दाेहा।

अमी, इलाइल, मधु भरे, प्र्याम, सेत, रतनार। जिञ्चत, मरत, भूक भुक परत, जेहि चितवत प्रक बार॥

### Translation.

(The eye is) full of nectar, poison and wine, like unto a black, white and red (lotus).

He lives or dies or falls a-trembling upon whom it glances but once.

## ॥ १८ ॥ देाहा।

### मन मेँ राखेाँ मन जले, (बच्च) कर्ड तेा मुख जल जाय। गुङ्गे का सपना भयेा, समुभित समुभित पक्ताय॥

NOTE. **Wq** in the first line is superfluous, and spoils the metre. G. A. G.

#### Translation.

Being kept in the heart, the heart burns; being uttered by the mouth, the mouth burns.

It is just the dream of the dumb; knowing it well, he grieves (because he cannot express it).

## ॥ १९॥ देाहा।

च्चम जाना तुम कनक हो, ता सेा पहिना कान। कसत कसौटी नहि बनी, पीतल भयेा निदान॥

### Translation.

I thought thou wert gold, hence I put thee on my ears.

It produced no marks on the touch-stone and became only a heap of brass.

## ॥ २०॥ देाहा।

कागा चुन चुन खाइयेा, (तू) तन कर सारा मास। दूने। नेन बचाइयेा, पिछा मिलन की छास॥

NOTE.  $\overline{q}$  in the first line is superfluous and spoils the metre. G. A. G.

Translation.

(The dead exclaims :)

O daw, thou might'st peck and eat up the entire flesh of my body; But pray leave alone these two eyes of mine, for still I have hopes of seeing my beloved.

## ॥ २१ ॥ देाहा।

प्रीतम पाती लिखि नहीं, गए बज्जत दिन बीत। अब से जाना आप का, मुख देखे की प्रीत॥

### Translation.

O my beloved, thou hast not written a (single) letter to me, and many days have passed.

Henceforth I understand thee, thy love depends on seeing my face.

## ॥ २२॥ देेाहा। र नेना! तोच्चे पटक देउँ, (की) चूर चूर उड़ जासु। काछ देख जर मरत, काछ देख जुड़ासु॥

NOTE. all in the first line is superfluous. There is a syllable short in the first half of the second line. G. A. G.

### Translation.

O eye I shall throw thee down, so that thou mightst crumble into pieces,

(Because) thou burnest on seeing some, and thou becomest soothed on seeing others.

## ॥ २३ ॥ झूमर गीत।

दे ढाले। सवत मेारी बेँदिया जब तू खखतर बेँदिया ना देहे। ता पर मारेाँ कटरिया सवत मेारी बेँदिया

Note. अखतर is the Persian اختر 'a star'. G. A. G.

Translation.

O co-wife give me my bēdiyá.
If thou dost not give me the starry bēdiyá,
I shall drive a dagger through thy body.
O co-wife give me my bēdiyá.

Jhúmar songs are sung on the occasion of marriage, in Gangá pújá and on other occasions of joy. Like the Sohar they are sung by the women. The *tikulí* is the spot of silver or a piece of glass worn on a woman's forehead.

> ॥ २४॥ झूमर गीत। सहयाँ मेा से रतियाँ दगा कीनो रे १ राति कहे सहयाँ कुसुमी रङ्गा दीहेाँ धानी रङ्गा दीन्हो रे सहयाँ मेा से इत्यादि

### २ राति कहे सहयाँ भुलनी गढ़ा दीहेाँ नाहीँ गढा दीन्हो रे सइयाँ मेा से इत्यादि

NOTE. **Z**II is Persian 1:3. Kusum is a bright red dye, and dhání a pale pink. G. A. G.

#### Translation.

My husband played me false during the night.

1. Last night my husband said he would dye (my cloth) with kusumí colour,

But he dyed it with *dhání* colour.

My husband played me false, etc.

2. Last night my husband said he would make me a pendant for my nose-ring,

But he did not make it.

My husband played me false during the night.

## ॥ २५ ॥ झूमर गीत ।

१ समुभा देखो राजा रे बाला करे बेाला करे ना बताला करे समुभा देखो इत्यादि २ सेाने के धरिया में जवना परोसें जवना न जैंवे बताला नरे समुभा दे इत्यादि ३ भाभर गड्या गङ्गा जल पानी पनिया न पीवे बताला करे

समुभा दे इत्यादि 8 चुन चुन कलियाँ मेँ सेज बिक्टाओँ संजिया न सोवे बताला नरे

सम्भा दे इत्यादि

५ लेंगा खिलि खिलि बिरवा लगाओं बिरवा न कूँचे बताला करे सम्मा दे इत्यादि

### Translation.

Admonish him, oh king, that he converse with me : Yes, converse with me and not chaff with me. 1. Admonish him, etc.

- I give him food on a golden dish,
   (But) he does not eat, he only chaffs with me. Admonish him, etc.
- I give him Gangá water in goblets and jars to drink, (But) he does not drink, he only chaffs with me. Admonish him, etc.
- Selecting the finest blossoms I prepare a bed for him, (But) he does not lie down, he only chaffs with me. Admonish him, etc.
- Selecting the finest cloves I prepare betel for him, (But) he does not chew them, he only chaffs with me. Admonish him, oh king, that he converse with me.

## ॥ २ई ॥ बिरहा गीत।

ताल मैं जे चमकेला ताल के मक्तिया रन मैं जे चमके तरुआर दस पाँच बीच मैं सहयाँ के पगड़िया सेज पर टिकुली इमार

Translation.

As the fishes shine in the tank ; As the sword shines in the battle-field ; So does the turban of my husband in the midst of many men ; So does my *tikuli* shine on the bed.\*

The Biraha songs are peculiar to the Ahírs (milkmen) of this part of the country.

## ॥ २७॥ लावनी गीत।

हम पञ्छो परदेस मो साफिर फिरते सेंलानी रहे तुन्हारी नगरी जब लग था दाना पानी नगर तुन्हारे रहे मुसाफिर चले खोतन खपने बेाला चाली माफ करेा खब भेंट नही सपने उड़त गगन में धूर सिपाही जरा तू सुन जा रे घेार जहर का पिखाला खपने हाथ पिला जा रे

\* [*Tikuli*, see note to No. 23. Das pách, lit. "ten, five," an indeterminate number.—ED.]

[No. 2,

### बँगाले का जादू टेाना हूँढ़ हूँढ़ सिखती उग्रसी मोच्चनी डाल सनम को जाने ना देती धर घोड़े पर जीन सिपाच्ची लग्रकर का जा रे काड़ कमर का कटारी मेरे तन में मार जा रे

NOTE. सेंजानी is derived from the Arabic سیلاں, 'a walk for recreation'. It usually means 'walking at random'. चातन is the Arabic . जरा is the Arabic نزر . जारा is the Arabic منم. काड़ is dialectic for काड G. A. G.

#### Translation.

I, bird, am a stranger in a foreign land and travel at random. I remained in thy town as long as I had occasion to get food and water. I was as a traveller in thy town, and now I go to my own home. Excuse me—I will not talk to thee, we cannot meet now even in dreams. (Reply.) The sky is bedimmed with a cloud of dust—oh soldier, do listen to me a little. (Mixing) a potion of dire poison, make me quaff it with thy own hands. If I had learnt the enchantments and witchcrafts of Bengal,\* I would have wrought such a magic that I could stop my lover's departure. Do harness the horse, oh soldier, and go to thy campaign. Draw the dagger from thy belt and drive it through my body.

## ॥ २८ ॥ पीलू गीत।

१ रामा ! सगरवा बाँध ना र जी मेारा उतरेला बिरेसिया रामा ! सगरवा बाँधू ना ॥ २ सिकिया मैँ चिरि चिरि बेड़ा रे वँधाओँ सौती बिरहिया बाेले ना रामा ! सगर वा बाँधू ना

#### Translation.

- O Rám, let me make a bridge over the sea. Lo my foreign beloved is to cross over to me. O Rám, let me make, etc.
- 2, I shall get a boat made by reeds cut out.The other wife of my husband croaks out there shall be no union.O Rám, let me make a bridge, etc.

\* In Saháranpur the wandering snake-charmers and conjurors are known as Bangálís. The allusion may be to this name.

॥ २१ ॥ खम्माच गीत। कैसे आऊँ तेरे पास री 2 पायल मोरी रूनमन बाजे केसे चाऊँ इत्यादि चटक चाँदनो रेन कदरपिया सास ननद की लाज रो केसे आऊँ इत्यादि

### Translation.

1, How shall I come over to thee, My anklets make a tinkling sound. How shall I come, etc.?

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2, The moonshine illuminates the night, oh Kadarpiyá; I am ashamed of my mother-in-law and sister-in-law. How shall I come, etc.?

> ॥ ३०॥ काफी गीत। सरयाँ नहीँ आए मैं क्या रे करूँ खावन कहि गए छजडँ न छार नी बिख खाय मरूँ सइयाँ नहीँ आर इत्यादि

### Translation.

My husband has not come, what shall I do now?

He went away with a promise to come, but up to this day he has not come.

Shall I take poison and die? My husband has not come, etc.

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## ॥ ३१॥ काफी गीत।

सइयाँ निरमोहिया मनाए नहिँ माने रे कब को मैं ठाड़ि ठाड़ि खरज करतु हैं फतनी खरज मारी मान सहयाँ निरमोचिया इत्यादि

### Translation.

My husband is cruel, he does not listen to my entreaties; From a long time I am standing and begging him. Listen to these many entreaties of mine ! My husband is cruel, &c.

### ॥ ३२॥ भरथरी गीत।

जागी है। के सहयाँ रम चले मेँ जोगिन तेरे साथ ॥ साथ चले तिरिया न बने रहना\* बिकट उजाड़। चलना पड़े दिन रेन का बारे दूनी उजाड़। जाय बसे केही नगरी में धनी देंगे जलाय। छोच्ची नगरी का राजा आवे जोगी के पास। देखेगा स्तरत तेरी रङ्गमङ्गी मन में लावेगा पाप। तुम का बनावे पाटरानी हमें डालेगा मार। ते। दोबिधा में दोनेां गए माया मिले न राम । पूजा करे। दीनानाथ की कि मोहि लगावे बेड़ा पार। पुत्र कह भिच्छा डाल दे जोग खमर हे। जाय। सममो कों न रानी प्यामदेव॥ बाली रानी ते दिन प्र्यामदेव सुन राजा मेरी बात। जोगी है। के सहयाँ रम जाओगे चौसर खेला मेरे साथ॥ चौसर खेले रानी क्या करे बाजी क्या ल्योँ में हाथ॥ हारोँ तेा तेरे सङ चलेाँ जीतेाँ जाने न देाँ॥ रेसी बाजी रानी ना बदेा ताक लिये दानेा दाव। जो बाजी जीते ग्यामदेव दस दिन रहेाँ बारे में। जा बाजी जीते भरधरी तुम्हे लेगा ना साध॥ चौसर लिया मँगाय के खेले राजकुमार॥ पासा लिया रानी हाथ में सुन पासा तू अरदास। करम का सङ्ग मेरे दिजिओ पड़िया सेलइ आ सात॥

### Translation.

Rání. Thou art going to wander about, O my husband, as a Jogi (hermit). I shall accompany thee as a Jogini.

\* [Na bane rah'ná, lit. 'dwelling is not made,' idiomatic for 'it is not possible to dwell.'-ED.]

Rájá. If a woman go with me, it will be impossible for me to live in the dreary desolate (wilderness); for we shall have to walk on and on, day and night, (and there will be) a double amount of trouble. When we come across a town and take rest, burning incense around us, (who knows,) the king of that town might come to (visit) the Jogí; he will see thy beautiful ruddy face and will entertain evil thoughts. He will kill me and make thee his principal queen. So both will come to grief—earthly joys and heavenly blessings. Worship thou the Protector of the poor (*i. e.*, God), so that He may vouchsafe to me salvation.\* Call me thy son, and give me alms, so that my devotions may insure to me immortality (*lit.* be immortal). Oh queen Syámdeo, why dost thou not listen to me ?

Thereupon the queen Syámdeo replied : Listen to me, O king ; if thou wilt be a hermit and wander about, play with me at dice.

Rájá. Why does the Rání want me to play at dice, and what am I to take in my hand as a stake?

*Rání.* If I lose I shall go along with thee, and if I gain I shall not let thee go.

Rájá. O queen, pray do not lay such a wager that secures both ends for thyself. (Let it be thus :) If Syámdeo win, I shall stay at home for ten days more, but if Bhar'tharí win, he will not take thee along with him.

Now the prince ordered the dice to be brought, and began to play.

The queen held the dice in her hands and said, "O dice, hear my entreaties; give me the reward of my (good) actions and let there be a cast of 16 and 7."

This little song describes in a few words the legend of Bhar'tharí, king of Nain'ghar, a place said to have been situate somewhere near Mirzapur.<sup>†</sup> The king suddenly became of an ascetic turn of mind, and was on the point of going to the woods, when the queen interposed with a view to dissuade him. But all these importunities were of no avail. The Rájá did leave his home for the woods, where he became a disciple of Gorakh'náth Bábá. This accounts for the songs relating to the life of Rájá Bhar'tharí being so widely sung by the mendicants belonging to the order of Gorakh'náth Bábá. They sing these songs with a very pathetic and rueful countenance in accompaniment with the harp (sárang).

\* [Lit., 'so that he may ferry me across (the sea of life) in a boat.'-ED.]

† [This legend evidently refers to the famous Bhartrihari, said to be a brother of Vikramáditya of Ujjain, who became an ascetic.—ED.]

## ॥ ३३ ॥ भजन भैर्वी की ।

सनमुख राम चरन गहि लीने। आवत केवट देखे। कै दूर ते, धन बिध भाग आज मोहि दीने। ॥ चढ़ने न दीहेाँ नाव पग धार बिनु, डरत न जी मेँ महा प्रण कीने। धन धन भाग निखाद सुरसरि तट, मारत रहे। कै जन्म जुग मीने। गावैँ गूदर प्रभु की मरजाद के, तारे। ताहि जाहि मत-हीने।

### Translation.

The boatman took hold of the feet of Rám (who was standing) before him,—he had seen him coming from afar,—(and said) "the blessed Lord has given me good luck to-day; undismayed in my heart I have made a great vow that I will not let Thee get on my boat without washing Thy feet." Gudur (the author) exclaims, "Oh twice blessed is the luck of the Nishád on the banks of the Sur'sari who has spent his whole life in killing the fish. Oh Lord ! thou art great, save me as thou hast saved the outcast fisherman."

The following history is connected with this song :--

Ahalyá was the wife of the venerable sage Gautam. Attracted by her beauty, Ind'r the god of the heavens and the disciple of Gautam, impersonated the form of his preceptor and ravished her in his absence. It was at last discovered and Gautam in his rage cursed both, and doomed Ahalyá to turn into a stone, till she was restored to life by the touch of the sacred feet of Rám. The redemption of Ahalyá is thus narrated in the Rámáyan: Rám and Lakshman were going to Janak in the company of the sage Viśwámit'r, and in the way, advised by the sage, Rám placed his feet on the stone, and Ahalyá was immediately restored to life. This news spread all over the vicinity, and hence when Rám wanted to cross the river Sur'sari, the fisherman was afraid lest his boat should turn into a human being, and he be thus deprived of his livelihood.

> ॥ ३४॥ गीत ईमनी। तुम बिनु नाथ सुने कौन मेरी जब चाहे। तब पार लगाओ भाभर नाव बिना गुन केरी याह यसत गजराज उबारेउ धाएउ नाथ न लाएउ देरी दूपती सती को चीर बढ़ाएउ चारत बचन सुनत ढया कर

### सरदास प्रमु पतितन तारेंड च्चमरो बार नाथ कैसी देरी

Note. This song is, in Bihár, attributed to Tul'sí Dás, and not Súr Dás. The Bihár version is

तुम बिनु नाथ सुने कवन मेरी गहिरी नदिया नाव पुरानी, खेवना नाव बिना गुन केरी याह गहत गजराज उबरेज, धायेज नाथ न लायेज देरी भरल सभा में लज्जा राखेंड, खौँचत चीर दसासन केरी तुलसी दास आस चरनन के, इमरि बेरि लगायेंज अति देरी. G. A. G.

### Translation.

Who will listen to me but Thou, O God. If Thou wilt, Thou canst easily take across (the sea of life) My leaky boat without tackle.

Thou didst save the life of the elephant\* who was seized by the crocodile.\*

Thou hastenedst (to do so), oh Lord, nor didst make any delay. Thou didst multiply the clothes of the chaste Draupadí,\*

\* There is a mythological legend connected with the elephant and the crocodile. They were said to be brothers in a former life in the heavens. Both of them were heroes, and when they fell out with each other, they were cursed to assume their present form. It is said that one day when the elephant went to bathe in the river, the crocodile, not forgetting the former feud, seized the elephant by the leg in the river. When the elephant found that all efforts to extricate himself from the grasp of the crocodile were vain, he implored the mercy of Náráyan and he forthwith saved him.

† Draupadí was the joint wife of the five Pándavs, the heroes of the famous The Kurus, the cousins of the Pándavs, bore enmity with epic, the Mahábhárat. the latter on account of their both aspiring to the throne of Hastinapur, now called Delhi, which legally descended to the Pándavs. Sakuni, the maternal uncle of the Kurus, was a very successful player at dice, and confiding in his success Durjodhan, the head of the Kurus, invited Judhishthir, the head of the Pándavas to a play at dice, an offer which the latter could never refuse. Sakuni, on behalf of Durjodhan began to play with Judhishthir, and the latter lost all the games till he had lost his whole kingdom and even the freedom of his own person and his brothers. At last he was compelled to lay his wife Draupadí as a stake for the next game, and he lost her also. Duhśásan, the wicked brother of Durjodhan, dragged Draupadí into the assembly and put her to disgrace. At last Durjodhan ordered Duhśásan to strip her of her clothes. This was actually attempted, when she cried aloud imploring the help of her god, by whose grace she was supplied with fresh clothes as soon as the one on her person was snatched away, till a large heap of clothes was gathered in the assembly. The Kurus, finding their successive attempts to disgrace her baffled, left her alone. This event is said to have been one of the causes of the great war of the Mahábhárat.

(No sooner) thou heard'st the cry of the woman's distress.
Súr'dás (exclaims), "O Lord, thou hast saved many a sinner,
Why then dost thou delay in saving me (*lit.* how much delay is there in my time or case ?" G. A. G.)

## ॥ ३५ ॥ भजन काफी।

हमारे प्रमु अफ्रगुन चित न धरे। समदरसी तू नाम तहारे।। चाहो तो पार करे।॥ प्रक नदिया फ्रक नार कहावत। मैलेा नीर भरे।॥ जब मिलिहे तब फ्रक बर्ग्य हेार। सुरसर नाम पड़ो॥ फ्रक लोहा पूजा माँ राखत। फ्रक घर बधिक करे।॥ स्वा दाबिधा पारस नहि राखत। कच्चन करत खरे।॥ माया ब्रह्म रक कह्त्तावत। स्वर स्याम भगरो॥ कि मेारे। निसतार करे।। प्रमु नहिँ पन जात टरे।॥

#### Translation.

Do not, O Lord, take my sins into consideration; For thou art called the impartial.

Thou canst save at thy will.

One is called a river, the other (is called) a drain

And is full of dirty water; but when they join, they become of one colour,

And the name of Sur'sar (Ganges) they bear.

One piece of iron is used in worship,

Whereas another piece is used as a weapon of destruction;

But the philosopher's stone (Paras) makes no distinction between the two,

It turns both into pure gold.

Máyá and Brahm are called the same, (But) Súr and Syám (needlessly) dispute about it. That thou wilt save me, —oh Lord, do not fail (to fulfil) that promise.

## ॥ ३६ ॥ साहनी ।

जाय के जसेदा से कहोँगी रे स्रधे रहेा न कुओ कर सोँ कर। बज्जत भई खब नाहि सहँगी रे॥ जा तुम हार को हाथ चलाओ, ता। लाल मेह बनमाल गईंगी रे॥ बरजा रहि, बरजा नहि मानत। गाली दिर बिन नाही रहोँगी रे॥ जाय के जसादा इत्यादि

Translation.

I will go and report it to Jasodá;
Be good and don't touch my hand with yours;
Enough has been done, I will not endure any more.
If you put your hand on my hár (golden garland),
O beloved, I too shall take hold of your ban'mál (flower garland).
I am prohibiting him, but he will not heed my prohibition.
I shall not cease abusing you.
I will go to Jasodá, etc.

## ॥ ३७॥ साहनी ।

काँध दे गया गारी गेाँइयाँ कवने नाते ? ले कर चीर कदम चढ़ि बैठे हम जल माँह उघारी काँध दे गया इत्यादि

Translation.

O friend, Kándh has gone away chaffing me (I do not know) by what (right of) relationship;\*

He has taken away my clothes and climbed on the kadam tree;

\* [This appears to allude to the custom, that only certain relations are allowed to chaff; thus, a younger brother can laugh with, and chaff, his elder brother's wife.—ED.] I am naked in the water. Kándh has gone away, etc.

### ॥ ३८ ॥ परच।

अँखिया परकन लागी रे मेारी क्या ऊर यार ? किधर गई सखियाँ ? ज्यँखियाँ इत्यादि
देह फुकतु है जिया तड़पतु है
प्रीत लागार मजा उन चखियाँ ज्यँखियाँ इत्यादि
नैनन मेँ दिलदार बसतु है
इन ज्यँखिया चलमक्त परखियाँ ज्यँखियाँ इत्यादि
बलि बलि जाउँ मैँ चॊसताद के,
बीच सभा मेँ मेारी पति रखियाँ ज्यँखियाँ इत्यादि

#### Translation.

My eyelids are trembling. What has become of my love, where have my friends gone ? My eyelids, etc. My body is inflamed and my heart is beating ; He has made love to me and taken his fill.\* My eyelids, etc. My lover lives constantly in my eyes. These eyes of mine are sure tests of my love. My eyelids, etc.

I entirely resign myself to God,<sup>†</sup> May he preserve my honour in the assembly. <sup>‡</sup>

\* [Majá is the Persian mazá (Neight is properly masc., though it is here repeated as fem.; the phrase literally means: he has sipped the taste; it is idiomatic for 'he has satisfied himself.'—ED.]

+ [Lit. 'I become a sacrifice to my teacher.'-ED.]

 $\ddagger [I. e., among the people.$  The line alludes to the story of Draupadí; see footnote on p. 251.—ED.]

### ॥ ३९॥ परच।

१ पर्डंचा दे हम को कोइ उन तक। निकस जात मेारे जिया की कसक॥ उच्ची खाटाड़ी चड़ि देख घटा। बिजुली रहि जात चमक चमक॥ तन घरघरात पग डगमगात। सखी जियरा होत मेारा धकधक॥ पर्डंचा दे इत्यादि २ सघर कँधाई निठुराइ चतुराई। मोहि जान पड़ी तारी तनिक तनिक॥ काऊ सङ्ग निस दिन चैन करत। काऊ तरसार देखला के अलक॥ पर्डंचा दे इत्यादि

#### Translation.

- 1, Let somebody take me to him; the desire (*lit.* the pain) of my heart will then be satisfied.
  - Getting upon the roof of a high house I see the cloud; the lightning again and again shines and disappears.
  - My body is shaking and my feet trembling; my heart, O friend, is beating high.

Let somebody take me to him, etc.

 O fine Kándhá, I have known only a little of thy cunning and cruelty, With some thou passest day and night, while thou tantalisest others by only exhibiting thy brilliance.

Let somebody take me to him, etc.

### ॥ ४०॥ होली गीत।

कवन जात रूज में दधि बेचन रङ्ग डारी चूनर सारी रे रक हाथ काँधा मेरो चँचरा जा पकड़े दूजे हाथ मारे सारी रे खान पड़ी बस तेरे रे माहन नित उठि दीना गाली रे

#### Translation.

Who will go to Brij to sell curds,

- (Seeing that) He (Krish'n) will sprinkle coloured water over one's chúnar and sárí?
- For (on a previous occasion) Kándhá (Krish'n) caught hold of the skirts of my cloth with one hand,

And with the other my sárí;

Then I said, O Mohan, I have fallen into thy power;

But every morning since then I curse him.

### ॥ ४१ ॥ होली।

पिचकारी से सुरारी रङ्ग डारी रे 2 भर पिचनारी मेरे। मुख पर मारी भोज गई तन सारी रे भीज गए मेरो घेर घाघरा २ सारी लाख हजारी रे पिचनारी से इत्यादि

#### Translation.

- 1, The Murári (Krish'n) has sprinkled coloured water with his syringe, A whole syringe full he has thrown on my face. My entire body has become wet.
- 2, My entire gown (ghágrá) has also become wet, And my sárí (wearing cloth) worth a thousand lacs. With a syringe, etc.

॥ ४२ ॥ खम्माच ठुमरी । आओ बालम राज, कैसी करू नहीं पड़त चैन आओ बालम राज तलफ तलफ दिन बितत में का चाँद पिया बिन नीद न आवेक चिडक उठी जिय मति तरसा आओ बालम राज

### Translation.

Come, O Bálam Ráj, whatever I may do, I cannot get peace; Come, O Bálam Ráj. My days pass in anguish, And at night without my beloved no sleep comes to me. My heart starts in pain ; do not tantalise me. Come O Bálám Ráj.

## ॥ ४३॥ खमाच ठुमरी।

प्रीतम प्रोत लगाई सुरत मेारी काहेँ बिसराई राम तुमारे इस्क मेँ प्यारे उठाया हम ने गम सारी पिरोँ मेँ बन बन मन मारे मौला बिरह से कर न्यारे

घीतम पांत इत्यादि

Translation.

O beloved, having made love to me, why hast thou forgotten (to pay) attention to me.

In my love of thee, O beloved, I have endured all (manner of) pains; Broken-hearted I wander about in the forests; O God, relieve me

from (this pain of) separation. O beloved, etc.

### ॥ ४४ ॥ खेमटा काफी में। केत समुभाव जिखा मानत नाही

मानत नाही जिच्छा मानत नाही नई नई प्रीत सुलतान पिया की बालो भाली कुछ जानत नाही

Translation.

However long you may remonstrate (with me), my mind will not listen,

Oh, it will not listen, my mind will not listen.

My love to my beloved lord (lit. Sultán) is ever coming anew,

But being a simple-minded girl, I know nothing (of what will be the consequence).

### ॥ ४५ ॥ खेमटा काफी में । साँवनी सूरत मेा से भूलत नाही भूलत नाही जिया डेालत नाही हटेा सखी मोहि जिन समुभाओ जागि लगन अब कूटत नाही

### Translation.

I cannot forget the beautiful face (of my love); Oh I cannot forget, it cannot be removed from my mind. Away, friend, do not remonstrate with me; The attachment once formed cannot be broken asunder.

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॥ ४६ ॥ पीलू ठुमरी। मैँ तेा अलबेली रे इमारा केाई क्या करे अपने सहयाँ की मैं बड़ी रे दुलारी रे

अपग सहया जा न वड़ा र दुआ घर में इमी खतेली इमारा कोइ क्या करे

### Translation.

I am young and lovely; what (more) can any one do (for me)? I am the greatly beloved of my husband; I am his single wife in the house. What (more) can any one do (for me)?

> ॥ ४९॥ पीलू ठुमरी। कैला गाली न दे रे सुनैंगे सब लोगवा खार पास के लोगवा सुनैंगे रे सास सुनेगी जियरा मारी रे सुनैंगे सब लागवा

### Translation.

Boy, don't joke with me, all people will hear; Yes, all my neighbours will hear. If my mother-in-law hears, she will kill me. All people will hear.

## ॥ ४८॥ देाहरा।

बेस्या, बारन, खगिन, जल, कूटी, कटक, कलाल। --- ई दसे। नच्चि आपना ----- स्त्रगा, स्टई, सानार॥

Translation.

Prostitute, monkey, fire, water, hermit, weapon and wine-merchant as well as parrot, needle and goldsmith—these ten are never one's friend.

## ॥ ४९ ॥ देाइरा।

चम्पा तुम्त में तीन गुण रङ्ग रूप चौर वास रेगुना तुम्त में रक है कि भौर न बैठत पास 1884.7

(उत्तर)

### भौरा रसिया मूल का कली कली रस इरजाई के सित्र को पास न बैठन दे.

### Translation.

- O Champá (flower) thou hast three properties in thee: Colour, beauty and fragrance,
- (But) thou hast one defect, that the black-bee does not come near thee.

Reply.

The black-bee is the lover of flowers and it tastes the sweets of numerous flowers.

I do not allow the friend of prostitutes to come near me.

Notes from Varáha Mihira's Pañchasiddhántiká.--By G. THIBAUT, PHIL. DR.

#### PART I.

### THE MEAN MOTIONS OF THE PLANETS ACCORDING TO THE SU'RYA AND ROMAKA SIDDHA'NTAS.

We are at present fairly well-acquainted with the general character of Hindú Astronomy and-among European scholars at least-there prevails no longer any doubt that the system exhibited in works like the Súrva Siddhánta, the Laghu-Aryabhatíya, etc. is an adaptation of Greek science. The time to which books like the Súrya Siddhánta must be ascribed from internal data, the date of Aryabhata,---if not the oldest, at least one of the oldest of the scientific Hindú Astronomers-which we know from his own statement, the fundamental similarity of the methods employed by the Greeks on the one and the Hindús on the other side, the fact of terms of unquestionably Greek origin being met with in Indian astronomical works, and lastly the testimony which the Hindú writers themselves bear to the proficiency of the Yavanas in the Jyotisha S'ástra more than suffice to convince impartial judges that the enormous progress which a book of the class of the Súrya Siddhánta marks on works of the nature of the Jyotisha Vedánga was not effected without help coming from the West.

But although the general fact of transmission is acknowledged the details of the process still stand in need of much elucidation, and we shall not be able to claim a full understanding of the position of the



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