

Tiraśca-rāji,¹ Tiraści-rāji,² Tiraścīna-rāji,³ are variant forms of a name for 'snake' (lit., 'striped across'), found in the later Samhitās.

¹ Taittiriya Samhitā, v. 5, 10, 2; Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 94, 95, reports this form from the Av., but the text and Roth (St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v.) read *tiraści-rāji* there.
² Av. iii. 27, 2; vi. 56, 2; vii. 56, 1; x. 4, 13; xii. 3, 56.

³ Maitrāyaṇī Samhitā, ii. 13, 21; Śāṅkhāyana Āraṇyaka, xii. 27.
Cf. Bloomfield, *Hymns of the Atharvaveda*, 488, 553; Keith, *Śāṅkhāyana Āraṇyaka*, 68, n. 2; Weber, *Indische Studien*, 17, 295-297.

Tiraścī is, according to the Anukramaṇī, the author of a Rigvedic hymn¹ in which he appeals to Indra to hear his call. The Pañcaviṃśa Brāhmaṇa² adopts this view of the name, and mentions a Tiraścī Āṅgīrasa. But Roth³ thinks that the word is not a proper name at all.

¹ viii. 95, 4.
² xii. 6, 12.
³ *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft*, 48, 115. Cf.

Ludwig, *Translation of the Rigveda*, 5, 187; Hopkins, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 17, 90; Macdonell, *Vedic Grammar*, p. 273.

Tiraścīna-vaṃśa, 'cross-beam,' is used to denote a 'beehive' in the Chāndogya Upaniṣad.¹ See also Vamśa.

¹ iii. 1, 1. Cf. Little, *Grammatical Index*, 75.

Tirindira is mentioned in a Dānastuti, or 'Praise of Gifts,' in the Rigveda¹ as having, along with Parśu, bestowed gifts on the singer. In the Śāṅkhāyana Śrauta Sūtra² this statement is represented by a tale that the Kaṇva Vatsa obtained a gift from Tirindira Pāraśavya, Tirindira and Parśu being in this version thus treated as one and the same man. Ludwig³ sees in the Rigvedic passage a proof that the Yadus had gained a victory over Tirindira, and gave a part of the booty to the singers; but there is no proof whatever of the correctness of this interpretation, which Zimmer⁴ shows to be most unlikely. Yadu princes must be meant by Tirindira and

¹ viii. 6, 46-48.
² xvi. 11, 20.

³ *Translation of the Rigveda*, 3, 160, 161; 5, 142.

⁴ *Altindisches Leben*, 136, 137.