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ON THE RELATION OF THE STEMS *BAĴG-/BUĴG-* AND *BARD-/BURD-* IN COMMON KARTVELIAN

The stems *baĴg-/buĴg-* and *hard-/burd-* in the Kartvelian subsystems result in diverse phonetic and semantic varieties.

The *baĴg-* form denotes "a thorny, prickly plant". To this stem is linked formally and semantically *buĴg-*, which is used almost in every Kartvelian subsystem (including the literary language) and thus a>u change is a common Kartvelian phenomenon. The semantics of "prickliness, thorniness" is common for the forms *baĴg-/buĴg-*. The variants with unstable vowels differentiate nuances of the meaning. The root *hard-* in the Kartvelian language and dialects denotes: "a prickly plant", "interlaced stalks of a plant". The variant with an unstable vowel of the stem *hard-* is *burd-*, which has several meanings.

The basic meaning of the stems *hard-/burd-* is "to interlace". Other meanings: "to disarrange", "to break", "to destroy", etc. must have been developed from it.