

*and playing; hestrinn brá á leik, broke in to play, ran away; hönd bregðr á venju, is ready for its old work; þá brá Ingimundr til útanferðar, I. started to go abroad; b. e-u undan, to put it out of the way, to hide it; b. upp hendi, höndum, to hold up the hand; b. e-u við, to ward off with (b. við skildi); fig. to put forth as an example, to praise, wonder at (þínum drengskap skal ek við b.); absol., b. við, to start off, set about a thing without delay; brá hann við skjótt ok fór, he started off at once and went; (8) refl., bregðast, to fail, come to naught (þat mun eigi b.); b. e-m, to deceive, disappoint one (Gunnar kvaðst aldri skyldu b. Njáli né sonum hans); þeim brást frumhlaupit, they failed in the onslaught; b. brögðum, to play one another tricks; b. orðum, brigzlum, to upbraid one another; b. við, to make a sudden motion with the body (Hrútr brást skjótt við undan högginu); b. við fast, to turn sharply; b. á beina við e-n, to show hospitality towards; b. reiðr við e-t, to get angry at; b. úkunnr við e-t, to be startled at the novelty of a thing; (9) impers., e-u bregðr, it ceases, fails; svá hart, at nyt bregði (to drive the ewes) so fast that they fail to give milk; veðráttu brá eigi, there was no change in the weather; of a sudden appearance, kláða brá á hvarmana, the eye-lids began to itch; þá brá ljóma af Logafjöllum, then from L. there burst flashes of light; ljósi bregðr fyrir, a light passes before the eye; with preps., bregðr af vexti hans frá öðrum selum, his shape differs from that of other seals; e-m bregðr í brún, one is amazed, startled (nú bregðr mönnum í brún mjök); e-m bregðr til e-s, one person takes after, resembles another; en því bregðr mér til foreldris míns, in that I am*

*like my father; þat er mælt, at fjórðungi bregði til fósturs, the fostering makes the fourth part of a man; e-m bregðr við e-t = e-m bregðr í brún; brá þeim mjök við, er þeir sá hann inn ganga, it startled them much when they saw him come in; en þó brá fósturu Melkorku mest við þessi tíðindi, this news most affected M.'s nurse.*

BREIÐA (-DDA, -DDR), v. to spread; b. borð, to lay the cloth on the table; b. fádóm, to stretch out the arms; b. út, to lay out for dryinig, as hay; b. út hendr, to stretch out the hands; b. et yfir en, to cover one with a thing, chiefly of the bedclothes.

BREIDD, f. breadth.

BREIÐ-DÆLSKR, a. from Broaddale; BREIÐ-FIRÐINGR, m. a man from Broadfirth; BREIÐ-FIRZKR, a. belonging to Broadfirth.

BREIÐKA (AÐ), v. to grow broad, to broaden.

BREIÐ-LAGINN, a. broadish; -LEIKR, m. broadness, breadth; -LEITR, a. broadfaced.

BREIÐR (neut. BREITT), a. broad; á breiðan, in breadth, = í breidd; standa breitt, to spread over a wide space; sitja breitt, with the legs wide apart.

BREIÐ-SKEGGR, a. broad-bearded, as a nickname; -VAXINN, pp. Broadframed stout, squarebuilt; -ØX, f. axe with a broad blade.

BREK, n. claim, demand (eru Brynhildar brek of mikil).

BREKA (AÐ), v. to keep asking (látum barn hafa þat er brekar).

BREK-BOÐ, n. fraudulent bidding.

BREKI, m. poet. breaker.

BREKKA, f. slope; leiða þræl í brekku (viz. þingbrekku), to proclaim a bondsman free.

BREKKU-BRÚN, f. the edge of a slope;