-MEGIN, n. (1) strength to climb a hill; (2) the steepest part of a slope; -MUNR, m. difference in height.

BREK-LAUST, adv. without fraud; -RÁÐ, n. pl. an attempt at fraudulent acquisition; -SEKT, f. fraudulent outlawry (in order to disable one from pleading his case); -VÍSI, f. importunity, importunate solicitation.

BRENNA (BRENN; BRANN, BRUNNUM; BRUNNINN), v. (1) to burn with a flame (logi, ljós, eldr, kerti brennr); (2) to be consumed by fire (á Flugumýri brann fé mikit); nú breðr (= brennr) víðara en hann vildi, the fire spreads wider than he wished; b. inni, to perish by fire; b. upp, to be burnt up (á þeiri nátt brann upp allt Danavirki); hlutr e-s brennr við, one gets the worst of it; brann brátt þeirra hlutr við, it soon grew too hot for them; rautt mun fyrir b., mun nökkut fyrir b., things will brighten up or improve.

BRENNA (-DA, -DR), v. (1) to burn (b. bál); (2) to destroy by fire (b. bœ, hof, skip at köldum kolum); b. e-n inni, to burn one to death in his house; b. e-t upp, to burn up; (3) to cauterize (as a surgical operation); b. e-n við bölvi, to burn one to cure his malady; b. e-m díla, to burn spots on one's back; fig. to brand one's back; b. e-m illan díla, to inflict a severe injury upon one; (4) to produce by burning (b. e-t til líms); b. kol, to burn wood for charcoal; b. salt, to produce salt by burning (sea-weed); (5) to purify (silver or gold) by burning; brent silfr, pure silver (eyrir brendr, mörk brend).

BRENNA, f. the burning of a house or person (þá er b. var á Flugumýri; Njáls brenna).

BRENNILIGR, a. that burns well (eldr b.).

BRENNI-STEINN, m. = brennusteinn.

BRENNU-MAÐR, m. incendiary; -MÁL, n. action for fire; -SAGA, f. the story of the buring (of Njál); -STAÐR, m. the place where a fire has been; -STEINN, m. brimstone, sulfur.

BRENNUSTEINS-LOGI, m. sulfur flame; -VATN, n. sulfur well; -PEFR, m. smell of brimstone, sulfurous smell.

BRENNU-SUMAR, n. summer of fires; -VARGR, m. an outlawed incendiary.

BRESTA (BREST; BRAST, BRUSTUM; BROSTINN), v. (1) to burst, to be rent (steinninn brast); þá brast í sundr jörðin (the earth burst) undir hesti hans; (2) to break, snap, with a noise (brast i sundr boginn); (3) to crash, of the sound alone; bá brast strengr, they twanged the bowstring; (4) to burst forth (skriða brast); eldr brestr upp, fire breaks out; blóð brestr út, blood bursts out; (5) to rise, begin; flótti brestr, the ranks break in flight; bardagi brestr, the battle breaks out, begins; (6) impers., e-n brestr e-t, one lacks, falls short of (eigi brestr mik áræði); ef oss brestr á, borði, if we fall short, get the worst of it; bat mun aldri b. (it will never fail),

BRESTR (-s, -IR), m. (1) crash (varð þar við hár b.); (2) chink, crack (b. hafði verit á hringnum); berja í brestina, to excuse or cover up the faults; (3) want, loss (hvárt ábati eðr b. í varð).

BRETAR, m. pl. the Welsh.

Bretland, n. Wales; syðra Bretland, Brittany.

BRETTA (-TTA, -TTR), v. to turn upwards (b. hala sinn).

BREYSK-LEIKR, m. infirmity, weakness (líkamsins -leikr); -LIGR, a. frail, weak (mannsins -lig náttúra).

