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## Introduction.

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In making public the following investigation of the weapon names in Anglo-Saxon, attention should be called to the fact that, owing to the frequent use of general terms, such as *wæpen*, *searu* etc., applied to equipment and armour, and to that of the word *sweord* referring to sword, it has been deemed advisable not to include all references to the same, such only having been selected as are of interest either from an etymological or archaeological standpoint.

Furthermore, for a full list of the words (in simplex) used in Epic poetry to designate the coat of mail, which in prose refer usually to an ordinary garment, reference has been made to a dissertation on «Die altenglischen Kleidernamen» by Lilly L. Stroebe, Heidelberg 1904.

It is regretted that the dissertation by R. Wagner on «Die Angriffswaffen der Angelsachsen» was received after the completion of the present investigation, so that comparison of results has been impossible.

The compiler also avails herself of this opportunity to express her thanks and feeling of profound indebtedness to Professor Johannes Hoops, of the University of Heidelberg, for his ever ready suggestion and aid in the planning and execution of the work.

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Owing to the necessity of having all proof-sheets sent from Heidelberg to America for correction, and as a result of having to read the first sheets while travelling from place to place, some even being lost in forwarding, the difficulties of proof-correction for the present volume have been well-nigh insurmountable. To this fact, then, is due the appended list of corrections, and the mistakes still remaining may also be attributed to the same cause, as well as to the failure to receive all of the final proof-sheets.

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## List of Abbreviations.

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|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Av. = Avesta.                | NHG. = New High German.      |
| Du. = Dutch.                 | NLG. = New Low German.       |
| f. = feminine.               | North. = Northumbrian.       |
| Fr. = French.                | OE. = Old English.           |
| Germ. = Germanic.            | OFries. = Old Friesian.      |
| Gl. = Glossary.              | OFr. = Old French.           |
| Gr. = Greek.                 | OHG. = Old High German.      |
| Idg. = Indogermanic.         | OI. = Old Indian.            |
| Icel. = Icelandic.           | OCSlav. = Old Church Slavic. |
| It. = Italian.               | ODu. = Old Dutch.            |
| m. = masculine.              | ON. = Old Norse.             |
| Merc. = Mercian.             | OPruas. = Old Prussian.      |
| ME. = Middle English.        | ORues. = Old Russian.        |
| MDu. = Middle Dutch.         | OSax. = Old Saxon.           |
| MHG. = Middle High German.   | Port. = Portugese.           |
| MLG. = Middle Low German.    | Prov. = Provençal.           |
| MS. = Manuscript.            | rt. = root.                  |
| MLat. = Middle Latin.        | Span. = Spanish.             |
| n. = neuter.                 | Skt. = Sanskrit.             |
| NE. = New or Modern English. | WGerm. = West Germanic.      |
| NFr. = New French.           |                              |

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