विषया याति विप्रत्वं त्रिभिः श्रोत्रिय उच्यते ॥ or जात्या कुलेन वृत्तेन स्वाध्यायेन श्रुतेन च । एभिर्युक्तो हि यस्तिष्ठेच्चत्रियं स द्विज उच्यते ॥). -2 A priest, theologian. -3 An epithet of Agni. -4 N. of the twenty-eighth Nakshatra. -णं 1 An assemblage or society of Brâhmaṇas. -2 That portion of the Veda which states rules for the employment of the hymns at the various sacrifices, their origin and detailed explanation, with sometimes lengthy illustrations in the shape of legends or stories. It is distinct from the *Mantra* portion of the Veda. -3 N. of that class of the Vedic works which contain the Brâhmaṇa portion (regarded as *Śruti* or part of the revelation like the hymns themselves). Each of the four Vedas has its own Brâhmaṇa or Brâhmaṇas:—ऐतरेय or आश्वलायन and कौशीतकी or सांख्यायन belonging to the *Rigveda*; शतपथ to the Yajurveda; पंचविंश and षड्विंश and six more, to the Sâmaveda, and गोपथ to the Atharvaveda). -3 The Soma vessel of the Brahman priest. -**Comp.** -अतिक्रमः offensive or disrespectful conduct towards Brâhmaṇas, insult to Brâhmaṇas; ब्राह्मणातिक्रमस्यागो भवतामेव भूतये Mv. 2. 10. -अपाश्रयः seeking shelter with Brâhmaṇas. -अभ्युपपत्तिः *f.* protection or preservation of, or kindness shown to, a Brâhmaṇa. -आत्मक *a.* belonging to Brâhmaṇas. -घ्नः the slayer of a Brâhmaṇa. -चांडालः 1. a degraded or outcast Brâhmaṇa; Ms. 9. 87. -2. the son of a *Śûdra* father by a Brâhmaṇî woman. -जातं, -जातिः *f.* the Brâhmaṇa caste. -जीविका the occupation or means of livelihood prescribed for a Brâhmaṇa; अध्यापनमध्ययनं यजनं याजनं तथा । दानं प्रतिग्रहश्चैव षट्कर्म्याण्यग्रजन्मनः ॥षण्णां तु कर्मणामस्य त्रीणि कर्माणि जीविका। याजनाध्यापने चैव विशुद्धाच्च प्रतिग्रहः ॥. -द्रव्यं, -स्वं a Brâhmaṇa's property. -निंदकः a blasphemer or reviler of Brâhmaṇas. -प्रियः N. of Vishṇu. -ब्रुवः one who pretends to be a Brâhmaṇa, one who is a Brâhmaṇa only in name and neglects the duties of his caste; बहवो ब्राह्मणब्रुवा निवर्तंति Dk.; Ms. 7. 85; 8. 20. -भूयिष्ठ *a.* consisting for the most part of Brâhmaṇas. -वधः the murder of a Brâhmaṇa, Brâhmanicide. -संतर्पणं feeding or satisfying Brâhmaṇas

ब्राह्मणक: 1 A bad or unworthy Brâhmaṇa (only in name). -2 A family of such a Brâhmaṇa. -3 N. of a country inhabited by warlike Brâhmaṇas.

ब्राह्मणता-त्वं The state or rank of a Brâhmaṇa.

ब्राह्मणत्व *ind.* Among Brâhmaṇas.

ब्राह्मणत्रात् *ind.* In the possession of Brâhmaṇas, as in ब्राह्मणत्रात् भवति धनं

ब्राह्मणाच्छंसिन् *m.* N. of a priest, the assistant of the priest called *Brahmaṇ* q. v.

ब्राह्मणायनः A Brâhmaṇa descended from learned and holy progenitors.

ब्राह्मणी 1 A woman of the Brâhmaṇa caste. -2 The wife of a Brâhmaṇa. -3 Intellect; (बुद्धि according to नीलकंठ). -4 A kind of lizard. -4 A kind of wasp. -6 A kind of grass. -**Comp.** -गामिन् *m.* the paramour of a Brâhmaṇa woman.

ब्राह्मण्य *a.* Befitting a Brâhmaṇa. -ण्यः An epithet of the planet Saturn. -ण्यं 1 The station or rank of a Brâhmaṇa, priestly or sacerdotal character; सत्यं शपे ब्राह्मण्येन Mk. 5; Pt. 1. 66; Ms. 3. 17; 7. 42. -2 A collection of Brâhmaṇas.

ब्राह्मी 1 The personified female energy of Brahman. -2 Sarasvatî, the goddess of speech. -3 Speech. -4 A tale or narrative. -5 A pious usage or custom. -6 N. of the constellation Rohiṇî. -7 N. of Durgâ. -8 A woman married according to the *Brâhma* form of marriage. -9 The wife of a Brâhmaṇa. -10 A kind of medicinal plant. -11 A kind of brass. -12 N. of a river. -**Comp** -कंदः a species of bulbous plant. -पुत्रः the son of a Brâhmî, see above; Ms. 3. 27, 37.

ब्राह्म्य *a.* (ब्री *f.*) [ब्रह्मन इदं ष्यञ्] 1 Relating to Brahman, the creator. -2 Relating to the Supreme Spirit. -3 Relating to the Brâhmaṇas. -ब्रं 1 Wonder, astonishment (विस्मय). -2 Worship of the Brâhmaṇas. -**Comp.** -मुहूर्त=ब्राह्ममुहूर्त q. v. -हुतं hospitality to guests; see ब्रह्मयज्ञ; Ms. 3. 74.

ब्रू 2 U. (ब्रवीमि, ब्रूते or आह; this root is defective in the non-conjugational tenses, its forms being made up from वच्) 1 To say, tell, speak (with two acc.); तां.....ब्रूया एवं Me. 101; रामं यथास्थितं सर्वं भ्राता ब्रूत स विह्वलः Bk. 6. 8; or माणवकं धर्मं ब्रूत Sk.; किं त्वां प्रति ब्रूमहे Bv. 1. 46. -2 To say or speak about, refer to (a person or thing); अहं तु शकुंतलामधिकृत्य ब्रवीमि *S.* 2. -3 To declare, proclaim, publish, prove, indicate; ब्रुवंति हि फलेन साधवो न तु कंठेन निजोपयोगितां N. 2. 48; स्तनयुगपरिणाहं मंडलाभ्यां ब्रवीति Ratn. 2. 13. -4 To name, call, designate; छंदांसि दक्षाद्ये कवयस्तन्नामभिर्यं ते ब्रुवते *Śrut.* 15. -5 To answer; ब्रूहि मे प्रश्नान्. -6 To call or profess one self to be. -WITH अनु to say, speak, declare. -निस् to explain, derive. -प्र to say, speak, tell; Bk 8.85. -प्रति to speak in reply, answer or reply; प्रत्यब्रवीच्चैनं R. 2. 42. -वि 1. to say, speak. -2. to speak falsely or wrongly.

ब्रुव, ब्रुवाण *a.* Professing or pretending to be, calling oneself by a name to which he has no real title (at the end of comp.), as in ब्राह्मणब्रुव, क्षत्रियब्रुव &c.

ब्लेष्कं A snare, net, noose.