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hwæt; *neut. of hwā, used as an adv. or interj. Why, what! ah!*—Be
 ðæs folces heringe ic nāt hwæt wē ðæs fægnaþ as regards popular
applause, I know not why we rejoice at it, Bt. 30, 1; Fox 108, 22.
 Hwæt befealdeþ ðū folmum ðīnum brōdor ðīnne why hast thou felled thy
brother with thy hands? Cd. 48; Th. 62, 6; Gen. 1010: Andr. Kmb. l.
 1257; An. 629. Hwæt ðū leōða feala forleōlce and forlærdest how many
people hast thou deceived and seduced! 2726; An. 1365: Beo. Th. 1064;
 B. 530. Hwæt iudas hēt ðā settan ðæt lic ah! then Judas bade them
put down the body, H. R. 13, 26. Hwæt mē ðīn hand ðyder lædeþ etenim
illuc manus tua deducet me, Ps. Th. 138, 8. Hwæt ðā Sem and Jafeth
 dydon ānne hwitel on hira sculdra at vero Sem et Japheth pallium impo-
 suerunt humeris suis, Gen. 9, 23. Hwæt ðū ēce God O! thou eternal
 God, Bt. Met. Fox 20, 7; Met. 20, 4: 20, 92; Met. 20, 46. Hwæt ðū
 eart se sylfa God ðe ūs ādrife fram dōme nonne tu Deus qui repulisti
 nos? Ps. Th. 107, 10. Hwæt wē nū gehýraþ ah! now we learn, Cd. 45;
 Th. 57, 36; Gen. 939. Hwæt wē gefrunon twelfe tīreádige hæleþ lo!
 we have heard of twelve glorious heroes, Andr. Kmb. l. 1; An. l.: Beo.
 Th. l.; B. l.: Cd. 143; Th. 177, 27; Exod. l.: Rood Kmb. l.; Kr. l.
 Eá lā hwæt! Bt. Met. 4, 49; Met. 4, 25. [So O. Sax. hwat: Icel. hvat:
 O. H. Ger. waz cur, quid, quare.] v. hwā, hū.

hwæt; *adj. Quick, active, vigorous, stout, bold, brave:*—Sum biþ tō
 horse hwæt one is a bold rider, Exon. 79 b; Th. 298, 7; Crā. 81. Nis
 mon ofer eorþan tō ðæs hwæt ðæt hē ā his sǣfōre sorge næbbe there is no
 man on earth so bold as never to have anxiety for his journey on the sea,
 82 a; Th. 308, 16; Seef. 40. Ne scyle se hwata esne ymb ðæt gnornian
 hū oft hē feohtan scule virum fortem non decet indignari, quoties in-
 crepuit bellicus tumultus, Bt. 40, 3; Fox 238, 10: Beo. Th. 6048; B.
 3028. Hwatum Heorowearde, 4328; B. 2161. Hwate Scyldingas,
 3206; B. 1601: 4111; B. 2052. Hý beoþ heortum þý hwætran they
 will be the stouter of heart, Exon. 107 a; Th. 408, 30; Rā. 27, 20.

hwæder; *pron.*
 ðæs fæder willan whether of
 Kmb. 21, 31. Hwæder y
 gehālgap whether is greater
 gold? 23, 17, 19. Hwæder
 Salm. Kmb. 853; Sal. 426.
 an uncer twega, Bco. Th. l.
 is betre s̄r tō tilianne bût
 pestis ardentius insequenda
 Swt. 457, 21. Hwæderes b
 369. Hwæderne wylle gē
 the twain will ye that I relec
 Pilatus hwæderne hī gecuron
 Nāt ðū hwæder beoþ ðæs
 knowest not which are the r
 Th. i. 256, 16. II.
 begen āgifan swā hit hwæder
 ðæt... let them both return
 ceived it, unless either of the
 Th. i. 74, 11: Bt. Met. Fo
 ðissa geniéd s̄e if any one b
 i. 60, 3. Tō manigenne sin
 hwugu hwīlum mislicige on
 monendi sunt conjuges, ut ea
 invicem tolerant, Past. 51, 2
 both:—Hwæder hāt and ce
 times mingle, Cd. 216; Th.
 with swā, whichever of two:—
 ne hūru heora ofermetta dyd
 availed naught nor indeed di
 Bt. 29, 2; Fox 106, 1. Bī

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