

him, said in admiration and praise of the grandchild, fortunate in having grandparents who love him]. **3.** n. Person or thing that does, is, did, or was. See *mea hula*, *mea kia'i*, *mea oli*. **4.** vt. To say. *Mea mai lāua*, they said. *Mai mea wale aku 'oe*, don't mention [it]. **ho'o-meā.** To talk in a roundabout way, as to obtain information or conceal the truth; to hint at, trifle, joke, allude, pretend, act. *Hapai ho'omea a'e* (Kep. 159), to carry with pretended [groans from exertion]. *I ho'omea wale aku nei nō au*, I was just hinting, joking, talking generally. **5.** (Sometimes *cap.*) nvs. What-d'you-call-it, so-and-so (said when one is at a loss for a word or name); such and such. See ex., *pauaho*. 'O *mea mā* (For. 4:47), so-and-so and the others. *I ka lā e mea*, on such and such a day. **6.** idiom. Cause, reason, purpose, means of, because (often used as *ua mea o* or *ka ua mea*, Gram. 7.4). *No ka mea*, because. *No ia mea*, therefore, for that reason. *Nui kō makou holo i ka ua mea o ka maka'u*, we ran fast because of fear. *Na wai 'ole nō ka nele i ka ua mea o ka piliwaiwai?* Who could help being poor because of the gambling? *Akamai kēlā Kepanī i nā hula Hawai'i, ā mea nō paha, hānai 'ia e nā Hawai'i*, that Japanese is clever in Hawaiian hula, probably because he was raised by Hawaiians. *Ā mea lā ho'i ā hele mai e 'ike*, but because [one would think he would] come to see [said in disappointment or with hurt feelings]. *Mea* (or other word) following *ua* is sometimes deleted; the meaning then is something like 'aforesaid' (see *ua 2*). *Holo a'e nei na'e 'o ua o Wānu'a* (Nak. 42), now Wānu'a's canoe has just sailed on. 'O *ka ua mua ia a Māui* (KL line 2000), this was the first [exploit] of Māui. **7.** vs. Reddish-brown, as water with red earth in it; yellowish-white, of feathers. *Wai-meā* (name), reddish water. (PPN *mea*.) **8.** vt. To bother, disturb. (Sol. 14.10.)

mea 'ai. n. Food, refreshment, groceries.

mea 'ai lau nahēle. n. Vegetable. *Lit.*, forest leaf food.

mea 'ai mā.mā. n. Light refreshment.

mea 'ai momona. n. Dessert.

mea 'āina. n. Landowner.

mea akua. n. Godly or divine person; any person with a god to worship.

mea 'ala. n. Perfume, fragrance, incense.

mea aloha. n. Beloved or pitiful person or thing. See ex., 'ehia.

mea ana 'āina. n. Surveyor.

mea 'ē. nvs. Extraordinary, unusual, strange, wonderful; unusual person; stranger, alien, one of another race; a wonder. *He mea 'ē ka 'eleu o nā mea apau* (Kep. 151), the energy of everyone was extraordinary. *He mea 'ē 'oia, 'a'ole he Hawai'i*, he is of a different race, not a Hawaiian.

mea 'eha, mea hō.'eha. n. Dangerous weapon.

mea hale. n. House owner; something belonging to a house.

mea hana lima. n. Handicraft, hand-made article.

mea hō.'ike.'ike. n. Display, exhibit, specimen.

mea ho'o.hana. n. Implement, tool.

mea ho'o.komo pepa. n. Folder, file.

mea ho'o.lohe. n. Hearing aid.

mea ho'o.pā'a. n. Brake, holder, fastener, cast.

mea ho'o.piha.piha. n. Stuffing.

mea ho'o.pono.pono. n. Manager, superintendent, editor.

mea hou. nvs. News, new. *He aha ka mea hou?* What's new?

mea hula. n. Hula dancer.

mea iki. n. Trifle, inconsequential thing. *He mea iki*, just a trifle, you're welcome [sometimes said in reply to "thank you"].

mea 'ino. n. Filth, sin, abomination (Mat. 24.15), deep trouble (see ex., *mahiki 2*), waste matter. *Lua o nā mea 'ino*, cesspool.

mea inu. n. Beverage, drink, potion.

mea kā.kau. n. Writer, author.

mea kanu. n. Plants, crops.

mea kaua. n. Weapon, warlike person, thing pertaining to war.

mea kia'i. n. Guard, preserver, protection. *Ka mea kia'i i nā kānaka* (Ioba 7.20), preserver of men.

mea kino. n. Tangible thing with form. (Kel. 123.)

mea kino ola. n. Physiology. *Lit.*, things [of the] live body.

mea koho. n. Voter.

mea kolo. n. Creeping insect.

mea kule.ana. n. One with a *kuleana*; claimant of a *kuleana*. *Mea kuleana i ho'okō 'ia*, confirmed claimant.

mea lele. n. Bird, flying insect.

mea make. n. Weapon, corpse.

mea mā.lama puke, mea mā.lama wai.hona puke. n. Librarian.

mea.meā. **1.** Redup. of *mea 4, 7.* **ho'o.meā.meā.** Caus/sim.; to bluff, pretend, disguise. *Hā'awi ho'o-meamea*, to pretend to give [with the intention of taking back]. *He manu hulu meamea 'o Keawe*, a yellow-feathered bird is Keawe.

mea noi māle. n. Suitor.

mea nui. n. Beloved person or thing; important person; thing of importance (sometimes said sarcastically). *Ma kona 'ano mea nui* (Laie 593), in his character as a person of importance. *He mea nui 'o La'a i kona makua-hine*, La'a is beloved by his mother.

mea ola. n. Live person, living being, survivor.

mea 'ole. nvs. Inconsequential, trifling, insignificant, unimportant, null and void; a mere nothing; trifle. *Mea 'ole ka pi'ina*, the climb was nothing at all. *He mea 'ole*, it doesn't matter, it's of no importance, never mind.

mea oli. n. Chanter of *oli*; one with an *oli* chant in his honor; *oli* chanter.

mea omo. n. Suction tube, drinking straw.

mea 'ono. n. Cake of any kind, pastry, dessert, cooky. *Lit.*, delicious thing.

mea 'ono kele. n. Jelly roll.

mea 'ono kīhi.kīhi. n. Square or rectangular pastry as made by Chinese. *Lit.*, cake [with] corners.

mea 'ono kuki. n. Cooky.

mea 'ono mo'a 'ole. n. Batter, uncooked cake.

mea 'ono 'ō.helo papa. n. Strawberry shortcake.

mea 'ono paona. n. Pound cake.

mea 'ono pua'a. n. Chinese pork cake. (Commonly called *manapua* today; cf. *pepeiao 7*.)

mea pā. n. Owner of a house lot.

mea pā.'ani. n. Recreation, game, sport.

mea paha. idiom. Perhaps. *Mea paha ua hele aku nei*, perhaps gone now.

mea pepehi kanaka. n. Weapon. Also *mea 'eha*.

mea ulu. n. Vegetable, growing plant.

mea 'ume. See *'ume 2*.

mea wa'a. n. Canoeman, canoe owner.

mea wehe kini. n. Can opener.

me'e. nvs. Hero, heroine; important person; favorite occupation; prominent, admired, heroic. 'O *Ka-uahoa, 'o ka me'e u'i o Hanalei* (FS 97), Ka-uahoa, the handsome youthful hero of Hanalei.

me'ea. vt. To upturn, overturn, destroy. (For. 6:393.)

me'e.au. nvi. Itch, mange, ulcer; to itch, to afflict with blight; mangy, itching. *He 'tlio me'eau*, a mangy dog.

me'e.me'e. **1.** Same as *me'e*. **2.** n. Halfbeak fish (*Hemiramphus brasiliensis*). Also *iheihe*.

me'eu. vi. Rising up; to rise up, as from sitting; to start up, as a frightened bird; to rise, as hair in terror; startled. *Me'eu ka 'ili*, shuddering. 'Akahi au ā 'ike, *ka me'eu ho'i o ku'u oho* (chant for Ka-lā-kaua), I've never felt my hair rise in terror like this before.

meha. Same as *mehameha*. (PCP *me(f,s)a*.)

-meha'i. See *kameha'i*.

mehame. **1.** Same as *mehani 1*. **2.** Same as *hame 1*, trees. (Neal 500.)

meha.meha. nvs. Loneliness, solitariness, solitude, hushed silence; lonely, solitary; silent, as during the hush of taboo. *Hale mehameha*, lonely house. *Nohona*