

canton silk Raw silk that is reeled from very small domesticated silk cocoons in southern China. Average weight of a bale of silk is 135 lbs. (61 kg). Canton silk bales average 106.6 lbs. (48 kg).

canton 1. A strong, durable cotton fabric with a fine, diagonal twill on the face and a napped back; sometimes made in a three up, three down diagonal twill with many picks per inch. Uses include riding breeches and camping clothes. 2. In China, a plain-weave cotton cloth with a stiff finish, dyed blue or purple. 3. A strong cotton fabric with a corded surface on the face and a satin effect on the back, used for inexpensive curtains.

canvas [kan'-vas] A general classification of strong, firm, closely woven fabrics usually made with cotton; originally made of hemp or unbleached flax. Produced in many grades and qualities and may be softly finished or highly sized. Canvas and DUCK are used interchangeably, but canvas generally refers to heavier constructions.

canvas cloth 1. A plain, open-weave woolen dress fabric made with plied yarns. Three-ply yarns generally are used. 2. (British usage) A plain-weave cotton fabric made with hard spun yarn.

canvas embroidery Any embroidery, especially wool, that is worked on a canvas. Synonym: *needlepoint embroidery*. See BERLIN CANVAS, BERLIN WORK.

canvas stitch A kind of cross stitch used in CANVAS EMBROIDERY.

capacity In textile testing, the maximum load for which a tensile testing machine is designed.

capah damask A rich, purple silk damask popular during the reign of Henry VIII (1509–1547).

capanaki A coarse, cotton pillow lace made in Izmir (Smyrna), Turkey.

cape basuto Hair from the CAPE MOHAIR goat, stronger and coarser than CAPE FIRST.

cape first Lustrous, soft summer growth of the CAPE MOHAIR goat. It is 8 in. (20 cm) long and fairly clear-brown in color.

cape kids First clip from the young CAPE MOHAIR goat, similar to lamb's wool. The staple is 6 to 7 in. (15 to 18 cm) long, soft, brown, and lustrous.

cape mixed A CAPE MOHAIR classed between CAPE FIRST and CAPE WINTER.

cape mohair Mohair produced in South Africa that compares favorably with the best TURKEY MOHAIR generally. The color is not as clear but is a deeper brown. Summer and winter growths are clipped. The principal classes of cape mohair are: CAPE BASUTO, CAPE FIRST, CAPE KIDS, CAPE MIXED, CAPE WINTER, and THIRDS. Turkey and South Africa are the principal exporters of mohair.

cape net A type of stiff cotton net. Synonym: *rice net*.

cape snow-white wool (British usage) White merino wool from South Africa. See CAPE WOOL.

cape winter Winter growth of CAPE MOHAIR that is 5 in. (13 cm) long, fairly soft, and has a good luster.

cape wool Wool fleece from South Africa; the staple is fine and silky, almost entirely merino wool, but it is short and dirty. The wool has a fair color and often is very white; however, it lacks elasticity and does not possess good felting properties. See AFRICAN WOOL.

capillaries Narrow spaces, as between fibers in a yarn, through which liquids can move by virtue of surface tension. See WICKING.

caption (French) A coarse grade of waste silk, used for such products as stuffing.

capitonné embroidery [kap-ee-tohn-ay'] Derived from the French for "stuffed" or "padded," a style of embroidery designated by a decorative, tufted furniture covering. Also, with some modernization, used on panels of dresses, hats, and yokes to give a quilted effect.

capTURES Lacing threads in skeins of raw silk, especially grant reeled silk skeins. See GRANT REEL.

capmeal A coarse woolen fabric made in England during the 18th century.

capot A French term for strong, fulled fabric, which is made with a napped face used for such items as sailor's clothes and waterproof coats. Similar fabric is made in Great Britain with SHODDY.

cappadine A silk waste obtained from the innermost layers of the silk-worm's cocoon.

caprolactam The raw material used in the manufacture of nylon 6; its chemical structure is a seven-membered ring containing an amide group.

cap spinning A system of spinning in which fine-count worsted roving from merino or fine crossbred wool is guided onto the bobbin by a steel cup or cap placed over the end of the spindle. Cap spun yarns are fuzzy or hairy. This method of spinning is used in the BRADFORD SYSTEM of spinning worsted yarns, but the small bobbins and higher costs of cap spinning have caused it to lose ground to ring spinning.

capstan A pin or roller around which yarn is wrapped to control yarn tension.

caption Coarse silk waste used in stuffing. From silk grown in France.

capuchin cloth A fabric of wool or hair fiber used for clothing by Capuchin monks.

caracami (Italian) Waste silk.

caracasch Synonym for KARADI WOOL.

caracul See KARAKUL.

caracule (British usage) ASTRAKHAN.

caragach A fine cotton yarn produced in Turkey.

caraguata A soft, silky leaf fiber obtained from *Bromeliad argentina* in Argentina and Paraguay. The fiber is 4 to 6 ft. (1.2 to 1.8 m) long, of medium strength, and resembles pineapple fiber. Uses: belts, cordage, hammocks, bagging, tarpaulins, and carpets. See BROMELIA.

caraminian carpet A Turkish carpet in rich colors; the same design is never repeated.

carana palm See MAURITIA 2.

carao See CARAUA.

caratoe As used in the West Indies, the AGAVE or American aloe.

caraua (carao, caros, crua) A soft, flexible white fiber yielded by the green leaves of the *Neoglaziovia variegata*, native to Brazil. The tensile strength of the fiber is approximately three times that of jute; it has a fair luster and varies in length from 3 to 7 ft. (0.9 to 2.1 m). Caraua has been blended successfully with cotton. Principal uses: cordage, rope, and coarse fabrics of all kinds.