

TABBY, in *Commerce*, a kind of thick silk, usually watered. It is manufactured like the common taffety, excepting that it is stronger and thicker both in the woof and warp.

The watering is given it by means of a calender, the rolls of which are of iron, copper, or wood, which, bearing unequally on the stuff, render the surface of it unequal, so as to reflect the rays of light differently.