

**FUSTIC** (Fr. *fustoc*, from Arab. *fustuq*, Gr. *πιστάκη*, pistachio)  
YELLOW WOOD or OLD FUSTIC, a dye-stuff consisting of the wood of *Chlorophora tinctoria*, a large tree of the natural order Moraceae, growing in the West Indies and tropical America. Fustic occurs in commerce in blocks, which are brown without, and of a brownish-yellow within. It is sometimes employed for inlaid work. The dye-stuff termed young fustic or Zante fustic, and also Venetian sumach, is the wood of *Rhus cotinus* (fustet, or smoke tree), a southern European and Asiatic shrub of the natural order Anacardiaceae, called by Gerarde "red sumach," and apparently the "coccygia" and "cotinus" of Pliny (*Nat. Hist.* xiii. 41, xvi. 30). Its colouring matter is fisetin,  $C_{15}H_{10}O_6$ , which was synthesized by S. von Kostanecki (*Ber.*, 1904, 37, p. 384). (See DYEING.)