

Fustian, *n.* [Fr. *futaine*.] (*Manuf.*) A species of cotton cloth somewhat similar in manufacture to velvet, having, in addition to the warp and weft, a species of pile, consisting of other threads doubled together, which are thrown up in ridges and conceal the original warp and weft, which are the groundwork of the fabric. When in the loom, this *pile* presents the appearance of a set of loops; but these are afterwards cut in two and sheared down. The fustian, when polished and finished, presents an evenly-ribbed surface on the exterior. The best descriptions of this class of goods are those known as *cotton-velvet* and *velveteen*; but besides these there are *moleskin*, *corduroy*, and several other kinds. For further information on the subject see **WEAVING**.