

Organzine, *n.* [Fr. *organzin*.] (*Manuf.*) A name applied to silk which, after having been first wound off from the cocoons into hanks, is then placed on a winding-machine, which reels off the hanks on to wooden reels. These are then placed on spindles, and the fibres of each are made to pass through a minute orifice and small brush, which together clean the thread and remove any knots or projections from it, throwing it at the same time into hanks again. Then the threads of two hanks are taken, and again reeled off, this time on to one hank, being twisted together *to the left*; then two of these double reels are taken, and the ends being laid together, are twisted *to the right*. These operations, consisting of winding, cleaning, throwing, and twice twisting and doubling, constitute *organzine silk*.