

**Velvet**, *n.* [Fr. *velours*; Sp. *veludo*, from Lat. *villosus*, hairy, shaggy.] A rich kind of stuff, in which, besides the ordinary warp and weft, which are usually arranged as in twill-weaving, there is also a supplementary weft, consisting of short pieces of silk, cotton, or woollen thread doubled under the regular weft, and brought to the surface in loops which are so close together as to conceal the regular web. The loops are afterwards cut evenly, and the ends thus made constitute a covering resembling a very short fur. Of *V.* there are properly only two kinds, that with a *plain*, and that with a *tweeled*, or, as it is also called, a *Genoa* ground or back. When the material is silk, it is called *velvet*; when cotton, *velveteen*. The latter is a kind of fustian, which, under a variety of names, is largely used for men's wearing apparel.

—*v. a.* To cover with velvet; to make to resemble velvet. (R.)