

**BOB'BIN** (Fr. *bobine*, of uncertain origin). A small wooden or metal roller, flanged at one or both ends, on which thread or yarn is wound for sewing, weaving, etc. Bobbins for weaving are commonly made with a flange at one end only, but most other forms of bobbins are flanged at both ends. The ordinary "spool" on which sewing thread is wound is a familiar example of a wooden bobbin, and the metal implement for holding the thread in a sewing machine shuttle is a good example of a metal bobbin. The manufacture of bobbins, which are used in enormous numbers, is usually carried on by means of automatic machinery. In the manufacture of bobbins or spools for sewing thread the wooden blocks, cut to the proper length, are thrown into the hopper of the machine, whence they are taken automatically, turned, flanged, bored, and discharged complete and ready for use. See LOOM.