

PLUSH (Fr. *pluche*, *peluche*, plush, shag, from Lat. *pilus*, hair). A variety of woven cloth, having a long shaggy pile on the upper surface. Although woven like velvet, it differs from it in the greater length of the pile and in its not being clipped or shorn to a uniform length. Formerly it was made of a double warp, one thread being usually double worsted yarn, the other, intended to form the pile, of goat's hair, and the filling of worsted; occasionally only worsted was used. Now it is made very extensively of silk and cotton, the silk taking the place of the goat's hair to form the pile. Recently the tussah silk, a wild silk of India, has been extensively used in the manufacture of plush. See **WEAVING**.