

Brocade, (*brō-kād'*) *n.* [*Sp. brocádo*; *Fr. brocart*, from *Celt. broc*, a point, a needle.] A description of stout silken stuff, variegated with gold and silver, raised and enriched with foliage, flowers, and other ornaments, and used for the dresses of both sexes during the 17th and 18th centuries. In an inventory of the wardrobe of Charles II., in the Bodleian Library, is mentioned "white and gold *brocade* at two pounds three and sixpence per yard, and *coliere-du-prince brocade* at two pounds three shillings per yard." Brocade was not known in England till after the 13th century, and was a great rarity and luxury upon the Continent in the 14th.