

Gauze, (*gorz*.) *n.* [*Fr. gaze.*] (*Manuf.*) A light transparent silken fabric, supposed to have derived its name from having first been manufactured at Gaza, a city of Palestine. France and Switzerland produce considerable quantities of *G.* The openness of texture is obtained by crossing the warp threads between each thread of the weft, so that the weft passes through a succession of loops in the warp, and the threads are thus kept apart, without the liability to sliding from their places, which would take place if simple weaving were left so loose and open. Inferior qualities of *G.* are made of a mixture of silk and cotton.