

Hair. 1. A filament growing from the skin of an animal.

Curled hair for stuffing sofas, cushions, etc., is carded by hand-cards, which straighten, disentangle, and clean it; this is taken in bunches and spun into a rope, the next *top*, as the bunch is called, being interplaced with the loose strands of the former. The rope is wound on a wheel, and the coil steeped in water for three or four hours, and dried in a hot oven. The ropes are then untwisted, the hairs torn apart, and are ready to form stuffing.

Spun into smaller strands, hair is used for *nose-bags* of horses, bags for containing ground and heated flax-meal in the press, and also for containing prepared lard in the press from which lard-oil flows.

Curled-hair cords are also used for clothes-lines, and when fine also form fishing-lines.

Long and fine horse-hairs are used for the bows of violins and other instruments of this class. Also for making HAIR-CLOTH (which see).

The English lawyers affect horse-hair wigs, and horribly funny they look. Goat's hair is sometimes substituted for the true equine capillus, and this may partially account for their pugnacity and the fact that they are in bad odor with peaceable persons.