**Dressing-machine.** (For yarn.) A machine invented by Johnson, England, in 1800. The hard-twisted yarn is sized, scraped, brushed, and dried by heat and a blast of air. The object is to remove the fuzz and give it a slight gloss.

**Hank.** 2. (Yarn.) a. Two or more skeins of yarn, silk, wool, or cotton, tied together.

**Pern.** 2. Yarn wound on a shuttle.

**Rap.** A lay or skein, containing 120 yards of yarn. See LAT; YARN; HANK; REEL.

**Reeling-machine.** b. A machine for winding thread on to reels or spools. See SPooling-MACHINE; Silk-Reel.

**Rope-yarn.** A single yarn composed of fibers twisted right-handed; used on shipboard for various purposes. Two or three twisted together form spun-yarn. The size of a strand, and of the rope of which it forms part, is determined by the number of rope-yarns in it.

**Sennit.** 2. A coarse hempen yarn.

**Sinnet.** Spun-yarn. Plaited hempen yarn or straw. Sennet.

**Twist.**

5. A kind of cotton yarn.

**Yarn-meter.** A counter to show the quantity of yarn each spindle has been making.

Brown, Sharpe, & Co.'s yarn-meter indicates the quantity in bobbins and decimal parts. They are attached to the front side of one end of the head-rail of a stubber, fly-frame, spinning-frame, or male. A worm is attached to the end of the front roll, which gears into a wheel on the shaft. A wheel of 77 teeth is suitable for a front roll 1 ¾ inches in diameter, 90 teeth for 1 ½ inches roll, 96 teeth for 1 inch roll.

**Yarn-reel.** A machine for winding yarn from the cop or bobbins.

The bobbins are placed on the skewers, and, the index-finger on the counter being placed at zero, the ends of the yarns are attached to a bar of the reel, which is then rotated until a gong sounds or the finger has made a revolution of the dial. The cut or legs, of a determinate length, are 80 times the circumference of the reel, equal to 120 yards (90 threads of 1 ½ yards each, or 1 ½ of a hank), are then weighed.