

CORDUROY, a cotton cloth of the fustian kind, made like a ribbed velvet. It is generally a coarse heavy material and is used largely for workmen's clothes, but some finer kinds are used for ladies' dresses, &c. According to the *New English Dictionary* the word is understood to be of English invention, "either originally intended, or soon after assumed, to represent a supposed French *corde du roi*." It is said that a coarse woollen fabric called *duroy*, made in Somerset during the 18th century, has no apparent connexion with it. From the ribbed appearance of the cloth the name *corduroy* is applied, particularly in America, to a rough road of logs laid transversely side by side, usually across swampy ground.