CANVAS, in commerce, a very clear unbleached cloth of hemp, or flax, woven very regularly in little squares. It is used for working tapestry with the needle, by passing the threads of gold, silver, silk, or wool, through the intervals or squares.

Canvas is also a coarse cloth of hemp, unbleached, somewhat clear, which serves to cover women's stays, also to stiffen men's cloaks, and to make some other of their wearing-apparel, &c.

Canvas is also a very coarse cloth made of hemp, unbleached, serving to make towels, and answering other domestic purposes. It is also used to make sails for shipping, &c.