

FLOSS SILK (from OF. *flosche*, It. *floscia*, floss, from Lat. *fluxus*, soft, flaccid, from *fluere*, to flow). Silk fibre from the finest part of the cocoon, after all that can be reeled off has been removed. It is carded and spun, but not twisted, so that its texture is soft, downy, and lustrous. It is used chiefly for embroidery. See SILK.