

CARDING, in the *Manufactories*, a preparation of wool, cotton, hair, or flax, by passing it between the iron points, or teeth, of two instruments, called *cards*, to comb, disentangle, and range the hairs or fibres thereof; and to dispose it for spinning, &c. See CARDS.

Before the wool be carded, it is oiled, or greased with oil; whereof, one-fourth of the weight of the wool is required, for wool destined for the woof of stuffs; and one-eighth for that of the warp. See CLOTH.