Fall'er. 1. (Cotton-manufacture.) The faller is an arm on a mule-carriage, operating the faller-wire, whose duty it is to depress the yarns when the carriage is about to run back, in order that the yarns may begin to wind on at the bottom of the cop and be regularly distributed thereon as the faller-wire is raised. See Mule. The counterfaller is another wire beneath the yarns, and counter-weighted to keep them taut.

2. (Flax-manufacture.) A bar in the flax-spooling machine, having attached a number of vertical needles, forming a comb or gilla. A gill-bar. The office of the gilla is to simulate the action of the human fingers in detaining to some extent the line as it passes to the drawing-roller. See Spreader. The term faller is derived from the motion, the gill being raised and lowered so as to alternately detain and release the line.