

**BROWN**, a dusky kind of colour, inclining somewhat towards redness. Dyers distinguish divers shades and gradations of brown, a fad brown, London brown, clove brown, purple brown, walnut-tree brown, &c.

The brown colours are bistre, brown ochre, Cologne earth, ombre and brown pink ; which see.

Spanish brown is a dull red colour, used by house-painters chiefly for priming, and by colourmen in preparing cloths for pictures and other coarse work, as being cheap and easy to work. It is obtained from a native earth, which is found in the state and of the colour in which it is used. The name seems to import that it was formerly brought from abroad ; but that which is now used is dug up in several parts of England.