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 declined for the woof of fluffs; and one-eighth for that of the warp. See Cloth.