Canvas, n. [Fr. canvas; Lati, canvas, hemp.] A coarse, unbleached cloth made of hemp or flax, chiefly used to make sails for shipping, tents, &c. Also, a light material woven with the warp and woof at intervals, so as to leave square interstices between them, and used by painters for tapestry and Berlin-work. Painter's canvas, on the contrary, is a material of very close texture, called "ticking." It is generally purchased stretched on frames of various sizes, and primed with a light neutral gray or drab tint ready for use.

"Not every stitch of canvas to win the freshening wind." Sidney.

—n. Made of canvas; as, a canvas awning.