

**Hank.** 1.

2. (*Yarn.*) *a.* Two or more skeins of yarn, silk, wool, or cotton, tied together.

A *hank* of cotton yarn is 840 yards in length, and consists of 7 *lays* of 120 yards each.

It is wound on a reel  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet in circumference, 80 revolutions of which make a *lay*.

The *hanks* of cotton yarn are rated by the number which it takes to make a pound.

*Throstle*-spinning is seldom employed for yarns above Nos. 40 to 50, but with *mule*-spinning very high numbers have been reached. Previous to the introduction of the mule, few spinners could make yarn over No. 200. The natives of India, however, in their patient way and humid climate, made Nos. 300 to 400. Houldsworth, of Manchester, England, has made No. 700, which was woven in France. He is stated to have reached No. 10,000, a fineness beyond all useful range, but interesting as illustrating the perfection and capacity of his machinery.

*b.* A measure of 3,000 yards of *linen* yarn.

*Table.*

300 yards = 1 lea.

10 leas, 3,000 yards = 1 hank.

20 hanks, 60,000 yards = 1 bundle.