

REP, REPP, or REPS, a cloth made of silk, wool or cotton. The name is said to have been adapted from the French *reps*, a word of unknown origin; it has also been suggested that it is a corruption of "rib." It is woven in fine cords or ribs across the width of the piece. In silk it is used for dresses, and to some extent for ecclesiastical vestments, &c. In wool and cotton it is used for various upholstery purposes.