

FULLING, the art or act of scouring and pressing cloths, stuffs, stockings, &c. to cleanse, thicken, and render them more firm and strong, which is done by means of a water mill.

Fuller's earth is used with some proportion of soap; but soap alone would do much better, was it not dearer than fuller's earth.

Fulling of stockings, caps, &c. is performed either with the hands or feet, or a kind of wooden machine, either armed with wooden teeth, or those of horses or bullocks. The ingredients generally used on this occasion are fuller's earth, urine, white soap and green soap. But water softened with chalk is far preferable.