

REEL, in the manufactories, a machine serving for the office of reeling. There are various kinds of reels, some very simple, others very complex.

REELING, in the manufactories, the winding of thread, silk, cotton, or the like, into a skain, or upon a bottom, to prevent its entangling. It is also used for the charging or discharging of bobbins or quills, to use them in the manufacture of different stuffs, as thread, silk, cotton. &c. Reeling is performed different ways, and on different engines.