

**MOIRE**, mwär (Fr., mohair). A silk figured by the peculiar process called watering. The silks for this purpose are moistened and then folded from one end to the other in triangular folds. After being thus reduced to a comparatively small length they are submitted to heavy pressure, generally in a hydraulic press. After being removed from the press the fabric is found to be covered with wavy lines. As only one side is to be waved, the fabric is made up for the press with a pasteboard above each second fold. The silk is next hot-pressed, and the side next to the pasteboard comes out glazed, while the other remains watered. The finest kinds of watered silks are known as moires antiques. The same process has been applied to woolen fabrics called moreen.