

**WELD** (Dutch *wouw*, Swed., Dan. *vau*, Ger. *Wau*, weld; of unknown etymology), **WOOLD**, **DYER'S ROCKET**, **DYER'S WEED**, or **YELLOW WEED** (*Reseda luteola*). A plant of the family Resedaceæ and of the same genus as mignonette (q.v.), a native of waste places in many parts of Europe and introduced in some places in the eastern United States. It is cultivated to some extent for dyeing. For the greatest production of coloring matter the plant should be cut before the fruits show much development, otherwise the pigment diminishes. Though in part supplanted by chemical dyes, weld is still a valuable dyestuff. It serves equally for linen, woolen, and silk, dyeing with proper management all shades of yellow, and producing a bright and beautiful color. Large quantities of weld are exported from France. This plant is sometimes called wild woad, but should not be confused with woad, *Isatis tinctoria*, which yields a blue dye.