

Gossypium, n. [Lat. *gossypium*.] (*Bot.*) A genus of plants, order *Malvaceæ*, which yields the cotton-plant, one of the most important of all plants to man. The cotton-plants are tall shrubs, with lobed leaves, large mallow-like yellow flowers, and somewhat egg-shaped angular pods, the seeds of which are enveloped in a covering of cellular filaments which form the cotton of commerce. See COTTON.