

II.—FIBRES SUITED FOR SPINNING AND MANUFACTURING PURPOSES, BUT OF INFERIOR DURABILITY TO THE PRECEDING.

a. Jute.

There are two species which afford this well-known article of commerce, viz., *Corchorus olitorius* and *C. capsularis*. Both are largely cultivated.

13. Jute, *Corchorus olitorius*, valued at £24 per ton, Darjeeling.

14. Jute, *Corchorus olitorius*, Hooghly.

b. Sufet Bariala (*Sida rhomboidea*).

This fibre is very similar to jute in appearance; but it is considered to be intrinsically so superior that it is worth from £5 to £6 more per ton, and it has accordingly been placed next to that fibre, in order to attract to it that attention which it deserves.

15. Sufet Bariala, *Sida rhomboidea*.

c. Ambaree or Hemp-leaved Hibiscus (*Hibiscus cannabinus*).

This plant furnishes a portion of the so-called “brown hemp,” exported from Bombay. It is readily cultivated, and, with more attention to its preparation, is calculated to compete with jute.

16. Ambaree, *Hibiscus cannabinus*.

d. Roselle (*Hibiscus sabdariffa*).

Commonly cultivated in gardens for the sake of its leaves, which are eaten in salads. Worthy of extended cultivation on account of its fibre.

17. Roselle, *Hibiscus sabdariffa*.

e. Other Malvaceous Fibres.

18. Indian Mallow, *Abutilon indicum*, Rohilcund.

19. Bun-okra, *Urena lobata*, Burmah.

III.—FIBRES CHIEFLY SUITED FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF CORDAGE, TWINE, ETC.

a. Hemp (*Cannabis sativa*).

It is cultivated in many parts of India for the sake of the “Bhang” or intoxicating resin of its leaves, but as yet only occasionally for its fibre.

20. Himalayan hemp, *Cannabis sativa*, Kangra.

b. Sunn Hemp (*Crotalaria juncea*).

This plant furnishes the vast proportion of the so-called hems exported from India.

21. Sunn hemp, *Crotalaria juncea*.

22. Sunn hemp, *Crotalaria juncea*, Hooghly.

23. Sunn hemp, *Crotalaria juncea*.

24. Sunn hemp, *Crotalaria juncea*.

c. Jubbulpore Hemp (*Crotalaria tenuifolia*).

25. Jubbulpore hemp, *Crotalaria tenuifolia*.

26. Jubbulpore hemp, *Crotalaria tenuifolia*, Chota Nagpore.

IV.—FIBRES FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES, ADAPTED FOR TWINE, CORDAGE, AND PAPER, OCCASIONALLY CAPABLE OF MANUFACTURE INTO FABRICS SUITED FOR WOMEN’S DRESSES, IMITATION HORSEHAIR CLOTH, ETC.

This division embraces the fibres furnished by the leaves and stems of endogenous plants.

a. Pine Apple (*Ananassa sativa*).

This plant supplies the only fibre of the group which is at all likely to be employed for spinning by machinery. Its fibres are fine and very divisible.

27. Pine apple, *Ananassa sativa*, valued at £30 per ton, Madras.

b. Moorva, Marool, or Bow-string Hemp (*Sansevieria zeylanica*).

This plant supplies a fibre in point of strength and other qualities well calculated, when properly prepared, to compete with the “Manilla hemp” of the Phillipine Islands.

28. Moorva, *Sansevieria zeylanica*, valued at £36 per ton, Madras.