

## **Glossary For Children of the Cotton Industry Powerpoint**

**Apologetically** – offered by way of excuse or apology; regretfully acknowledging fault or failure

**Child Labor** - is the employment of children under an age determined by law or custom. This practice is considered exploitative by many countries and international organizations.

**Confidential** – something private or secret

**Crocheting** - needlework consisting of the interlocking of looped stitches formed with a single thread and a hooked needle

**Doffer boys-** Doffs bobbins of yarn from spindles of spinning, twisting, or roving frames: Pushes button to stop machine and depresses pedal to lower ring bar, allowing yarn to wind around base of spindle to facilitate restarting. Removes full bobbins of yarn from machine spindles, deposits yarn in doffer box, and places empty bobbins on spindles of machine. Releases pedal to raise ring bar, starts machine, and pieces up breaks in roving or ties breaks in yarn ends.

**Doffer box** – Box to move bobbins from one place to another.

**Drawing-in-** Draws warp yarn through loom parts to arrange warp for weaving specified pattern, following pattern chart: Reads pattern chart to determine information, such as type warp to be drawn, number of harness frames, and type of reed required for pattern. Positions warp, harness frames, drop wires, and reed on or in proximity of drawing-in frame or loom to facilitate drawing-in process. Selects warp yarn according to lease, color, and sequence indicated by pattern chart. Pulls yarn through drop wires, heddle eyes, and reed dents, using reed hook.

**Drenched** – to soak thoroughly

**Factory** - a building or set of buildings with facilities for manufacturing

**Gaunt** - excessively thin

**Glimpse** – to get a brief look at

**Hosiery** – stockings, socks

**Industry** - manufacturing activity as a whole

**Knitter** – tends the knitting machines

**Loopers** - Operates looping machine to close opening in toe of seamless hose or join knitted garment parts: Pulls lever or depresses pedal to rotate horizontal dial containing looping points and start trimming and seaming mechanism. Places each stitch along looping line of garment part or one side of toe over looping points, working against movement of dial. Places stitches of second garment part or side of toe over looping points holding corresponding stitches of first garment part or side of toe. Removes looped articles from dial of machine. Examines looped seams for defects. May mark defects with crayon. May thread machine, using tweezers. When looping contour collars to body of garment, places stitches on looping points in sequence which will curve collar

to body of garment. May be designated according to article looped as Garment Looper (knitting); Hosiery Looper (knitting).

Mule Room – Mill room where the mule machines operated. The mule operated in two stages. In one stage the whole 'front' of the machine (perhaps 100 feet long) moved away from the back part stretching and twisting the thread as it did so. It would move several feet (say 5 feet). In stage two the front carriage moved back and at the same time wound the stretched yarn on to a bobbin.

Overseers - one that supervises the operation of a department, mill or factory

Permanent - continuing without change

Pigmy - something very small of its kind

Raveler - Unravels rows of excess fabric along looped seams of knitted garments by cutting several stitches with scissors and pulling out yarn by hand.

Reputation - a place in public esteem or regard

Spooler - Tends machine that simultaneously winds yarn from skeins onto spools or cones: Hangs skeins of yarn on rack and beats out (shakes or pulls) skeins to straighten yarn and facilitate winding. Inspects yarn to detect soil, color spots, or defective twisting and discards faulty skeins. Removes reel (swift) from machine, wraps skein of yarn around reel, and replaces reel. Cuts card holding yarn in place, using scissors. Threads end of yarn through guides and turns it around spool or cone and starts unit winding. Pieces up broken ends or ties new skeins with knotter. Observes winding operation and removes cones when full. Sets in empty cones. Also called coner; spooler; swift tender

Steadily - direct or sure in movement

Sweepers– workers who cleaned the lint, trimmings, dust and other leavings from the floor of the mill

Turner - Turns articles, such as clothing, clothing parts, coin purse linings, stuffed toy shells, or textile bags, right side out, according to one of following methods: (1) Pulls article or part downward over lower vertical rod of holding device and folds end of article or part over end of rod. Depresses pedal that closes jaws of holding device and pulls article upward, over upper rod, to reverse it. Releases pedal and removes article from upper rod. (2) Places end or edge of article over rod or form and draws rest of article downward over rod or form to reverse it. (3) Slides article over pipe and pushes end of article through pipe, using rod. (4) Reverses article by hand. May clip loose threads and thread between chain-sewn articles, using scissors. May turn bags over form equipped with blade to cut thread between chain-sewn bags. May insert gathering string into hem of bags, using needle.

Warper - Tends table-type rotary warping machine that winds warp yarn onto pegs or spools for use in weaving narrow fabrics: Places spool of warp yarn over revolving spindle of machine. Mounts spools on spindles or positions wooden pegs in holes of machine table to produce warp of specified dimensions. Threads warp through eye of spindle and horizontal warping arm attached to spindle, and ties warp to hook holder. Starts machine to rotate warping arm and wind warp around pegs and through hook holder. Places weaving hook in hook holder after each revolution of warping arm to separate warp. Stops machine when specified number of yarn strands have been wound and cuts yarn, using scissors. Turns thumbscrew to secure yarn and hooks in hooks holder. Doffs wound yarn.

**Warping Machine-** machine that manufactures warp yarn and other thin or strand fabrics.

**Weary** - exhausted in strength, endurance, vigor, or freshness

**Weaving Machine** - looms to weave together multiple widths of narrow fabric, such as ribbon, yarn, thread or tape

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