

WOOL FROM VOLCANOES.

Lava, the volcanic rock which starts its life as a river of molten fire, can, by a new process now be used to make other useful things besides paving stone. From a Sicilian quarry, lava chips are sent to a special factory where they are fed into a furnace for re-melting. A spinning device, like a candy-floss machine turns the lava to gossamer thread, which it's hard to believe was once a dull grey rock!

The spun lava is carried away to be made into yarn and woven into a thick fabric which is an excellent insulator - heatproof for lagging, soundproof for lining walls, and useful for a hundred other purposes.

Woven into rope, the spun lava is used for the heat insulation of pipelines. But this strange fabric has other and more glamorous applications - it makes beautiful dress materials, appropriately named, and needless to say very warm. Why not try it yourself - but first catch your volcano!