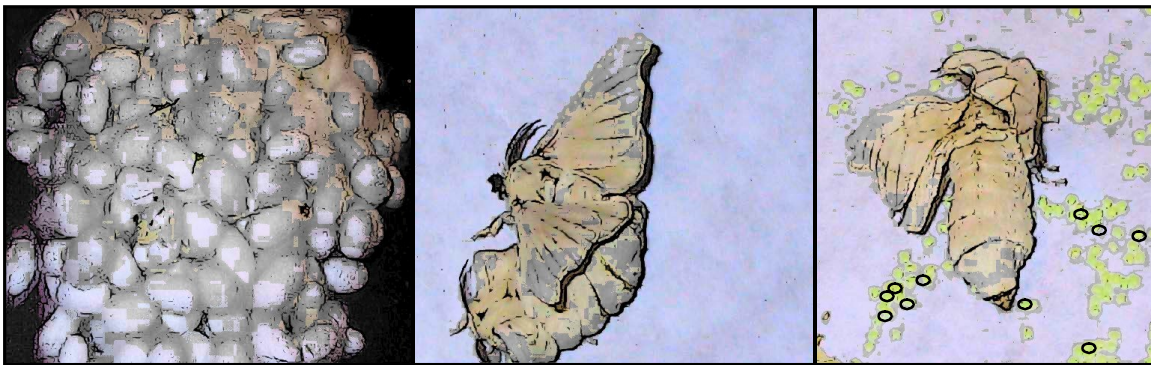




SILKWORMS

Silkworms are caterpillars. They are the larva stage of a moth. The silkworm eats leaves from the mulberry tree, and each silkworm spins one cocoon. The cocoon is made from a very long, very thin string – it can be over half a mile long!

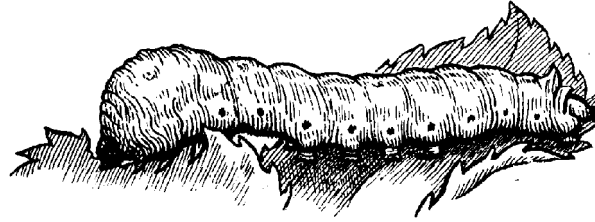
Because the strings are so thin, several of them are wound off together. This is called reeling. Reeled silk is then twisted and cleaned and woven into fabrics. Silk makes very nice clothes. It is soft, shiny, and strong.



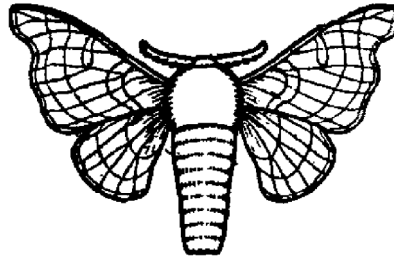
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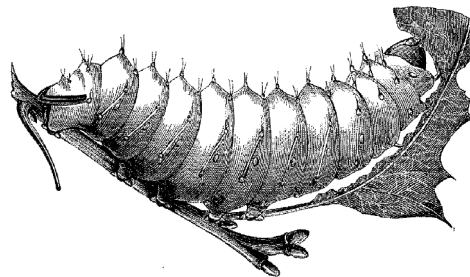
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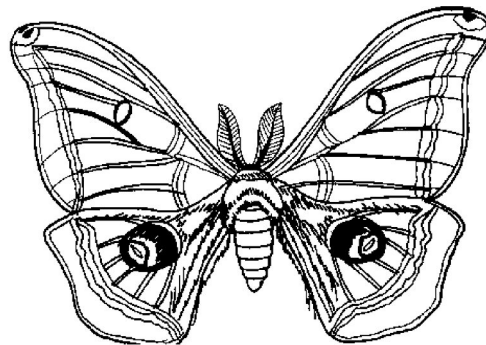
Domesticated China silk worm, *Bombyx mori*



Domesticated China silk moth, *Bombyx mori*



Wild American silk worm, *Antheraea polyphemus*



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