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(54) Resilient cotton fiber and related method.

(57) An improved fiber product comprises individual fibers which are finish-treated by saturating the fibers in a finish solution of durable press resin and a lubricant, then drying and curing the fibers such that the resin is saturated and cured and cross-linked to the interior of the fibers while the lubricant is maintained at or near the surface of the fibers. A preferred method includes treating bleached cotton fibers with a finish solution containing 3.0% - 4.0% of a formaldehyde-free, alkylated glyoxyl/cyclic urea condensate resin and 1.5% -2.5% of a reactive silicone, and a catalyst. The resultant finish-treated cotton fibers have a resiliency greater than untreated fibers and comparable to or greater than polyester fibers.

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