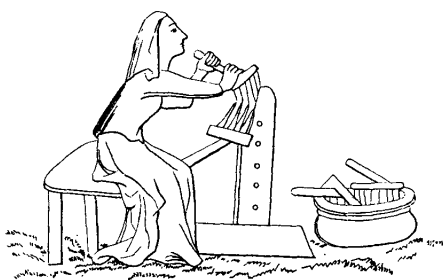


Fig. 1395.



A Lady carding Wool.

**Comb'ing.** An operation in the worsted, or long-wool manufacture. The operation of straightening and disentangling wool; corresponding in purpose with *carding* of short wool.

In hand-combing, the work is done between two combs, one held stationary and the other drawn over it, to comb out the lock of wool placed between them. The combs have a number of steel spikes fixed into a back, and are occasionally heated in a *comb-pot*. The short fibers which are combed out are called *noyls*. See Fig. 1395.

In *machine-combing*, the locks are fastened to two toothed cylinders which revolve in apposition to each other, and are heated by steam within. The teeth of one cylinder comb the fibers on the other one.