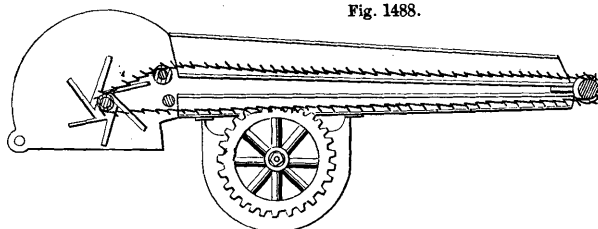


**Cot'ton-pick'er.** 1. A machine for scutching cotton to tear apart the matted masses and clean it. See COTTON-CLEANER.

2. A machine for picking cotton from the bolls of the plant. One form consists of a traveling toothed belt, which catches the cotton fiber and drags it into a receptacle. This form is shown in Fig. 1488, which has a toothed wheel working into

Fig. 1488.



*Cotton-Picker.*

the links of an endless chain having reflex spines, which strip the cotton from the bolls, and carry it to the other end of the machine, where it is thrown off into a receptacle by a revolving stripper.

Other machines have rotary brushes, and still others operate by blowers, flexible air-pipes, and nets which catch the fiber.