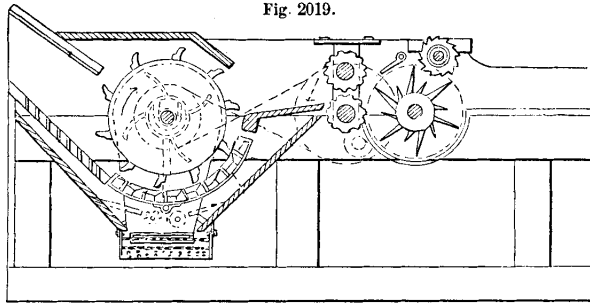


Flax-thrasher. One for beating the grain from the bolls of the cured flax-plant. In the example, the tangled flax is impaled by the spiked roller against the indented roller above, while the drawing rollers straighten the stalk and feed it to the thrashing

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Flax-Thrasher.

cylinder, which removes the bolls : the latter then fall between the crushing rollers, which release the seed to be cleaned by the vibrating winnower beneath.

The difficulty in thrashing flax consists in its tendency to wrap around the shafts and thrashing cylinder.