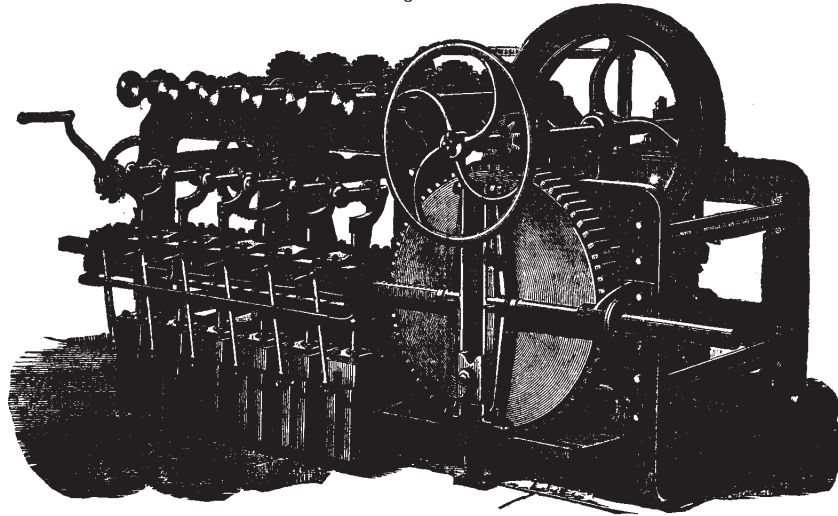


**Silk Soft'en-ing Ma-chine'.** A machine for softening and polishing silk after dyeing.

The skeins of silk are hung over two tiers of bobbins, the lower set free to move up and down, and are stretched by weights hung from the lower bobbins. This tier also moves faster than the upper ones, and has a reciprocating motion, horizontally, to twist and untwist the silk while revolving. See Fig. 2259.

Fig. 2259.



*Silk Softening Machine.*