

### ROWAN'S MACHINE FOR SCUTCHING FLAX, &c.

This invention, introduced by Messrs. J. Rowan & Sons, of Belfast, consists in scutching flax, hemp, and other fibrous materials by means of a revolving cylinder fixed in a frame, round which cylinder are placed combs and beaters, and to which the flax or other fibrous material is pressed by the hand

through an opening provided for the purpose in the front of the machine. After having been sufficiently acted on, the flax is withdrawn and reversed end for end; this done, it is then put through the same operation, when it is finished. Sometimes rollers are used to pass the flax or hemp into the machine.

FIG. 1.

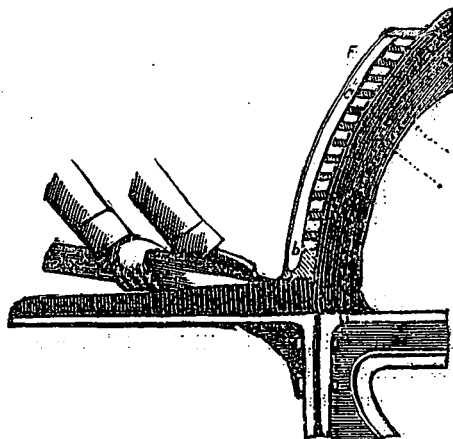


FIG. 2.

