

Flax is destined to be an important crop in the West. It can be grown to perfection on newly-plowed prairie sod by the following method: Plow the sod early in spring about four inches deep; then roll and harrow. In a few days cultivate with a spring-tooth cultivator or disc gang plough. *See Ills. 47 and 138.* Again harrow to make a fine tilth on the surface. Flax Culture.



139. PULLING FLAX.

Flax should be sown the early part of May Seeding. either with a disc drill or a broadcast seeder (*see Ill. 140*), at the rate of half a bushel per acre. If sown on the surface with the latter, harrow with the lever spike-tooth harrow to cover the seed.

The time to harvest flax is when it is quite ripe. Harvesting. It is not necessary to bind flax, but rather cut it with a self-rake reaper (*see Ill. 80*) and handle it loose. An average crop of flax seed is from 12 to 20 bushels per acre, according to the condition of the