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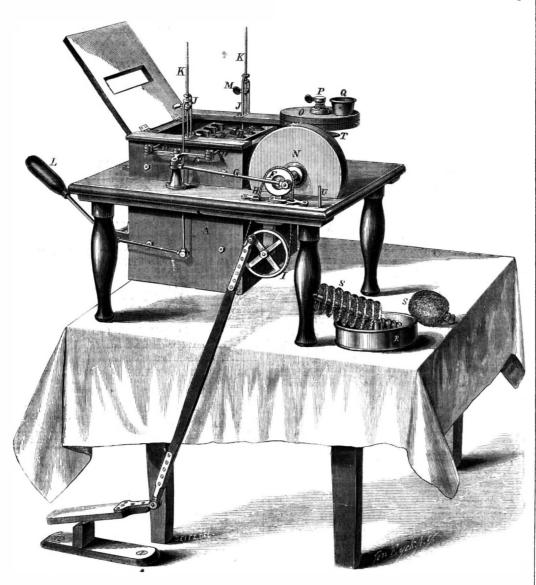
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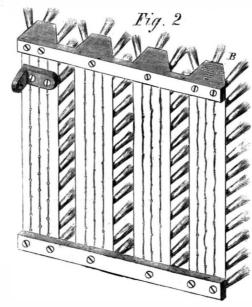


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an engraving representing what may be called "a | ly clean the ware; the small screw stop, M, on the family machine," for it is designed to wash dishes, clean lamp-chimneys, and scour and sharpen knives, not at one and the same time, however, but by several operations. This machine will have charms for our lady readers, who, we are happy to know, are zealous in the cause of science and "up" to all the newest improvements (we have several patents now pending by lady inventors); for the most delicate china, at one time in danger from the clumsy handling of careless servants, can, by the aid of this machine, be thoroughly cleansed without wetting a finger. Ivory-handled knives—the terror of housekeepers when intrusted to "Bridget"-need not become yellow or loose in the handles, as they may be cleansed in this machine perfectly without wetting the ivory. There are other virtues in this machine which will appear further on in our article.

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guides, is to regulate the distance to which the plate is moved by the handle, L; there is an arm on each



end of the shaft the handle, L, is fixed to, so that both of the rods, J, are lifted together.

The grindstone, N, is turned by the same belt and wheel, I, which is driven by a treadle placed on the wheel that moves the brushes, and it also answers for floor, the same as a sewing machine. This comprises a fly-wheel to regulate the motion of the machinery

Behind the grindstone may be seen two wooden disks, O, covered on the scouring faces with leather; these disks are the knife-cleaners, and are worked by the same shaft the grindstone is on, through the action of bevel gears. The shaft the disks are on is square and they have a square hole in them; the pressure of one upon the other is regulated by a spiral spring and screw stop, P; the small cup, Q, has an opening in the bottom through which the bath-brick placed in the cup filters down upon the knives.

The pan, R, and brushes, S, are for washing lampchimneys, cups, bowls, &c.; the knife-scourers are taken off and the pan replaced, it rests on the plate, T, under the disk, O, and does not turn with it. The brush is stuck on the end of the square shaft by a socket made for the purpose, and a few turns of the shatt scour the chimney clean; water is poured into it of course when in use; the same process is repeated with cups and bowls, the water or drip being caught by the pan on the shart. The small wire, U, beside the grindstone, is to hold the nut taken off the pin in the wheel that drives the stone; for when dishes alone are to be washed, it is not necessary to run the other parts, and they are disconnected. When flat dishes are washed, the lid of the box is shut down so that water may not splash out, and all grease accumulating in the box may be removed by placing a little soda in the same; this and the hot water makes a soap which will cleanse the brushes and box perfectly. Another reservoir is claimed by the patentees, wherein the brushes are nearly circular in form, and have a rotary motion and bevelled edge, whereby the water is thrown into the center of the plate and a more vigorous current of water driven through the brushes themselves. The grindstone is quite large, being ten inches in diameter.

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