

CLEANING SEWING MACHINES.—The best substance for the purpose of cleaning the machine is said to be fat from sheep's feet—that is, trotter oil—which is to be placed in tolerable abundance upon the bearing surfaces of the machine to be oiled, which is then to be set in rapid motion. (Clean sheep's trotters are boiled for four hours, then the liquor is strained from them, and when cold the fat is taken off the surface of the water, put in a bottle, then put on a hot hob; the impurities will fall to the bottom of the bottle, and the oil can then be poured off.) This fat acts on the bearings, and when melted by the heat of friction is driven out again, mixed with the dirt and blackish matter from the machine. This is to be wiped off with a soft cloth, and a quantity of fat again applied, to be again treated in the same way, and this operation is to be continued until the fat, as it comes from the joint, is clear and free from dirt, after which the machine may be considered as entirely clean.