



Ancient Egyptians preparing the Flax, beating it, and making it into Twine and Cloth.

*a*, steps leading up to the top of the pits; *b b*, where the flax was steeped; *c c*, the flax taken by *fig. 3* to dry, previous to beating; *d*, the stalks fresh cut. *Fig. 1* brings water in earthen pots; 2 pours it over the stalks; 4 and 5 are engaged in beating them with mallets, *e e*; 6, pounding the coarser parts; 7 and 8, striking the tow, after it is made into yarn, on a stone, *g*; 9 and 10, twisting the yarn into a rope, *h*; 11 and 12 show that a piece of cloth, *i*, has been made of the yarn; 13, a superintendent.