



Ancient Egyptians pounding various substances in mortars with metal pestles.—From Thebes.  
*a g i*, mortars. *d d*, pestles. Figs. 1 and 2, alternately raising and letting fall the pestles into the mortar. Figs. 3 and 4, sifting the substance after it is pounded; the coarser parts, *h*, being returned into the mortar to be again pounded.