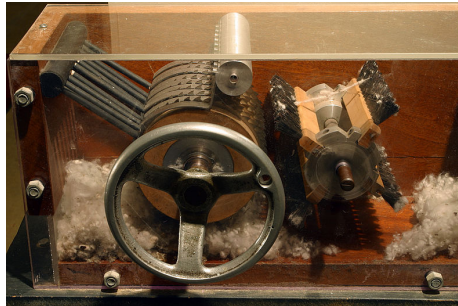


Before

After

**The Invention of the
Cotton Gin**



Cotton farms were profitable.

100,000 bales of cotton were produced each year.

Cotton farms were not very profitable.

3,000 bales of cotton were produced each year.

There were nearly 700,000 slaves in the United States.

Cotton exceeded the value of all other American products combined.

There were nearly 1 million slaves in the United States.

George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and many others believed the end of slavery was near.

Removing the seeds from cotton bolls was tedious and time consuming.

Large cotton plantations were established.