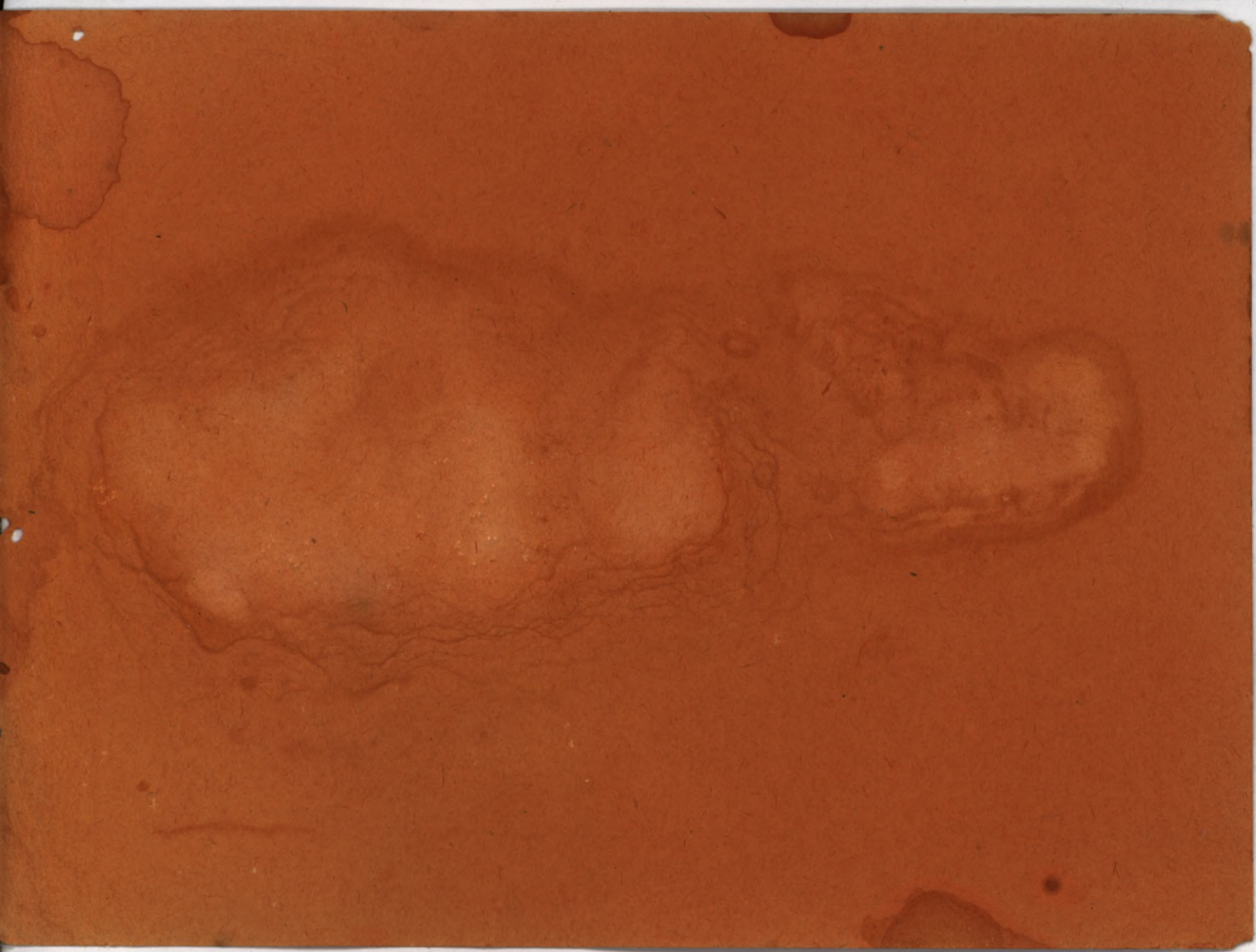




THE
AMERICAN BUNCHER
MANUFACTURING
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INDIANAPOLIS, IND., U.S.A.





IN RECENT catalogues we have devoted some space to the subject of clover culture and the value of clover as a fertilizer and soil renewer. That is a subject of such tremendous and vital importance to the farmers that we shall not touch upon it in this catalogue, not having the space that should be devoted to that feature. The Government and the State Universities, through their experimental stations, are furnishing very complete and reliable information in regularly issued bulletins on this subject, which can be had by all farmers simply for the asking. The limited space we have shall be devoted exclusively to setting forth a few of the merits of the goods we manufacture.

In addition to the celebrated American Bunchers, we are now making a Harrow, which surpasses anything ever offered to the farmers in that line. Full description and reference to our harrow will be found on another page. Our American Buncher for this season will be the perfection of a seed-saving device. It will have no equal or anything approaching an equal as a seed saver. It will have features all its own; features possessed by no other device in that line. We can truly say we make the only buncher worthy of the name; the only one that saves all the seed; the only one that leaves the heads up; the only one that will handle a clover crop thoroughly ripe without shattering or loss in any way; the only one that actually bunches.

It is a fact that a clover seed crop properly handled will be twice as valuable as if improperly handled. Now, a device which will double the value of the seed crop is worth something, is it not? How can that be done? It is easily done if an American Buncher is used. It is done by allowing the seed to become thoroughly ripe—all ripe—before it is cut; then cut it rapidly as possible, and have it hulled as soon as possible.

Those fellows who want to foist windrowers or other makeshifts upon the farmers will tell them this cannot be done without too great a loss from shattering; that the seed must be cut while green to prevent shattering. Well, that is true, if one of those makeshifts are used. But if an American Buncher is used, the seed can be allowed to ripen and then handled without the loss of a head. This guarantees higher grade seed, as a matter of course. It also guarantees a larger yield. It further guarantees that the seed will be prime, fine, plump, purple seed, instead of a half crop of little, puny, shriveled, yellow seed, half of which will not grow when it is sown. Again, as a matter of course, the seed will bring the very top price; and, as further matter of course, the huller will get more out of a crop thus handled. Furthermore, when seed of this kind has been sown there is some certainty of a good "stand" and crop, instead of a failure, which follows the sowing of puny, inferior, unripe seed, such as comes from cutting too green in order to prevent shattering. Sowing this inferior seed is largely the cause of failures to get a good, vigorous "stand" of clover—a good, thrifty "stand" which will survive the

rigors of winter and the heat and drought of summer. These failures have been more frequent and especially noticeable in the last few years, contemporaneous with the introduction of a lot of so-called bunchers, impractical and unscientific things, which are being foisted on farmers as seed savers. Is not your clover seed crop worth handling right? Why will you lose half of that valuable crop by windrowing it? It is **absolutely impossible** to windrow clover seed without loss. Why not handle it with a buncher and do it right; get better seed, and double the quantity? Why lose the price of a buncher each day by **not** doing it right? Suppose you have six days' cutting, and lose enough seed each day to pay for a buncher. Your loss during the week is certainly sufficiently startling to cause you to sit up and take notice, is it not?

An American Buncher costs no more than the various makeshifts. Then, why not have the genuine instead of the spurious? It seems incredible that a twentieth century farmer will permit his clover seed crop to be **windrowed**, or that he can be deceived by the argument that a windrower with a gate is a buncher. Take off the gate and you have a windrower, haven't you, Then put the gate back on again and what have you? You have a windrower still, with a gate to it. Nothing more or less. We repeat that we make the only **buncher** in the world, and assert defiantly and boldly that it saves **more** and gets **better** seed than any seed device on earth.

Why not get right on this important matter? It means dollars to the

farmers. The American Bunchers have saved dollars to the farmers of the world that run away up in the millions. They are being used throughout the civilized world, and each year adds to their popularity and demonstrates their value.

Remember that one day's cutting pays for an American Buncher. In other words, if you have ten acres to cut, it will pay to buy a buncher. If, after cutting the ten acres you should **give** the buncher to a neighbor, you would be money ahead, because it has **more** than paid for itself. These are not mere statements; they are solid, cold facts. The loss in clover seed, at its present value, by improper handling, is astounding.

Let's all resolve that we will never cut another crop of clover seed without an American Buncher. The result will be a higher grade of seed, larger yields, fewer crop failures. Gloomy faces will give way to grinning faces—faces wearing that happy, satisfied smile that won't come off.

It is our intention to make this the banner year of our sixteen years of business. For every dollar an American Buncher makes us, it makes ten for the farmer. Let us help **you**, Mr. Farmer, to make money. Don't forget that it pays for itself in a day, and that's good enough. Write us about these American Bunchers and those Black Cat Harrows. We will do the rest.

, With best wishes for everybody, everywhere, we remain your friends,

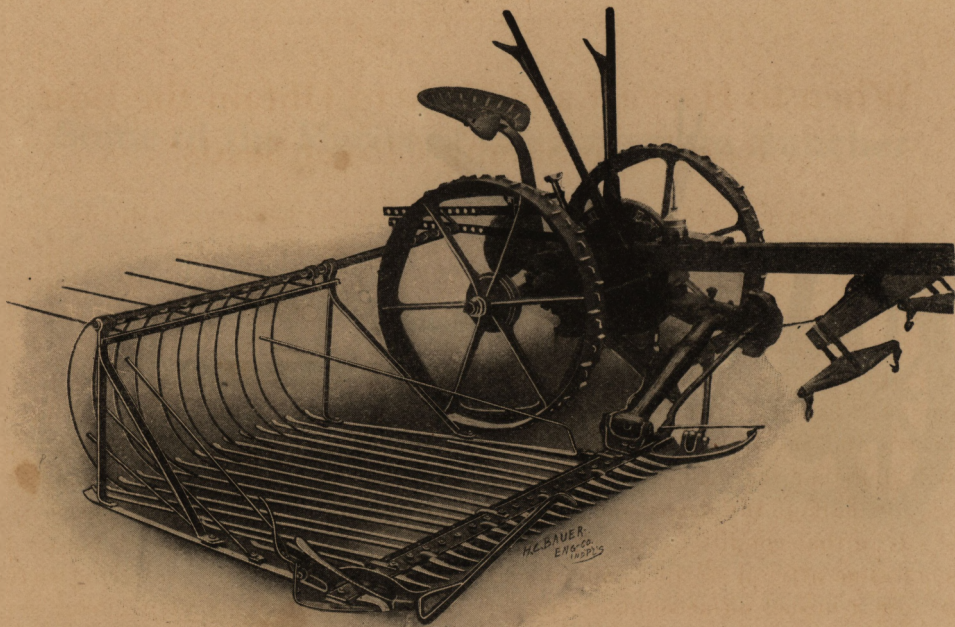
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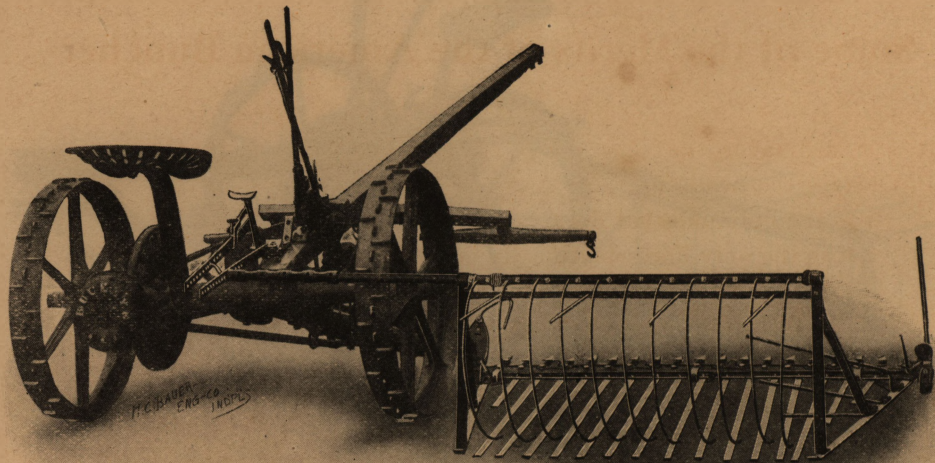
The AMERICAN BUNCHER leaves clover like this when cut for seed, heads all up.

When to Harvest and How to Obtain the Best Results in Saving Clover Seeds

A LARGE majority of farmers cut their clover before it is all ripe, and thereby lose a great deal of seed, as the green and unmatured seed dries up and blows out with the chaff. This is one of the principal reasons why there are so many poor yields. When clover is ripe enough to cut for seed, the heads are black and the stalks dead almost to the ground. The mistake is generally made by failing to make a close examination. It often occurs, when the season is hot and dry, that the heads of the clover will turn brown and the clover will appear to be ripe, but if you examine closely you will find that the inside of the heads and stalks are perfectly green, and the seed in half of the heads not yet in the dough, and, of course, all such seed, if cut in that condition, will be a total loss. It does not hurt clover to stand some time after it is ripe, and you had better lose a peck by shattering than to lose a bushel on account of cutting too green. If you let your clover get ripe and attach the American Buncher to your mower, we feel sure that you will agree with us in saying that you saved more clover seed with greater ease and in better condition than ever before.



This picture shows a front view of the AMERICAN BUNCHER, ready for business.
The AMERICAN BUNCHER saves one bushel more to the acre than any other device.
Get one and save all your seed this year.



This picture shows a rear view of the AMERICAN BUNCHER, which is made of the very finest steel and malleable.

Some of the Merits of the American Buncher

It bunches.

It is a seed saver.

It leaves the heads up.

It is the only one that does.

It is the only one scientifically constructed.

It is the only one that will handle seed without loss.

It is the only one that will deliver the crop to the huller in proper shape.

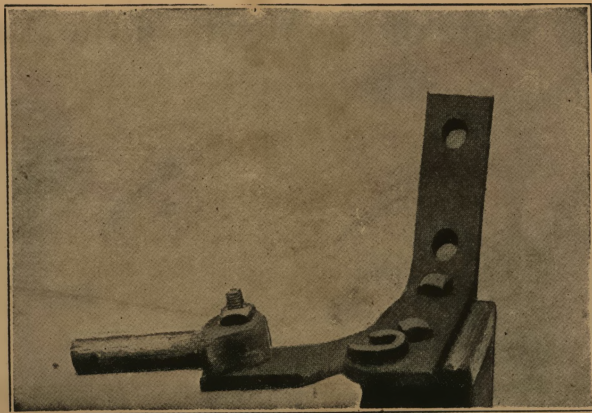
It is the only one that excludes weeds, trash and other objectionable matter.

It is the only one for which honest claim can be made that more seed can be saved than by the old process.

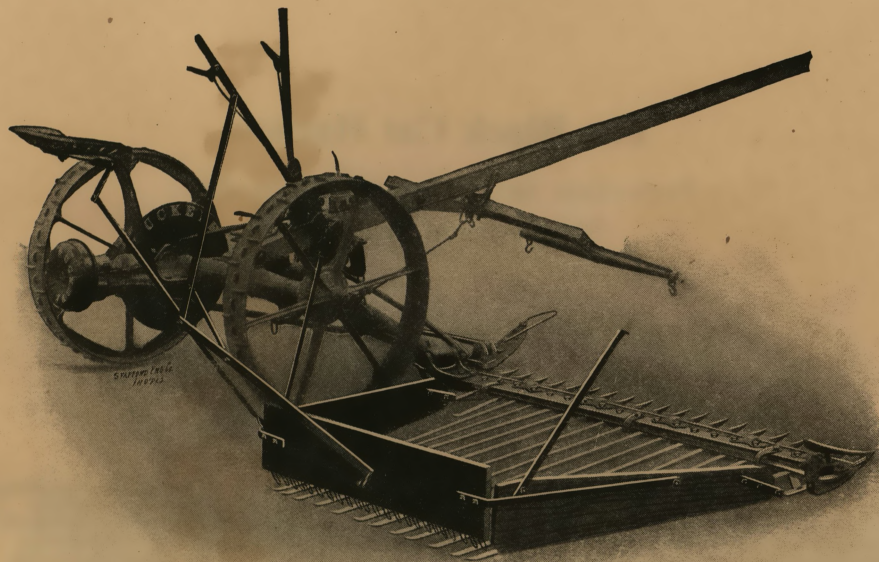
It is the only one that carries the grass straight back from cutter bar with the least possible disturbance and no loss of seed.



This cut shows our Universal Tongue Casting as it will work on the Champion, Milwaukee and Standard mowers. It will be seen that only a slight change in position is necessary to make it work on any other mower.



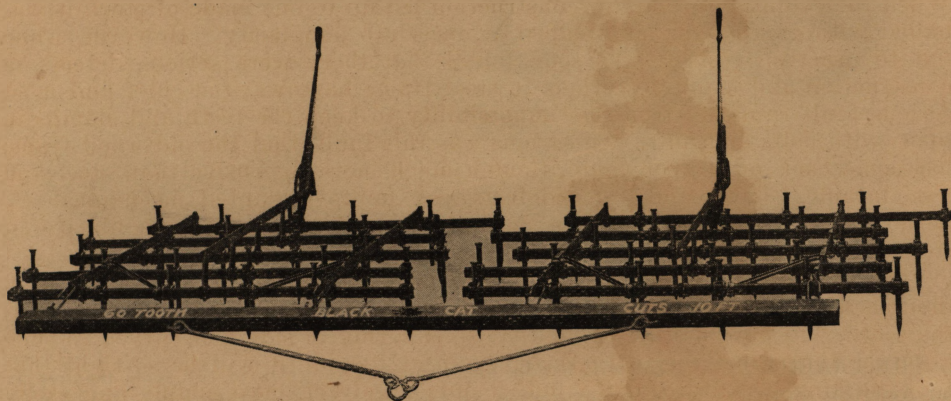
The Universal Tongue Casting in the position shown in cut will work on the Deering made prior to 1901.



THE PRAIRIE BUNCHER will handle any character of grass in the same manner as our American Buncher, but is less expensive, as good wood sides and ends are used instead of the steel strop rack that is used on the American. ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR HANDLING PRAIRIE HAY, as the wood sides and ends protect the material from the wind.

The Black Cat Harrow

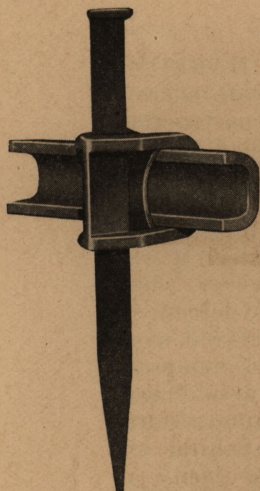
Perfection in Harrow Construction
Simplest and Strongest



BLACK CAT HARROW, ready for business

UP TO the present day, and the advent of the BLACK CAT HARROW, there have been no distinguishing features in steel spike tooth harrow construction. They have been and still are so similar in construction as to leave the purchaser with no choice. He has simply had to take what has been offered, assuming that one was as good as another, none being entirely satisfactory. There has been less improvement in harrows than any farm implement, important as it is in the preparation of the soil for seeding. When the evolution in harrow construction led up to one made of steel, it was hailed with great favor, and leaped at once into popularity. However, when put to practical tests it was soon found that there were serious defects in construction and many objections to steel frame harrows: the chief and most serious fault resulting from the **impossibility** to keep the teeth and clamps in place with bolts and nuts. So serious was this fault, that the old wood frame has come back into favor again, though much more expensive than steel and less durable. These and other defects and faults prompted mechanical experts and inventors to evolve a method of perpetuating the popularity of steel frame harrows.

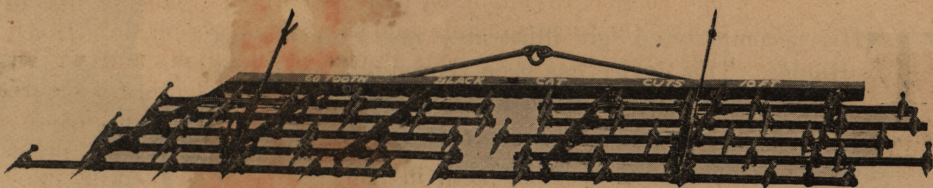
The process is so **simple** that it is a thousand wonders it has not been thought of years ago. The clamp, which fits snugly over the U bar and holds the tooth, will have a stiff, strong, flat steel spring in side and curved to such a degree that when the tooth is driven in at its side it will be so tight that "all the king's horses couldn't pull it out;" and yet, most simply and easily and quickly adjusted to any length desired. This spring is set in slots at



Showing tooth held to U bar
without bolts or nuts—
never lose out.

each end so that it cannot be displaced or lost, causing the loss of a tooth—the impardonable fault and ever-present objection to all other steel harrows. **This device is patented, and we will fight for its protection if necessary.** Thus the teeth are secured in place **without** the use of **bolts or nuts**. All objections to a steel frame harrow have been overcome. This simple device everlastingly holds the teeth in place without weakening the U bar in the least. The strength and durability of harrows have been greatly impaired by the innumerable holes necessary for the innumerable bolts, weakening the harrow to such a degree as to bring it under condemnation because of its lack of strength. The elimination of holes, bolts, etc., has entirely overcome this serious fault. Steel parts cannot be bolted together so as to be dependable. Friction, strain, crystalization and wear will inevitably cause them to become loose. The Black Cat Harrow is constructed on strictly scientific lines in every detail. Heretofore harrows have been harrows, all alike and on a par. **The Black**

Cat Harrow has features all its own, and so marked as to distinguish it from any other and place it in a class to itself. It has talking points most helpful to the dealer in demonstrating to his customer that it is **easily** and by **far** superior to **any** harrows made up to this day.



BLACK CAT HARROW, ready to move from field to field or for drag or float.

The round side of the U bar to the **front** instead of the **hollow** side, hence it gathers no trash. The teeth can be adjusted to any position from a horizontal to a perpendicular. The flexibility of the sections make it possible to harrow uneven surfaces alike. The absence of bolts and nuts give a smooth surface when used as a drag, so that no trash is gathered when surfacing the ground before seeding. The relief spring serves a valuable purpose; in fact, is indispensable in harrow construction, as it yields sufficiently to prevent breakage or bending of parts when the harrow meets any solid obstruction. It is readily admitted that there are good harrows on the market—a lot of them—but, with due respect for them all, we make the statement confidently that we have them **all** beaten.

The Nicholas Handy Sack Holder

THE accompanying cut illustrates the Handy Sack Holder. This device has been thoroughly tried and found to be very practical and handy, as the name implies. It can be moved about for use, from place to place, as easily as a scoop shovel or half-bushel, and one man can fill sacks with it better than if he had some one to hold them.

It is constructed of iron and steel, with a spring steel rim at the top, which serves to expand the top of the sack and hold it open while being filled. When not in use, the Handy Sack Holder can be folded and hung up on a nail or peg, where it will be entirely out of the way.

Every farmer should have a Handy Sack Holder in his barn, as he will find that after becoming accustomed to its use, it is almost indispensable. We desire agents everywhere, and if there is no agent representing us in your locality, write us and secure the agency and supply your neighbors, for every farmer who has a barn, and grain to sack, will buy one when you show it to him.

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