

CIRCULAR.

It is very gratifying to us to know that the Twenty Thousand Farmers who have bought the JOHN P. MANNY COMBINED REAPERS AND MOWERS of us during the past few years have all had such a satisfactory experience in using them, that they are ready and willing to recommend them as being the best and most economical machine within their knowledge. No higher or better testimony can be given of the superiority of the JOHN P. MANNY, than is found in the fact that it is approved and recommended by all who purchase it. It is also gratifying to know that the great improvements which we have made on our machine this year will render it more worthy of favor and confidence than it has ever been before. In the following pages will be found a description of some of the leading features of our Improved Machine; and which we hope will be carefully read by every person who wishes to purchase a Reaper and Mower.

Please remember, the

JOHN P. MANNY

Is the machine represented in this pamphlet. There are two other "Manny" Machines in the market; one, the P. Manny, which is manufactured at Freeport, Ill.; the other, the J. H. Manny, manufactured by various parties in Rockford, Ill. The JOHN P. MANNY



is entirely different from either of the others. Farmers cannot mistake our machine, on examination, especially if they will remember that the "JOHN P. MANNY" is the only Manny Machine that carries the cutter bar in rear of the driving wheel.

PRICES AT THE SHOP.

Combined Self-Rake and Mower, - - - \$195.00

Combined Hand-Rake and Mower, - - - \$150.00

EST \$10 will be deducted from the above prices for cash on delivery of Machine.

Dropper, - - - - - \$ 20.00

N. C. THOMPSON, Manufacturer,

Rockford, Illinois.

The New John P. Manny



Combined Self-Rake and Mower.

It is with great pleasure we are able to present the New JOHN P. MANNY COMBINED SELF-RAKING REAPER AND MOWER to the farming public. It is simple, strong and durable, does the greatest variety of work, is easily handled, and of light draft. It has no chains, or cams, or rollers, has a curved platform, and is the only Machine that slows the motion as the rake passes across the platform—a very valuable improvement—which gives the greatest power to the Rake at the very time when most is required. It has but few places to oil, and those very accessible. It has been thoroughly tested, and has surpassed in work every competitor. A boy twelve or fourteen years old will manage it with all ease. It has been exhibited at five Western State Fairs, and has received the unqualified encomiums of all who saw it. It is without doubt the best Self-Rake that is made. The JOHN P. MANNY COMBINED REAPER AND MOWER, as is well known, has been

CONSIDERATIONS FOR THINKING FARMERS.

FIRST.—The demand shows its success. Near 100,000 Manny machines have been built and used.

SECOND.—John H. Manny made the first Combined Reaping and Mowing machine in the world; and of the multitudes that have since sprung up, none equal it, though those work best that copy it most closely.

THIRD.—This machine as now built is very durable, and costs but little for repairs, as every one that has used it testifies.

FOURTH.—*The Price.*—Considering the quality of the material and workmanship, this is far the cheapest in market.

FIFTH.—We pay extra prices for both material and work, in order to constantly secure the very best of both that can be had.

SIXTH.—The Self-Raker can be added cheaply at any time.

SEVENTH.—It has received more premiums than any of its competitors, amounting to several hundreds, such as Gold and Silver Medals, with large sums of money, at Paris, France, year after year; highest prizes in sixteen States, and in several of them year after year. Also, from almost if not quite every County Society in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Minnesota.

EIGHTH.—At the two most thorough field trials ever held in this country, each of which lasted about a week, one in Geneva, N. Y., in 1857, when over forty entries were made, the Manny machine received from a large jury of the first farmers of the nation the highest prizes—Gold Medals and Diplomas.

NINTH.—In 1859 at the great Chicago Fair, where were exhibited the largest and finest lot of Reapers ever collected at any one place in the world, the Manny machine again took its place at the head; and carried the *first prize—Big Medal!* At the Missouri State Fair, at St. Louis, a few days after, the *Grand Gold Medal of Honor and fifty dollars* were awarded to it.

TENTH.—In 1862, at the Great World's International Exhibition in London, over the superhuman efforts of other extensive American Reaper manufacturers, it received the highest award granted to anything in the exhibition.

ELEVENTH.—In 1864 and '66 Harvesting Implements from our Establishment received Eleven State Fair first premiums including Grand Silver Medal.

TWELFTH.—At the late field trial held at Rochester, Minnesota, in 1867, where forty-eight different entries were made, the JOHN H. MANNY COMBINED MACHINE did the best work with the lightest draft, and was given the First Premium (the highest awarded) over all others as the best Hand Raking Reaper; and in competition with different Two-Wheel Machines, was awarded over them a premium as a Single Mower. Receiving, also, Premiums for Combined Reaper and Mower, Combined Self-Raking Reaper and Mower, and as a Combined Hand and Self-Raking Reaper and Mower.

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THE PRIZE TAKER OF THE WORLD.

FOUR MEN SAVED IN BINDING.



The J. H. Manny Combined Machine as seen in Reaping.

The height of cut is varied from the ground to about eighteen inches high, by simply pushing forward or pulling back the lever "L." To use this Machine without a driver, see 8th page of this pamphlet. The change from Reaper to Mower is made in a moment, by simply removing the loose platform "P."

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THE JOHN P. MANNY COMBINED SELF-RAKE AND MOWER, AS A MOWER.

on the ground; the Rake took up the grain good and delivered the butt ends square, much better than I ever saw the grain raked off by hand. The under side of the bundles lie straight, making the binding more easy and rapid.

Any one that will examine the ground that the "John P. Manny" Self-Rake worked on, will say that it was too rough for any Machine.

POST OFFICE, Rockford, Ill.

A. A. NEEDHAM.

BECKERT, Winnebago County, Illinois, Sept. 11th, 1869.

Dear Sir:—In relation to the "John P. Manny" Self-Rake which you left with me this season, with the understanding that, I might give it a thorough trial, and if I was not satisfied that it came up to the recommendation you gave it, that I need not keep it, and that you would have it taken away, I would state that you need not take it away. I am pleased with the experience I have had with it. I had been to the expense of thoroughly repairing my old Machine, and expected to have completed my harvest with it, but after seeing you and trying your new Self-Rake, I hauled the old one aside and there left it. I thought when I took the Machine that I would try it in a field of very heavy, green oats that I had, and if it cut them satisfactorily that would be a very severe test. I would state that my boy, 11 years old, attended to the Machine, and I worked with the binders.

It lays off the bundles nicer than could possibly have been done by hand. The bundles are easier bound, and stand up straighter than those from the Hand Rake. I expect my boy will cut for me hereafter, and I consider that the difference of his being on the Machine instead of me, will pay for the Rake each year.

From the above statement you will understand what my feelings are in regard to your Machine.

With regards, I am very truly yours,

RICHARD DEAN.

The following letter from Mr. Jesse White, Jr., appeared in the Rochester (Minn.) Post, of Sept. 11th, 1869. Mr. White has given the John P. Manny Self-Rake an exceedingly searching test during the past harvest, the culmination of which was in the trial reported below. We omit a few passages which have reference only to the unpleasant experiences of competing Machines in the trial, which we deem unnecessary for this Circular.

Mr. White is thoroughly posted as to the merits of all the Self-Rakes in market, and we regard his tests, and the conclusions he has drawn in regard to the John P. Manny Self-Rake, together with the testimony which he presents of the binders and spectators, as not only eminently satisfactory but equally convincing and conclusive.

[From the Rochester (Minn.) Post, September 11, 1869.]

TRIAL OF REAPERS.

ROCHESTER, Minnesota, August 30, 1869.

ROCHESTER POST:—A very thorough test of several of the leading Reapers, represented by their respective agents, has just taken place on Cook Bros.' farm, two miles east of the city, causing quite an excitement among the "Machine men," and proving, beyond a doubt, to a large number of spectators, the superiority of the John P. Manny Combined Reaper and Mower, with Mr. Manny's new Self-Rake, over all others represented.

The trial, or rather the test referred to (as there was no committee appointed), was in a piece of oats on new breaking, which was probably the heaviest grain ever grown in Olmsted county. Had they stood as they grew they would have averaged from five to six feet high; but part of them had lodged very early in the season, grown up and lodged again, which process had apparently been repeated several times, until they formed almost a perfect mat on the ground.

The machines represented in the test were the Valley Chief, Johnson, McCormick, and John P. Manny's Self-Raking Combined Reaper and Mower.

On Wednesday afternoon the John P. Manny made its appearance. This proved quite a surprise to several, who supposed that so light a machine as this, with a new and almost unused self-rake, would not venture on so severe a test; but with a very light team

THE J. H. MANNY MACHINE

Strongest and Lightest Draft Machine in the World.

Is all that it is recommended to be, and its present high reputation is made by machines at actual work in the field. Nearly one hundred thousand have been demanded and built, and because of this unparalleled demand and success, it receives the combined antagonism of all other reaper builders and agents, which, to a reasoning man, is the highest proof of its merit, as well as its most extended source of advertisement.

We are willing the machine should stand on its OWN MERITS, and the unqualified approval of those who have used it, confident that all will see that the absence of all side draft and weight on the necks of the horses, and that the arrangement for raising and lowering, without stopping the team to pick up lodged grain, and changing from Reaper to Mower in *one-half minute*, without removing a bolt or screw, are great advantages over all other machines. We only ask farmers to examine the main principles of the machine, and the advantages combined in it, that they can get in no other. Please look over the sample that is furnished the Agent near you, and you will see that in buying the J. H. Manny Machine you will get:

1st. A machine that is compact, strong, thoroughly braced and of light draft.

2d. A machine whose height of cut is as easily raised and lowered as a twenty pound weight, thus saving a large amount by picking up all little patches of down and lodged grain.

3d. A machine giving the forker a chance to assist tangled grain in getting straight upon the platform, and that places the forker in a position where his work is but little harder than driving, many preferring to fork off rather than to drive.

4th. A machine that runs easy, and is easily managed by both man and team.

5th. A machine that has no side draft.

6th. A machine that will either reap or mow better than most of those made especially for either purpose.

7th. A machine that is always ready for work, and has not to be stopped every half day an hour or so for repairs, and at the same time stopping the work of six or eight hands.

8th. A machine that you cannot be humbugged in buying, as it gives general satisfaction, and has been successfully used by nearly one hundred thousand farmers, which is conclusive evidence in its favor.

MANNY AGENTS.

We have endeavored to secure the services of men as Agents who have a reputation for honesty, integrity, and ability; and with the caution taken to get only such men, we feel safe in promising that customers will find each of our Agents men that will do as they agree. We want no machines sold by unfair means, nor promise made that we do not require payments when due, for a machine sold by deceit is likely to condemn the Agent selling it, the men building it, and finally, the machine itself; for neither truth nor fraud can be so covered but what each will ultimately reach its level of high honor or low abasement. And if any agent shows in his deal that he is not fully up to this standard of manhood, we shall be under obligations for all information that will help us to determine the man's character.

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The above Cut shows how, with a steady team, one man can both Rake and Drive on the John H. Manny Machine.

LETTERS FROM FARMERS TELLING WHAT THEY THINK OF THE OLD MANNY AS NOW NEWLY IMPROVED.

These are but a few of them. To publish the whole, it would take hundreds of pages, for the MANNY is now used on nearly 100,000 Farms.

FARMERS READ WHAT FARMERS SAY.

The following is from the Farmer who took the Prize of the Illinois State Agricultural Society for the best Wheat Field.

NAPERVILLE, Du Page Co., Ill.
Mr. C. K. W. Howard—Dear Sir: In answer to your inquiry, "how I like the Premium Reaper" furnished through you by Emerson & Co., I can say I cut 100 acres of grain and grass without an hour's delay or a cent's expense, and the machine looks as though it would do the same thing annually for the next ten years, at least. I have had in use on my own farm, and have seen in use by my neighbors, machines of numberless different kinds, and among them all I know of none that for reliability, durability, strength, ease of draft, and general good qualities, is equal to the "Manny Machine." Among all its good qualities, the fact that when a man goes into the field in the morning, he may believe that in all human probability he can do a day's work without deranging his machine, is in my opinion the best.

Yours truly,

A. S. BARNARD.

Runs 11 Years and good yet—Cuts over 2,000 Acres.

WHEAT HILL, Ill., August 4, 1867.
Emerson & Co.—Gentlemen: The Reaper and Mower I purchased of J. H. Manny eleven years ago, has done excellent service. I have cut more than two thousand acres of hay and grain with it, and I think it is good for one or two thousand more. The machine still works as well as ever, and the cost of repairs to keep it up is so trifling that I dislike to exchange it for anything now, although I doubt not the Self-Reaper is a great improvement.

Very respectfully,

J. RICKER.

Earns \$410 in two years—Repairs cost less than \$1.

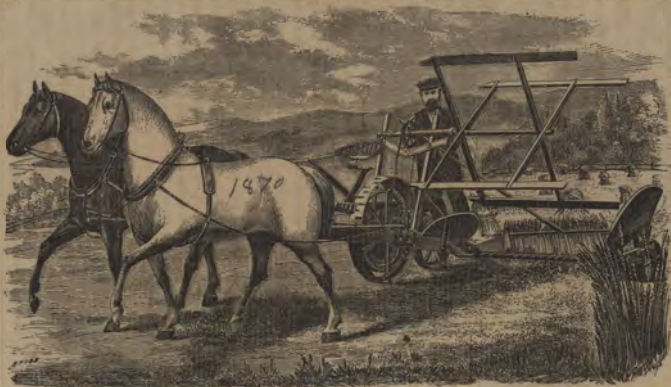
WALNUT, Ill., January 15th, 1868.
Emerson & Co.—Dear Sirs: I wish to become an agent for your John H. Manny Reaper and Mower Combined. Having used one of the two-horse machines in both reaping and mowing for the last two years, and earned Four Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$410) with it, with an expense of less than One Dollar, I can safely recommend it to my neighbors as the best machine now in use for saving grain. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Yours, most respectfully,

JAS. W. BRAMER,

Formerly Captain Co. E, 15th Ill. Vol. Infantry.

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The JOHN P. MANNY Combined Reaper and Mower, as a Hand-Raking Reaper.

we will try to describe it to the reader as if we were actually together, making the examination. And,

FIRST. You will surely admire the comely appearance and just proportion of every part, as well as the high finish and evident care in its manufacture.

SECOND. You will notice how perfectly it is balanced on its *three wheels* (in equal proportion to their size,) so that the machine stands up square, and moves about easily, and without bringing a severe strain upon any part. Two of these wheels being casters, the team can turn square corners without straining themselves or the machine. By thus distributing the weight of the machine upon *three wheels* (according to their size,) so that no two of them are in line, either way, we have heretofore been able to reap on soft and muddy ground, and also to mow on boggy and spongy lands, where other machines could not work, besides being easier for the horses to control, and more comfortable to ride upon through "dead furrows" or over boggy and rough ground.

THIRD. You never saw so perfect a device for raising or lowering the cutters, to cut at different heights, as there is on the JOHN P. MANNY. Both ends of the cutter bar are raised up and *held level* at any desired height, and in such a way that no sagging or twisting strain can possibly be brought on any part of the machine; consequently the machine will always work as free and remain as square and true until it is worn out as it is on the day it is made.

By this method of supporting the cutter bar at both ends, we can raise it to cut grass at any height above the ground that may be desired. We consider this a *great advantage* for timothy meadows, and also for spongy, boggy lands. Farmers who cut much timothy will find this a valuable feature of the JOHN P. MANNY.

Adjusts Itself in Mowing.

In mowing, the cutter bar will of itself follow the undulations of the ground, and conform to uneven surfaces. Either end of the bar will rise over cradle knolls, ant hills or other obstructions, without raising the other, or both can be raised together, at the will of the driver, without stopping the team.

Adjustability in Reaping.

The cutters can be instantly raised or lowered by the operator, as the short or tall grain requires, or to take up lodged spots. It does not



THE JOHN P. MANNY COMBINED REAPER AND MOWER, WITH DROPPER.

machine in many instances to do good work on all sides of the field in lodged grain, where other kinds of machines were either laid up altogether, or could only cut one way. This valuable feature will not be found on any other Reaper.

THE JOHN P. MANNY COMBINED

VERSUS

Single Machines.

There is no single mower that can compare with it for width of cut, lightness of draft, strength, and durability.

It is undoubtedly better worth the money it costs than any of the small mowers, simply as a mower. Indeed, most farmers are surprised at the ease with which they will cut through tough places and adjust themselves over bogs and irregular surfaces.

In practical operation it is as perfectly adapted to mowing as any single mower, and also just as perfectly adapted to reaping as any single reaper, and whether mowing or reaping, it is simple in construction and more direct in its application to the work, than any of the single machines, and it is undoubtedly the only machine that can truthfully claim to be a PERFECT COMBINED REAPER AND MOWER.

Manufacturers of single machines understand very well that nearly every farmer has grain to cut as well as grass, and if they buy a single mower they must also buy a reaper, and in order to bring the price of the two machines within their reach, it is necessary that the *mower* and the *reaper* should be made at the lowest possible cost; hence, it will be found that nearly all single mowers are small and very light, and all single reapers are constructed of wood in many important parts where steel and iron ought to be used.

In making a Combined Machine we can use the same driving wheel, gearing frame, steel finger bar, tongue, etc., for both reaping and mowing. *We therefore can afford to make them more substantial and use the best material, and at the same time keep the price within the reach of every farmer.* Thus we are enabled to make the JOHN P. MANNY a stronger and more durable mower than any single mower, and also a stronger and more durable reaper than any single reaper. *And we unhesitatingly claim that it will cut more acres of grass and grain before it is worn out than any single mower and reaper now in market.* AND WE WARRANT IT TO DO AS GOOD WORK IN EITHER GRASS OR GRAIN AS ANY OTHER MACHINE, either Single or Combined.

We think a moment's calculation will convince any man, who is