

THE EAGLE MOWER.



To Farmers and Others Interested in Agricultural Pursuits:

I beg leave to offer for your consideration a few suggestions touching the interest of Farmers in connection with Mowing Machines.

Among the many machines offered to the public, none can be found that will not mow on smooth, flat land, and the different degrees of merit, from the first crude affair put in motion to the "latest improved," is the difference in draft and facilities of operation upon smooth, flat land. Consequently, full two-thirds of the farmers in the country have been debarred the profit and advantage derived from the use of machinery in harvesting their hay, which in times of scarcity of labor, is severely felt in the agricultural community. All farmers cannot find low lands of which to make meadows. What is now required to meet this demand is a Mowing Machine so constructed that it can be operated on any or all the varieties of surface found in meadows throughout the country—light draft, flexibility of movement, simple in its operation, and strong enough to meet the contingencies of rough, uneven, and stony meadows. My machine possesses all these advantages, and aside from all this, is at all times under the immediate control of the driver in his seat.

The best inventive talent in the country has been brought to bear, during the last 15 years, upon improvements in machinery for mowing, and the success attained is proved by the superiority of the Machines now in use over those of 15 years ago. But heretofore improvements have failed to furnish a Machine adapted to the wants of farmers having rough and uneven meadows; that will mow on both rough and smooth land, with the same draft and equal facilities of operation. That machine we now offer to the public, and assert, and can verify the fact, that such improvement has been made as will enable two thirds, if not more, of all the farmers in the country, including the roughest counties in the State, to mow successfully and profitably with machinery. This is no assumption made to palm off upon the public a doubtful and inferior article, but it is based upon facts, fully attested, of which the proof is both positive and abundant.

THE EAGLE MOWER,

Combining ALL THE IMPROVEMENTS of its predecessors, with advantages not possessed by any of them, has been fully and fairly tested on every variety of soil and surface, and we assert, and are prepared to maintain by ocular demonstration and documentary evidence, will mow and perform its work well, in any place or on any surface clear of stumps, where a team of horses can be safely or prudently driven. And wherever it has been used for the past two years, it stands above rivalry and competition.

In all the machines that have been made, I have not had a single broken piece at the shop, nor received a single call for repairs.

The "Eagle" Mowing Machine has taken the First Premium at the following Fairs: At Vermont State Fair, 1862; at Union Fair, North Adams; at Berkshire (Mass.) County Fair; at Pittsfield (Mass.) Fair; at Ulster (N. Y.) County Fair, Herkimer County Fair; at Trenton Fair; at Union Fair, Seneca Falls, N. Y.; at Seneca County Fair, 1861; at Rensselaer County Fair, at Leneway (Mich.) County Fair 1861-2.

See Description and Testimonials on 2nd and 3d pages.

SENECA FALLS, April 13th, 1863.

E. F. HERRINGTON.

This Machine was patented April 9th, 1861, by E. F. & J. Herrington, of West Hoosick, Rensselaer County, N. Y. It is the only machine which contains all that is required for a perfect mower. It has many new and useful improvements, among which are the following:

1st, The Finger-Bar being perfectly flexible, adapts itself to uneven surfaces, and it is so constructed that the driver can raise either end of it independent of the other, in order to pass over obstructions; or he can, by the same lever, raise the bar to pass over cut grass; also throw it in an upright position, for transportation, without leaving his seat.

2d, It is the only machine which has a double horizontal joint, adjusted to the heel of the sickle in such a manner as to efficiently prevent the pitman from binding in any position.

3d, The Finger-Bar is in front of the machine, and the raising lever is between the driver and knives, making him as safe as he would be riding in a buggy.

4th, It is the only machine having a hand lever convenient to the driver whereby the machinery can be thrown out of gear.

5th, It is the only machine having an adjustable standard by which the crank is lowered, bringing it nearly on a line with the sickle, thus saving power by decreasing friction; it also elevates or depresses the points of the guards, which is very necessary in mowing thick, tangled grass.

6th, This standard holds the main frame permanently wherever it is set; this gives a steady and uniform motion to the knives.

7th, It is the only machine that has an internal rack and catch on the raising lever, to hold the main shoe to any desired height, thus taking away the sliding friction of the finger-bar upon the ground and throwing it upon the wheels.

8th, This is the only machine that has a peculiar joint or box at the rear end of the main shoe, which joint allows it to conform itself to the inequalities of the ground, and by which the bar can be raised or lowered so as to cut any required height of stubble.

9th, The track clearer can be adapted to any kind of grass by simply changing its position, which can be done by removing a single bolt.

10th, It is of very light draught, better clogging with the slowest motion in any kind of grass, cutting a perfect swath whether wet or dry.

11th, It has no side draught or weight upon the horses necks.

12th, For ease and convenience it is not equalled.

TESTIMONIALS:

ROXBURY, DELAWARE COUNTY, N. Y., March 3, 1863.

Wm. C. More & Co., Rondout, N. Y.—GENTS:—Without having any idea that I could use a mowing machine on my upland meadows, I went from mere curiosity to witness the operation of the Eagle Mower on rough, stony ground, and after mowing two or three acres of very sunny meadow, a part of which had been washed by a stream, had been easily and speedily cut, I became convinced of the plain fact that with the Eagle I, too, could avoid the hard labor of mowing with a scythe. As you are aware, I bought a machine at the great trial of mowers at Beaverdam, and operated it successfully and satisfactorily. The very moderate low speed at which the Eagle will mow, enabled me to use it on my rough meadows with success. I cut about 45 acres, and when done the Eagle was hardly scratched, although it had encountered a great many "hard heads," fast and loose. I consider it all that is required for a perfect mowing machine.

Yours with respect,

D. BRINKMAN.

ELMORE'S CORNER, ESOPET, ULSTER CO., N. Y., March, 1863.

W. C. More & Co., Rondout, N. Y.—You request my opinion of the Eagle Mower, we purchased of you last harvest. In reply, I would say, it is all I expected, and more, and that I was agreeably disappointed in its operation. It has never failed in any emergency—wet or dry, rough or smooth. I can stop or start in wet grass without clogging. Can mow regardless of dew or rain. Whether the grass is wet or dry, coarse or fine; whether the ground is rough and rolling, or flat and smooth; at the slowest possible gait, or as fast as is desired. Can operate the machine under any circumstances, raise either end, or both, of the cutter-bar, or fold it up for transportation, without leaving the seat. What more can be desired. I am free to say that I consider the Eagle a perfect mower.

Yours truly,

WM. HENRY COLE.

OFFICE OF THE LENAWEE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY,

ADRIAN, MICH., May 3d, 1862.

I hereby certify that at the last Annual Fair of the Lenawee County Agricultural Society, held in this city, on the 1st, 2d, and 3d days of October, 1861, the Eagle Mower, exhibited by E. F. Herrington, of West Hoosick, Rensselaer County, N. Y., was awarded the first premium, and the machine was particularly recommended by the Society for the reason that it can be perfectly and readily adjusted and operated by the operator while stationed in his seat on the machine. Besides several other decided improvements.

A. HOWELL,

Secretary Lenawee Co. Agricultural Society.

REFERENCERS.—Whitman Joslin, Baskirk's Bridge, Rens. Co., N. Y.; H. W. Fowler, Hoosick Falls, Rens. Co., N. Y.; Benj. Parker, Springfield, Vt.; Isaac C. Howe, Poland, Herk. Co., N. Y.; Z. Archer, West Martinsburg, Lewis Co., N. Y.; Job Bremenstahl, Durhamville, Oneida Co., N. Y.; A. M. Martin, Milford, Otsego Co., N. Y.; Lewis Fort, Easton, Wash. Co., N. Y.; James Williams, Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., N. Y.; R. D. Baird, Harpfield Centre, Del. Co., N. Y.; Wm. Burtless, Seneca Falls, Seneca Co., N. Y.; Alonzo Dewey, Boonville, N. Y.; Chas. Bassett, Adrian, Mich.



THE EAGLE MOWER

Is Manufactured by

E. F. HERRINGTON,

AT SENECA FALLS, SENECA COUNTY, N. Y.

And is warranted to cut grass equal to the best mowers with the scythes. Every purchaser is allowed to cut two acres on trial, and in case anything proves defective, *due notice* must be given me or my agents, and time allowed to send a person to put it in order. If it does not work after this, and the fault is in the machine, it will be taken back and the money refunded, or a perfect machine will be given in its place.

Price of the Eagle Mower is \$100, delivered on board the cars or boat at Seneca Falls. Each machine has 2 Sickles, 2 Guards and Guard-bolts, 3 Sections, 1 Oiler, 1 Wrench 1 Punch and 1 Coal-Chisel.

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