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PEERLESS REAPER & MOWER CO.

PEERLESS REAPERS & MOWERS

CANTON, OHIO.

SELL
ON THEIR OWN
MERITS.



OUR MOTTO:
PEERLESS,
PROGRESS,
PERFECTION.

YOUNG MAN GO WEST!
THE **PEERLESS** HAS SCOOPED THEM ALL
No more Free Dinners and
Cheap Machines for me,
YOU BET!



CONGRATULATORY.

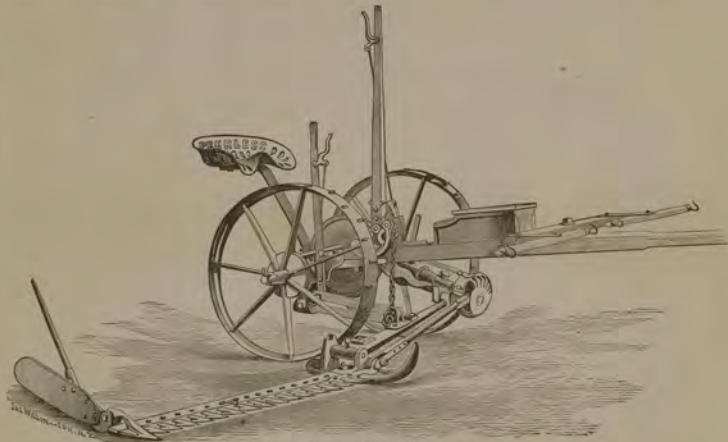
CANTON, OHIO, January 1st, 1882.

IN presenting this our annual Peerless Catalogue for 1882, we feel that it would be useless for us to say anything to commend the Peerless to the great farming public. This has been the most severe and trying season on harvesting machinery for a great many years, and the Peerless, without one single exception, has given entire satisfaction, and more than the most sanguine of its patrons could anticipate; and in numberless cases the owners of the Peerless heard that old Macedonian cry of "Come over and help us" from their unfortunate neighbors, to cut their down and tangled grain when all other kinds of reapers had failed. The Peerless has demonstrated all that has ever been claimed for it. So great was its success in localities where it was in use, that numerous farmers dispensed with their machines and ordered the Peerless by *express*, convinced that it was the only way they could successfully harvest their crops. We sincerely regret our inability to fill the demands for machines made upon us for the season of 1881. We had increased our manufacturing capacity nearly one hundred per cent over the production of 1880. With this startling increase we found ourselves unable to supply the demand for our machines, and with the determination to meet the demand for the season of 1882, if possible, we commenced to manufacture machines September 1st, 1881, for the coming season's trade.

We tender to our friends and patrons, on the threshold of the new year, our heartfelt gratitude, and our fondest hopes are that your pathway through the dim future may bring as few trials and tribulations as is possible in this eventful career of ours.

That you may be prosperous and happy and that Providence may reward you with a bountiful harvest is our sincere wish.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY.



No. 7 Peerless Mower.

THE No. 7 PEERLESS MOWER.

IN the No. 7 Mower will be seen a degree of novelty and utility unequaled by any of the so-called Light Mowers now on the market.

By the peculiar manner of gearing which gives motion to the Knife more cutting power is secured than by other methods now in use. This is a desirable feature in a light machine; as its weight is the only source of power this must be used in the most economical manner. In this machine there are but two Shafts, the Axle and the Crank Shafts, thus reducing the friction to the smallest possible point. The gearing is all neatly inclosed, and by the manner of connecting the Finger Bar to the Frame the most perfect adaptation of the cutters is secured.

It has a good motion, is finely balanced, and has no superior in its class of mowers.

Read What an Experienced Manufacturer Has to Say.

SYCAMORE, DE KALB CO., ILL., July 5, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER AND MOWER COMPANY:

Gents—I wish to say that I had worn out a Cayuga Chief, a Meadow King, and a Sprague before buying the Peerless, and I have personally used the Champion and Ball, but your mower has already given me as much wear as the three that are worn out (I cut a large amount of grass each year now), has *never given any trouble at all*, and is apparently good for years yet. It is true economy in building mowers to make them strong and heavy, and if farmers knew what was best they would not hesitate to pay the extra price which such mowers require to pay manufacturers for such extra weight and work.

Truly yours, C. W. MARSH.

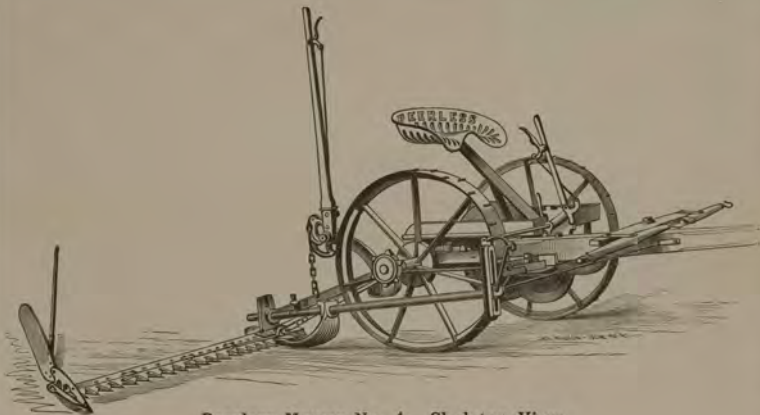
GREENWOOD, WIS., Sept. 28, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

This is to certify that the Peerless Reapers purchased of your agent, Mr. Charles Cornelius, this season, owned by the persons who sign below, is acknowledged by all of us as the best reaper ever placed on the market. It embodies all the good points of other Reapers of the day, and has many superior features of its own. After seeing and working in the field with the New Champion and McCormick, we have no hesitation in saying that the Peerless Reaper gets away with either of the others, therefore demonstrating that it has the merits of all and the superior merits of its own. Its evenness of draft, light running, and its many conveniences, are apparent to all who see it, and we commend it to whoever wants a first-class, economical Reaper and Mower.

JOHN SHANKS,
THOMAS SYTH,

JOHN HEWART,
F. WATERBERRY



Peerless Mower No. 4. Skeleton View.

THE No. 4 PEERLESS MOWER

IS made for a combined machine, so as to be used either as a Mower or as a Reaper, by attaching either the self-rake or dropper.

THE No. 5 PEERLESS MOWER

IS a single mower, and is similar in construction to the No. 4, and equally as effective. It differs but slightly from the No. 4 in being lighter in weight, and in that no reaper can be attached to it.

THE PEERLESS MOWER

EMBODIES all the principles of a first-class machine. It has successfully cut its way through the heaviest clover fields and the densest meadows and marshes. Its cutting powers are unlimited as far as any kind of grass is concerned. It has won many victories at hotly-contested field trials, and at the Centennial field trial—which was the severest trial by far to which a mower has ever been subjected—it covered itself with glory, by winning a signal victory over all of its illustrious competitors. The laurels it won then, and since, has made the Peerless the Master Mower of the World, and we mean that it shall ever retain this honorable position.

It is strong and durable, and, considering the width of cut, is the lightest draft mower in use, and is capable of the greatest range and the best quality of work, as has been fully demonstrated by many actual tests. We make three sizes of mowers—the No. 4, No. 5 and No. 7 Peerless.

NO FAULT CAN BE FOUND WITH ITS WORK.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

LINCOLN, OHIO, August 31, 1881.

I bought one of your No. 4 Mowers this season and am highly pleased with it. No fault can be found with its work. I can cut as high as thirteen acres of heavy meadow grass with it in one day without changing teams. I tried a Champion machine before purchasing a Peerless and tried it beside a Peerless owned by my neighbor, Isaac Bennett, and your machine was so superior to it that I at once returned it to the agents from whom I got it and took a Peerless. I recommend the Peerless also on account of its simplicity. I have had three other machines, but can say none is equal to the Peerless.

E. S. ROBY.

THE FRAME.

WHAT the foundation is to the superstructure built thereon, the frame is to the rest of the machine. It should, therefore, be strong and durable. The frame of the Peerless is made of *cast iron* of superior quality, heavy enough to secure the requisite strength and stiffness, and to guard fully against breakages. It is perfectly rigid, which secures to the working parts—gears, shaftings and bearings—a *fixed* and *permanent* relation throughout the life-time of the machine; which is absolutely necessary to insure a permanently light-running machine. All these desirable features, which are so essential to long life in a machine, and which are so admirably secured in the frame of the Peerless, can *only* be obtained in a cast-iron frame. Notwithstanding the great amount of talk indulged in by some manufacturers in favor of a wrought-iron frame, we assert, without fear of successful contradiction, that the aforementioned results cannot be satisfactorily obtained in a wrought-iron frame, or one made of a combination of wrought and cast iron. Such are liable to spring, warp or twist out of shape, which must result in cramping the gearing and bearings, and, as a consequence, make the machine run hard and wear out fast. The bolts and nuts by which the frame is held together are liable to work loose, the result of which would necessarily prove most disastrous to the machine. Our superintendent was the first to place upon the market a machine with a wrought-iron frame. But experience has long since taught him that a wrought-iron frame, no matter how well made, is wanting in points the most essential, and hence it was abandoned for something far better—combining all the qualities essential to a perfect frame, and which are now found in a cast iron one, such as we use in the construction of the Peerless.

DOES SPLENDID WORK ON HILLY GROUND.

MEHILVILLE, Mo., Sept. 1, 1881.

SPANNAGEL & KÜHLEMAN, St. Louis, Mo.:

I bought a Peerless Self-rake from your agent, and have been well paid for so doing. All my neighbors told me it would not work well in such hilly country, but it did splendid work with the lightest draft I ever saw, and gave no fatigue to the horses. I cut through a large harvest of my own and then cut for some of my neighbors, who owned the Buckeye, their down and tangled pieces of grain which they could not cut. The Peerless are considered the best machines in our county.

Yours truly,

JOHN GRABLEY.

THE MANNER OF GEARING

Or giving motion to the cutters, as employed in the Peerless, deserves attention. This motion has its starting-point in the drive-wheels, which in the Peerless are strong, yet neat in appearance, and are not encumbered with cog-gear that is likely to fill up with dirt or sand, which is constantly falling from the tread of the drive-wheels, to clog or rapidly grind or cut out the gearing, and thus make the machine run hard. Instead of adopting this objectionable mode of communicating motion from the drive-wheels in the Peerless, it is done by means of ratchet-wheels and pawls neatly encased within the hubs of the drive-wheels, which renders them free from exposure to rain or dirt, and any liability of becoming deranged. By means of these ratchets, motion is given to the main shaft, and by acting independently, as they do, a continuous motion is given to the knife, regardless of the curvature of the machine, thus enabling the driver to stop and successfully start the machine in the heaviest grass or grain without backing the team. The master cog-wheel is a straight-toothed or spur-wheel, so that whatever there is of end motion of the axle, it will move the master-wheel tooth or cog endways on the tooth of its pinions, and not out and in gear, as would be the case where a *bevel gear* is used, and, as the first set of gear-wheel have about five times as much pressure to endure as the second gear, you will see that we have taken advantage of the errors of others, and place our best gear where the most strength and service is required. The gear-wheels in the Peerless are all made as perfect as it is possible, and of a superior quality of iron.

THE SHAFTINGS

Are all of sufficient thickness to give the required strength to avoid all danger of springing or bending, and the

ITS WORK SUPERIOR TO OTHER MACHINES.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

CONIT, OHIO, July 28, 1881.

I bought and used one of your No. 4 Peerless Self-rakes the past harvest, and feel it my duty to say a few words of praise for its unequalled merits. I mowed eighteen acres of heavy grass and cut fifty acres of wheat. I tried it beside the Superior mower and had the Champion light mower working in the next field, and its work was highly superior to that of those machines. It has the lightest draft of any combined machine I ever saw. It throws the sheaves in good shape, and I can throw the bar down close to the ground and take up all lodged and tangled grain.

JOHN LANE.



No. 4 Peerless Self-Raking Reaper at Work.

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Are all turned perfectly true; all of which insure durability and a steady, easy and quiet motion.

THE BOXES

Of the Peerless are *broad split boxes*, lined with a good quality of Babbitt metal, which secures the best possible bearings with the least wear or friction. These boxes can be removed or nicely adjusted to the journals when it becomes necessary. To the farmer we would say, Beware of machines having solid cast-iron boxes; for such soon wear or cut out, the journals become loose, the shaftings are thrown out of line, the gearing becomes cramped, and general and complete destruction of the machine soon follow.

THE DRAG-BAR,

BY which the finger-bar is controlled and attached to the main frame, is a prominent feature of a machine of this kind. It is of the utmost importance that it should be strong and rigid. Both of these essential qualities are fully acquired in the drag-bar of the Peerless. It consists of a round bar of cold-rolled iron $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter. This bar is passed through the front and rear ends of the runner or shoe, and by this means is the finger-bar hinged to the drag-bar, and forms a connection of the two, in a manner that secures not only the greatest strength, but also the most valuable qualities. The front end of the drag-bar is adjustable, and, by the aid of the tilting-lever can be moved up and down, so as to perfectly adapt the finger-bar and knife to every condition of crop to be cut, or the ground over which the drag-bar is drawn. These features are peculiarly our own, and are secured to us by letters patent, re-issue No. 5058, dated September 17, 1872, viz.:

"The combination, in a harvester, of a main frame, a drag-bar pivoted thereto, mechanism for adjusting the front end of said drag-bar vertically, a perforated runner (carrying the finger-beam), through which runner the drag-bar passes, and which swings on the drag-bar, substantially as set forth, to adjust the inclination of the guards and to allow the finger-beam freely to rise and fall at either end by swinging on the drag-bar."

Peerless Well Balanced and Puts no Weight on the Horses' Necks.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY;

OLIVE GREEN, O., July 28, 1881.

I purchased this season of your agent, D. McCay, a No. 4 Self-rake. I have cut thirty acres of grass and forty-five acres of wheat. I have cut over the roughest ground in the township, and done work that can't be beaten. The Peerless is very light draft, has no side draft, and is well balanced. It puts no weight on the horses' necks, and is easily managed. Hoping that you will have great success the coming season, I am,

Yours truly,

JOHN B. STURDEVANT.

BAR, GUARDS AND KNIVES.

NO part of a mower or reaper demands a more careful attention than does the cutting apparatus. If this is defective—no matter how perfect the rest of the machine may be—it is sufficient cause for condemning the whole machine; for, if the cutting apparatus fails, the machine is rendered utterly useless. Fully realizing the importance that attaches itself to this part of the machine, we have labored hard to make the cutting apparatus of the Peerless as perfect in all of its parts as possible, and the marvelous cutting capacity displayed by the Peerless, whenever and wherever in use, either as a mower or a reaper, affords convincing proof that our labor has been rewarded with complete success. We hesitate not to say that the cutting apparatus of the Peerless is in every way the best and most perfect in use.

The Bar is made of cold-rolled iron of the best quality, which experience has fully demonstrated makes the best bar, because the strongest and the least liable to twist or bend.

The Guards are made of the very best quality of malleable iron, with a steel plate of the same quality as the knife-blades, securely fastened within the slot for a cutting edge; afterwards they are placed in a former and subjected to a heavy pressure in a powerful press, which condenses the iron so as to stiffen and strengthen it to a degree heretofore unknown, and also imparts to them a uniformity of shape that otherwise is not obtainable, and when fastened to the bar presents a perfectly uniform cutting edge throughout the whole length of it. This feature, along with others, is what has made the cutting apparatus of the Peerless the superior of other machines. The Guards, instead of being riveted to the bar, as is found in general use, are securely bolted to the bars. While they are thus more firmly fastened than by being riveted, they are also more readily removed and replaced in case of breakages, or when they require grinding or sharpening. We have demonstrated by actual tests, as well as years of experience, the superiority of the malleable guards over those of wrought iron; and, in a few years, all practical machine men will be convinced of the fact that it is the safest and most satisfactory guard ever used.

Our Knives are made strong, and of the best quality of steel, and of superior finish; the blades are of such a form as to secure the greatest and easiest cutting capacity.

PITMAN AND CONNECTIONS.

This part of the machine has been a source of much trouble to most manufacturers. To find a Pitman, with connections perfectly satisfactory in all respects, has been the one great study. We have in the Pitman, with the connections we are now using on the Peerless, the acme of perfection. The Pitman is strong and durable, without the least liability of bending or breaking, and in the use of it the danger of twisting or tearing off the knife-heel is avoided; there are no expensive bolts about it to constantly break and cause great inconvenience and annoyance. If the farmer desires a machine that is entirely free from these aggravating faults, let him select the Peerless.

GAVE PERFECT SATISFACTION.

CURRYVILLE, MO., Sept. 1, 1881.

SPANNAGEL & KUHLEMAN, St. Louis, Mo.:

Gentlemen—This is to certify that I bought of Mr. James Doolin a Peerless and that it gave perfect satisfaction. I am well pleased with it. R. A. TRIBBLE.

NELSON, OHIO, October 4, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

The combined Peerless Mower and Reaper I purchased of your agent, Mr. E. B. Esty, this season has given entire satisfaction. I fully believe that we would all have better-natured men and horses if there were only Peerless machines used. For ease of draft and light running they have no equal. If my horses could talk they would say, "We have no sore necks or breasts because we pulled a Peerless this season," which is true. The Reaper does ~~not~~ work perfectly, laying the bundles more even than any other reaper I ever saw. The expression of hands who bound after my Reaper was to the effect that they never saw bundles laid so nicely. It beats the world in lodged grain. Peerless to the front. Respectfully yours, L. C. LEWIS.

NELSON, OHIO, Sept. 10, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

I own a Peerless Reaper and Mower, and fully concur with Mr. Lewis in what he says of its excellence in the above. Very respectfully, GEN. E. HEDGER.

OREVILLE, Ohio, Aug. 7, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

The Peerless is giving splendid satisfaction and will take the lead in this territory next season. Yours truly, ISAAC SCHRIEBER.



No. 4 Peerless Self-Rake Reaper at Work in Tangled Grain.

THE No. 4 PEERLESS SELF-RAKE.

ON the preceding pages we have presented to our readers some of the peculiar merits of the No. 4 Peerless as a mower; we now purpose devoting some space in presenting some of the distinctive features and excellencies of the No. 4 as a Reaper in the form of a Self-Rake. The *brilliant record* this machine has made for itself the past season as a Mower, Self-Rake and Dropper has simply *exceeded all past experience* in the manufacture of mowers and reapers.

It to-day *stands higher* in the estimation of the farmer than any other, and its capabilities of proving *its superior working powers over all others* cannot be questioned, as it has demonstrated this in a number of instances the past season.

The No. 4 Peerless, without a doubt, is the most perfect and efficient combined machine in use, and it challenges successful competition.

No self-rake has ever given the *unbounded satisfaction* as has the Peerless the past season. It stands to-day without a rival.

THE RAKING CAPACITY

Of the Peerless cannot be excelled, if equalled, by any. It delivers the sheaves to the side, out of the way of the team and machine, and in the best possible shape for binding. The rake may be so arranged as to deliver the sheaves automatically, or at the will of the driver, as frequently as two to every complete revolution of a rake, or at intervals as far apart as he may desire.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

ORANGE, WIS., Sept. 17, 1881.

I have one of your Reapers and Mowers; got it this year, and like it better than any other I ever saw work. I can go over rougher places and take up lodged grain better than can any of my neighbors who own a — and a —. It draws very easy and mows down everything before it. I cut hay in a tamarack swamp, full of small roots lying scattered about, but I went through it all, cutting the grass nicely without a break. As a Reaper its work equals, if not surpasses, it as a Mower. To any one who has bad ground to cut over and a heavy lodged grain crop, I say buy a Peerless.

JOHN L. DICKINSON.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

MARYSVILLE, OHIO, Sept. 11, 1881.

The No. 4 Peerless Self-Rakes we bought of your agent, G. W. Stokes, does its work in the most perfect manner, and is the lightest draft machine we know of. It is a perfect jewel, and all who have seen it say it is the best on the market. We recommend it cheerfully to our fellow farmers, and know that if they try it they will never buy any other kind of a machine. Respectfully,
HAMILTON BLOK,
CHAS. AMRINE.

THE RAKE STAND

Of the Peerless is simple, strong, compact, light and perfect in its working properties. Its equal is not to be found on any other self-rake. It has peculiarly strong gears and an excellent rake track, which provides such a course for the rakes to travel, that in their movement the grain is placed upon the platform in better shape than with any other self-rake. It has also another admirable feature, in being low down, enabling the rakes to reel the grain, pick it up when lodged, and place it upon the platform all the more successfully, and to enable the farmer to successfully harvest the different conditions of crops, ranging from the *tallest* rye to the *shortest* barley, without being forced to re-adjust his machine in the slightest degree, as is necessary with other machines.

THE MOTION OF THE RAKES

Is communicated to them from the machine by a strong malleable iron chain revolving upon two sprockets—one fastened to the rake-stand and the other on the end of the axle of the drive-wheel. This arrangement secures a steady motion to the rakes, which is so essential to good reeling and raking, in which features the Peerless excels all others.

OUR RAKE STOP

Is a very simple, effective and convenient contrivance. By means of a ratchet and pawl within the sprocket, on the end of the drive-wheel axle, the driver can, by simply moving the small stud projecting from the pawl, with his thumb and finger, stop the motion of the rakes, which is desirable when moving the machine to and from the field. This is another very striking feature, which is alone to be found on the Peerless machines.

IT LAYS THE SHEAF STRAIGHT AND EVEN.

CARDINGTON, O., Aug. 2, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

We purchased this harvest from your agent, L. Queen, a No. 4 Self-Rake. We cut a large lot of grass and grain with it in a superior manner. Our clover was down very heavy and tangled, but the Peerless cut it to perfection. We have had several other mowers, but yours beats them all. No matter how slow we drive, it cuts all off smooth and clean. In reaping it does not worry the team, is very light in draft. It lays the sheaf straight and even, and we can take up all lodged and tangled grain. We recommend it to all our neighbors.

L. G. & M. W. CARLIS.

THE TILTING LEVER

On the Peerless is an excellent arrangement by which the driver, at an instant, without stopping the machine, can drop the cutter so as to successfully cut and gather the down grain, and to properly adjust the platform to the condition of crop to be cut. This can be done without interfering in the least with the free vibration of the knife, and without binding the pitman at either of its connections.

A NEW CONTRIVANCE

We have added, which will doubtless meet with popular favor, for raising and lowering the outer end of the finger-bar and platform. By means of a lever extending to the rear of the grain-wheel, and between it and the end board of the platform, the finger-bar and platform can be instantly and with facility dropped as low, and elevated as high, as desirable. This device is the simplest and most complete and effective of its kind, and will certainly be regarded with appreciation by those who may have occasion to use it.

THE CHAIN TIGHTENER.

Another valuable improvement that we have added to this year's machines is the Chain Tightener. It is simple and durable and cannot get out of order. It adjusts itself to all conditions of the field, it being supported by a rubber stock which insures perfect pliability at all times and never loses its elasticity.

CANNOT WISH FOR A BETTER REAPER.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

CLIFTON, ILL., July 23, 1881.

I received a card from Parks Brothers praising the Peerless very highly for its splendid work. During their harvest they cut over eighty acres of heavy grain and grass, and they say they cannot wish for a better Reaper. A light team can work in it all day.

Yours truly,

I. VAN DUZOK.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

CLARKS, OHIO, Nov. 3, 1881.

We, the undersigned, have each used your No. 4 Peerless, and through a very heavy and troublesome harvest the past season, as a Mower and as a Reaper, and our judgment is that for light draft, ease of management and perfect work, it has few equals, if any at all, and certainly no superiors. We heartily recommend it to all who desire a good or the best machine made. We bought our machines from W. D. Doy.

A. WETHERWAX,

NIC. MULLETT,

H. SHRINA,

GEORGE GUTHRIE,

A. CRAWFORD.



No. 4 Peerless Dropper in the Field.

THE No. 4 PEERLESS DROPPER.

THE Peerless Dropper has long been a favorite with the farmer, and its past career has been one of uninterrupted success. Its superior working qualities have given it a leading position among Droppers, which it is our purpose it shall ever maintain. We have added valuable improvements to it from time to time; among the most recent of these is to be found the

ADJUSTABLE REEL,

Which is so arranged that the driver can, by means of a lever by his side, in a moment, without stopping the machine, or in the least interfering with its operation, drop the reel, so as to successfully gather lodged grain, or can raise it as quickly to any desired height. This valuable and convenient arrangement renders the reeling capacity of our Dropper perfect.

THE NEW DEVICE,

For raising and lowering the outer end of the finger-bar and platform, which has been mentioned in connection with the No. 4 Peerless Self-Rake, is another improvement to be found on our Dropper, which further adds to its usefulness as well as to its attractiveness.

CHAMPION SCOOPED BY A BOY FOURTEEN YEARS OLD.

MAUSTON, Wis., Sept. 13, 1881.

H. M. OLIN, General Agent Peerless Reaper Company:

It has long been conceded in this part of the country that the Peerless was absolutely without an equal as a Reaper and Mower, but this was demonstrated fully in my absence from home, when my son, fourteen years old, sold one of my customers a Peerless, went out, set it up and started it, and the best of it is, that he beat the Champion agent on the sale. Where is there any machine *but the Peerless* that a boy fourteen years old can set up and run without a fault? Echo answers, there is no other machine like it.

Truly yours,

J. C. WETHERY.

NEW WASHINGTON, OHIO, Sept. 9, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

I bought a No. 6 Peerless Single Reaper of your agent, J. Hunsicker, and am happy to say that I think it the best machine on the market. I cut the past season eighty-five acres of the heaviest kind of grass and grain that grows without a break, and I will put the Peerless in the field against any machine and beat it; for lightness of draft and splendid work, it heads them all. I would say to all brother farmers wanting a Reaper, give the Peerless a trial and you will have no other. I have used the Buckeye, the Champion and the Osborne but the Peerless is the best of all.

Yours truly,

EMANUEL OBERLANDER.



No. 6 Peerless Self-Rake Single Reaper.

The No. 6 Peerless Single Reaper.

ANTICIPATING a growing demand for Single Reapers in the year 1880 we bent our energies in the production of one of which we have reason to feel proud. Crowded to our utmost last season we had hoped to put on the market a thousand, but were unable to reach that number, falling far short of the demand made on us. Last season's test fully demonstrated that it had the best working qualities of any machine of its class.

Our No. 6 Single Reaper has become the leading machine of its kind on the market. Our fondest hopes concerning it have been fully realized, and the qualities it possesses have made for it a brilliant future. We place this machine with entire confidence in its superior merit before the farming public, knowing that it is the simplest, most durable and efficient in its working properties of any Single Reaper now made.

The simpler or the less complicated machinery is made, the better. We have aimed at simplicity, coupled with efficiency, in the production of this machine, and we are pleased to realize that we have found it in an eminent degree, and with the grandest results.

THE PEERLESS A WONDERFUL SUCCESS.

OSHKOSH, WIS., Sept. 11, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

We bought from your agents, Harris & Bailey, a Peerless Reaper this year and are more than pleased with it. We think it runs easier, cuts better, picks up down grain cleaner, and lays off a better sheaf than any other Reaper we have ever seen.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN J. TINKHAM,
EUGENE J. FORD.

NEW CASTLE, IND., Aug. 3, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

I wish to add a word of praise to the many of the No. 4 Peerless I bought of your agents, Mollin & Ice. I had an old Peerless, but sold it, and then bought another Peerless the same day. I had used my old one eight years. I think the Peerless the lightest-running, easiest-managed machine I ever saw, and for superior work in all kinds of grain and grass it is superior to any other I ever saw, and very cheerfully recommend it to all my farming friends.

JOHN SURDEN.

SEAVANVILLE, PA., Nov. 9, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

The Peerless Reaper and Mower that I bought of your agent at Fairview, Mr. S. M. Eaton, has given me and all my hands unbounded satisfaction by its excellent work. My advice to any one wanting to buy a Reaper is, get none other than the Peerless. I consider it rightly named; it is a Peerless machine.

Yours,

C. K. SEVANN.



No. 6 Peerless Single Reaper, Folded for Transportation and on the Road.

ANOTHER SOUL MADE HAPPY.

RUBICON, WIS., Sept. 19, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

The Peerless No. 6 I bought of your agent, William Moser, has given me the greatest satisfaction and pleasure this harvest. It is light draft, strong, durable, and very simple and really does splendid work.

HENRY BUES.

NO EXPENSE AND GIVES UTMOST SATISFACTION.

SHALERSVILLE PORTAGE CO., O., Aug. 2, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

I bought a Peerless No. 6 One-wheel Self-Rake from your agent, G. W. Allen, and it has given me the utmost satisfaction this harvest. I have not paid a cent for repairs on it, and I consider it the best Reaper in the market.

Very truly yours,

SQUIRE MARVIN.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

CARDINGTON, OHIO, Sept. 1, 1881.

I bought one of your No. 4 Peerless Self-Rakes the past season, and with it I have mowed about thirty-five acres of grass and reaped forty acres of grain, doing all in perfect satisfaction. I consider the Peerless very light draft and easy on the team. My team is a light one, and one horse only weighs 800 pounds, but I used no other horses in the machine all summer, and they finished in the best of condition. I saved the expense of one hand last season, because of the fine work done by the Peerless. I have used other machines, and the last was a Table Rake, but they all stand no comparison with the Peerless, for its work can't be equalled, and its light draft and durability put it at the head of the list of machines. Yours truly, HUDSON JONES.

THE RAKE STAND

Is substantially the same as is used on our No. 4 Self-Rake, and, of course, possesses the same superior reeling and raking qualities.

THE DRIVER'S SEAT.

The driver is provided with an excellent seat, so placed as to nicely balance the machine, and where he is entirely out of the way of the rakes, with the

TILTING LEVER

Conveniently by his side, perfectly under his control, and by which he can quickly adapt the machine to every condition of grain while it is in motion.

OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

On this machine, such as for raising and lowering the inside and outside ends of the finger-bar and platform, for folding the machines for transportation (a cut of which is given on another page), and for throwing the machine in and out of gear, are simple, convenient and effective. The Pitman and connections are strong and durable. The gearing and chain are nicely covered, rendering them free from exposure.

CANNOT SPEAK TOO HIGHLY OF THE PEERLESS.

WOOSTER, OHIO, July 14, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

We cannot speak too highly of the Peerless. The one we sold to Mr. Bardon, our State representative, has already cut sixty acres of the worst down wheat we ever saw—indeed it looked as if it had been trampled by cattle—and it runs fully thirty to thirty-five bushels to the acre. The machine cut it through without any stoppages or breakages, and every Peerless we have sold done equally as well. We congratulate you on your machine—it is certainly a daisy.

Yours very respectfully,

HARDING & Co.

NORTH LEWISBURG, O., Nov. 2, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

The No. 4 Peerless Self-Rake and Dropper I purchased from your agent, G. W. Stokes, the past season, did its work in a very superior manner. It runs exceedingly light, has no side draft, no weight on the horses' necks, and a team will not lose any flesh in pulling it all through the harvest. I can cheerfully recommend the Peerless to every farmer who wants a first-class machine.

Respectfully yours,

PEARSON HOLYCROSS.

LIGHT DRAFT.

Another crowning feature of the machine is, that it is a *very light running one*. The machine itself being light in weight, and the working parts being perfect, cannot otherwise but insure lightness in draft. One purchaser of the No. 6 Peerless used it for cutting an acre or more of grain with but one horse hitched to it, without tiring the animal. This should certainly be accepted as positive proof of its light running qualities.

DROPPER.

Those who may prefer the Dropper to the Self-Rake, or desire both, can be suited, as we build the No. 6 Peerless as a Dropper as well as a Self-Rake.

THE BOXES

Are open, and lined with the best quality of Babbitt-metal, which provides a perfect bearing for the journals. These boxes are decidedly superior to solid ones, as in case of wear they can be adjusted so as to insure a close fit at all times, which is of the first importance to secure durability and freedom from breakages.

THEY ARE PERFECT.

RUBICON, Wis., Sept. 19, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

I purchased from your agent, Wm. Moser, one of your No. 4 Combined Peerless Machines, and am highly pleased with it. It runs to perfection, does the work splendidly, and will cut grain in any condition. I consider it the very best combined machine on the market.

Yours,

BYRON JUDD.

EXTREMELY WELL SATISFIED.

EDEN, OHIO, July 27, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

I am one of the farmers lucky enough to get a Peerless No. 5 Mower this harvest, and am extremely well satisfied with it. It is the lightest draft machine I ever hitched to. I have used the Buckeye and the ———, and have seen many other machines work, but prefer the Peerless to them all.

ABRAHAM HEINLEIN.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

ST. MARY'S, OHIO, Sept. 10, 1881.

I very cheerfully can certify that the No. 4 Peerless Reaper and Mower I bought of your agent, Mr. H. W. Snethcamp, has given me the most complete satisfaction, and has worked to perfection in every respect. It has taken up enough down, lodged and tangled grain to pay for itself, which I could not have done with any other machine I know of.

Respectfully,

HENRY ELSHOFF.

The No. 6 Peerless as a Rice-Reaper.

THE past season we made a limited number of the No. 6 Peerless to be used in harvesting rice in the South. These were sold to some of the largest and most influential planters or rice-growers of Louisiana. At considerable expense we sent from here a skillful and experienced operator to witness the operations of these machines in the rice fields of the South, and to gain a correct knowledge of the qualities requisite in a machine to a successful cutting or harvesting of rice. The result has been exceedingly gratifying; so much so as to warrant us in saying that the Peerless has proven itself as the ONLY SUCCESSFUL RICE-REAPER MADE.

And in addressing ourselves to the rice-growers of the South, we would say that, with the experience we possess, and a full knowledge of their wants, we are prepared to furnish them with a machine perfectly adapted to the harvesting of rice. We also commend them to a perusal of the following testimonials from prominent planters fully attesting the success of the Peerless as a rice harvester.

The machine is made to cut four feet in width.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

ASCENSION PARISH, LA., Aug. 14, 1881.

Gentlemen—I take pleasure in sending you my congratulations upon your success in having made the *fastest and best Reaper for cutting rice* that I have ever seen. I have a ——— Reaper, and tried it in a heavy piece of rice, but it could not be made to cut it. I then took the Peerless Reaper into the same piece of rice, and started it where the other machine had failed, and cut it to my entire satisfaction, and I now have the Peerless Reaper on my plantation.

Very truly yours,

BEN. GIBSON.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

ASCENSION, LA., Sept. 2, 1881.

Gentlemen—About a month ago Mr. J. P. Le Blanc purchased of you a new Peerless Single Reaper for the purpose of cutting rice. I have been using the machine, which has given entire satisfaction, and I am convinced that it cannot be surpassed in any respect. It is easily managed, being very simple, very light, does splendid work, and, above all, it is, in my opinion, a saving of more than half. The machine can pay for itself in four days' good work. I would advise all rice-planters not to be without one, as I believe it to be the *best machine out* to cut rice; and what I admire about the machine is, that it cleans your ground after cutting. It cuts evenly all grass that may be on the field, and leaves no rice scattered about the field, as do the hand-sickles.

Very respectfully,

ART. MILANCON,

J. P. LE BLANC.

SPANNAGEL & KUHLEMAN, St. Louis, Mo. :

WARRENTON, Mo., July 30, 1881.

Gents—The No. 4 Self-Rake and Mower I bought of your agents, E. Schowengerdt & Son, is the lightest running I have ever seen or used. It is easily managed. I have used a great many machines, but the Peerless beats them all.

HERN. BAAKS.

SHALERSVILLE, PORTAGE CO., O., Aug. 3, 1881.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

The Peerless No. 6 One-wheel Single Reaper which I bought of your agent, G. W. Allen, of Mantua, fills the bill in every respect, and I think it can't be beat. It is rightly named the Peerless.

Yours truly,

G. E. VIETS.

D. SHORDON, General Agent:

FORT WAYNE, IND., Nov. 3, 1881.

I am well pleased and fully satisfied with the No. 4 Peerless Reaper and Mower I bought from you this season. It is a perfect jewel. I have found no kind of grass, grain or flax that I could not cut with entire satisfaction, and my harvest the past season was an immense one.

The Peerless has cut through perfectly where other machines have failed.

Yours truly,

HENRY SHERRER.

D. SHORDON, General Agent:

FORT WAYNE, IND., Nov. 1, 1881.

The Peerless No. 4 Reaper and Mower I bought from you last harvest fills the bill in every respect. It runs very light and does perfect work in every kind and condition of grain and grass. It gives everyone better satisfaction than any other machine I ever saw.

I cut all my grass, wheat, oats and flax without a break or stoppage of any kind.

Respectfully,

HENRY KELLER.

D. SHORDON, General Agent:

FORT WAYNE, IND., Nov. 1, 1881.

We gladly and promptly give our recommendation to the farming public for the two No. 4 Peerless Reapers and Mowers we bought of you this season. We had no trouble, no breakages, no weight on our horses' necks, no side draft and no complication.

The Peerless has the best Rake for handling all kinds of grain of any machine in the market.

WM. C. WEBSTER,
J. W. DOUBLER.

PEERLESS REAPER CO.:

WAYNESBURG, STARK CO., NOV. 23, 1881.

Gentlemen—I was very much pleased with the working of the No. 6 Peerless Single Reaper I bought of you the past season, and in this respect it simply exceeded anything I had ever witnessed before. I would not take \$500.00 for my machine if I could not secure another of the same kind.

JAMES BOYD.

PEERLESS REAPER CO.:

WADSWORTH, ILL., Sept. 1, 1881.

We have each purchased of your agent here, C. F. Heydecker, one of your combined Peerless No. 4 Self-Rakes this season. We have each cut a large crop of grain, hay and flax, and the behavior of our machines in hard cutting that would have broken to pieces many other machines was almost perfect. We were highly pleased and well satisfied. The Peerless is the lightest draft machine we know of, and we recommend it to any farmer who wants a good, light draft and durable machine. The Peerless will do all kinds of cutting satisfactorily. Mr. Ditmeyer cut 130 acres, and his team, which only weighed 1,800 pounds, came out of the harvest in better condition than at the beginning.

F. DITMEYER,
JAMES CORVIN.

PEERLESS REAPER CO.:

NEWPORT, ILL., Sept. 5, 1881.

This season we bought from your agent, C. F. Heydecker, at Wadsworth, a Peerless No. 6 One-wheel Single Reaper, and have cut an immense crop of grain and flax with it. The Peerless simply beats any machine we ever saw work, and we would not sell it for three times its cost, if we could not get a new one of the same kind. It is light draft, very convenient for handling and very durable.

JOHN WATERBURY,
JOSEPH WATERBURY.

H. M. OLIN, Esq., Milwaukee, Wis.:

WESTERN UNION, WIS., Sept. 1, 1881.

Dear Sir—This is to certify that I have used the Peerless Single Reaper to cut my grain and flax this season. The crop of flax was very tall and heavy, standing thick on the ground. But the little Peerless cut it slick and clean and made the finest job of work I ever saw. It is very light on the team and easily handled by the driver. Its equal is not made.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM JONES.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

UNION CITY, IND., July 8, 1881.

This is to certify that I bought a Peerless Reaper of J. T. Harzell, this harvest, and I must say that of all the Reapers I ever saw or used it is the best. It cuts through the heaviest grain and never misses a spear or straw. The Peerless is the best, easiest running, and cleanest and best cutting of any machine made. THOMAS BYRUM.

H. H. OLIN, Gen'l Agt. Peerless Reaper Co.:

ORANGE, WIS., Sept. 10, 1881.

I bought a Peerless Reaper and Mower the past season, and like it very much. All who have seen it work, unite in saying that it works without a fault, and most of them admit that it beats anything they have ever seen for light draft and good work. I say that it excels any machine I have ever had anything to do with in every respect. I can reap all day without turning a hair on my team.

ROBT. WHEARATT.

MR. G. W. ALLEN, Mantua, Ohio.

FREEDOM, OHIO, Sept. 1, 1881.

Dear Sir—The Peerless No. 6 Single Reaper that I bought of you fills the bill to perfection. It works like a charm in all conditions of grain, and when in lodged and tangled grain it does its work in fine style, delivering the bundle in good shape.

Yours truly,

N. J. BUEV.

PEERLESS REAPER CO.:

SHALERSVILLE, OHIO, Sept. 15, 1881.

Gentl—We bought of your agent, G. W. Allen, your No. 4 Combined Self-Rake and are confident it has no equal in the market. We cut a very large harvest and done it without any expense, and would recommend it to any person needing a machine, confident that it will give perfect satisfaction.

Yours truly,

N. A. HINE,
E. L. HINE.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

MARION, OHIO, Sept. 8, 1881.

The Peerless Combined Machine I purchased from your agents here, J. Hood & Son, has given such great satisfaction, that I deem it a duty as well as a pleasure to say a few words in its praise. I find that it fills the bill completely; is all that it was recommended to be. I set it all up myself; no agent had to call and see it. I have cut forty-nine acres of grain, and about twenty of it was the heaviest kind of down and tangled grain. I never saw a machine do better or as good work; it took all up close and clean. It lays a straight and fine shaped sheaf, and I think the raking part superior to the Dodge Rake, and that has always been thought the best rake made. It is lighter draft than any machine that I ever saw work, and more easily managed. As a Mower it is perfection, and I can cut corn down with it easily. Hope you will make many sales in Marion county and elsewhere.

W. W. HALLEY.

PEERLESS REAPER COMPANY:

BENNINGTON, OHIO, Aug. 31, 1881.

I purchased this season from L. Queen, a No. 4 Self-Rake, and can say I am well pleased with it as a Mower. I never saw its equal. It has motion enough to cut any grass that grows in this country. I can cut an acre an hour. There is no necessity for changing teams during the day, it is so light draft. The Reaper cannot be excelled, if ever equaled, for fine work. The gear is simple and durable, more so than any machine I have ever seen. With wishes for success, truly yours,

J. D. BENNETT.

PATTONVILLE, ST. LOUIS CO., MO., Sept. 16, 1881.

SPANNAGEL & KUHLEMAN, St. Louis:

Gentl—We are well satisfied with our Peerless Machine. It cuts well and does its work clean. We can cut around any machine in our neighborhood and do it so easy.

Yours truly,

A. LAGDELL,
LOUIS ERBE.

I saw the machine work; it is a perfect gem.

 Repairs and parts of our old RUSSELL and PEERLESS Machines are shipped as usual from the factory, and are kept in stock at the usual depots and agencies. Send for Descriptive Catalogue and Price List.

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