

PEERLESS REAPER CO.

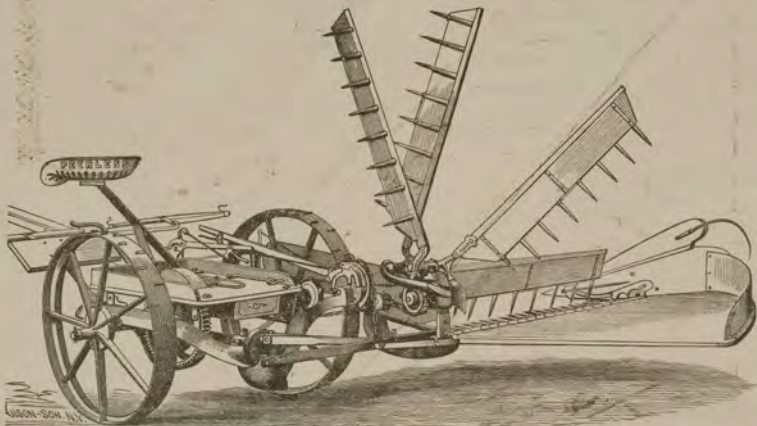
PEERLESS

REAPERS & MOWERS

CANTON,  
OHIO



1881.



No. 4 Peerless Combined Reaper and Mower, Skeleton View.

## CONGRATULATORY.

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**I**N presenting our annual Peerless Catalogue for 1881 to the great agricultural world, we again assume the pleasant task of congratulating ourselves, as well as our friends and patrons upon the grand successes achieved by the Peerless in the past.

Prosperity in manufacturing—it may be taken as a rule—is attributable to the value of the article manufactured. There are, however, exceptional cases, where short-lived success may follow the rapid sale of worthless articles; but time, that will inevitably unmask all deceptions, will also expose, clearly, their unworthiness, and drive them from the market. We have the most gratifying evidence that the benefits derived from the Peerless are reciprocal. The operations of our machines in the harvest-fields of the North-east and West, as well as in the rice plantations of the South, and the universal plaudits of the many thousands of farmers who have used them, are the impartial tributes of the witnesses to the truth of our assertions.

We are the pioneers in the manufacturing of harvesting machinery, our superintendent having been one of the first to demonstrate in

a practical manner the feasibility of such machinery—his actual experience dating back to the earliest conception of harvesting machinery—and we have followed the growth of such machinery step by step from its crude state to the present commanding position obtained by our Peerless.

The intelligent farmer who has been given the opportunity of comparing our machines with others is compelled to the concession that it is—what we urge as its chief merit—the most durable, symmetrical and lightest draft harvesting machine ever placed before them, and in the field most effective, and less liable to get out of repair.

The unprecedented success of the Peerless shows itself fully in the enormous demand for them in 1880—a demand so great, that long before the close of the season our entire supply was exhausted. We have, therefore, greatly enlarged the capacity of our works, and will be, we trust, amply prepared to respond promptly to any orders upon us for machines or repairs. That we could not do so in the promptest measure in the past is our only source of regret.

Extending the hand of fellowship to our friends and patrons, our sincerest hopes are that a bountiful harvest, and happy, prosperous lives, may be given them.

PEERLESS REAPER CO.

## SUGGESTIONS TO THE FARMER.

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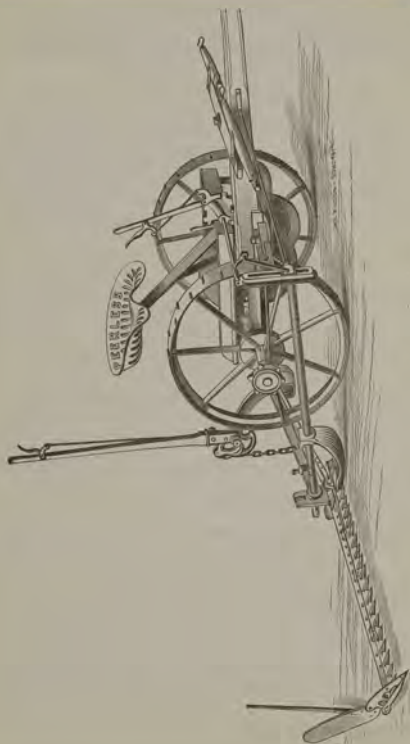
**I**T is a matter of great importance to the farmer, the selection of machinery with which the work of harvesting the different crops produced by him is to be accomplished; hence, the first cost of a machine reliable in all respects is a matter of minor consideration when compared with the value of the crops to be saved by it.

As the crops approach maturity, the first great aim of the farmer is to secure all in the shortest time possible, and, second, with the least expense, and in the most economical manner. This can only be accomplished by purchasing the most perfect machinery for that purpose, and, by so doing, avoid all the vexations and delays that inevitably come through the choice of cheap machinery.

We assert without a fear of contradiction that the selection of a Peerless will save to the farmer in one season more than the difference in cost between it and a cheap machine; it being conceded by all that the Peerless is the most durable machine on the market, and the savings in expense from it will, in a few seasons, equal the first cost of the machine.

All farmers are animated by a laudable desire to increase each year the acreage and value of their crops, and it is an established fact that no more certain way of successfully doing so exists than the purchase of machinery for harvesting that will cause least annoyance and delay and the smallest expense at the close of the season.

We submit to the consideration of the farmer in the selection of a reaper and mower the following features of our machines which we consider superior to all others, and which is given in detail with the description of each kind of machine.



Peerless Mower No. 4. Skeleton View.

## THE No. 4 PEERLESS MOWER

**I**S 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

**I**S 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

**E**MBODIES 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 two sizes of mowers—the No. 4 and No. 5 Peerless.

### PEERLESS THE BEST AND MOST DURABLE.

H. M. OLIN, MILWAUKEE, WIS. FRANKLIN, BRAMER CO., IOWA, Oct. 10, 1886.

Dear Sir,—The No. 5 Peerless Mower I bought this season cannot be beat. It will cut any kind of grass, no matter how fine it is. It has no sidedraft; cuts smooth; runs lighter than any other mower I have ever seen. To all who want mowers next season let me say, Buy the Peerless; it is the best and most durable mower on wheels.

Yours truly,

C. ADAMS



No. 4 Peerless Mower in the Field.

## THE FRAME.

**W**HAT 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.

## 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-



No. 5 Peerless Mower Folded for Transportation, and on the Road.

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

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

## THE BOXES

Of the Peerless are *broad split boxes*, lined with a good quality of Bablitt-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.

## WENT THROUGH WHERE OTHERS FAILED.

H. M. OLIN, MILWAUKEE.

MANSTON, WIS., Oct. 15, 1880.

*Dear Sir,*—I have used one of the "Peerless" Reapers three seasons, and in that time have cut about 350 acres of grain and grass, and have, as yet, not paid out a cent for repairs. I have put my "Peerless" into grain where other machines had to pull out, and it always *went* through. I consider it the best machine in the market.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM CLARK.

## THE DRAG-BAR.

**B**Y 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."

## BAR, GUARDS AND KNIVES.

**N**O 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.

### "MAKES THE NICEST SHEAF."

PEERLESS REAPER CO., CANTON, O.

DELAWARE, O., Oct. 15, 1880.

*Gentlemen*—I purchased a Peerless Combined Mower and Self-Rake of your agent at Delaware the past season. I cut 30 acres of wheat, 7 acres of oats, and 10 acres of grass, and the machine did the work as I want a machine to do. The Rake makes the *nicest sheaf* I have ever seen made by a self-rake. The Peerless is the lightest draft machine I know of, and I do cheerfully recommend it to any farmer who wants a good machine.

GEORGE SEUM.



No. 4 Peerless Self-Raking Reaper at Work.

## THE No. 4 PEERLESS SELF-RAKE.

IN 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 equaled, 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.

### 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.



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

## 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.

## 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.

## BEST WORKING AND LIGHTEST DRAFT.

PEERLESS REAPER CO., CANTON, O.

SHREVE, WAYNE CO., O., June 23, 1880.

*Gentlemen*.—After thoroughly testing the Peerless Combined Mower and Self-Rake I bought of your general agent, Mr. E. B. Fety, I find it to be the best working machine that I have ever seen, and the lightest draft and easiest handled of any machine I know of; and I do most respectfully say to all of my farmer friends to buy the Peerless, and you will be pleased.

JULIUS JACOT.



No. 4 Peerless Dropper in the Field.

## THE No. 4 PEERLESS DROPPER.

**T**HE 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.

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#### "WORKED TO PERFECTION."

PEERLESS REAPER CO., CANTON, O.

NEWTON, ILL., Oct. 14, 1880.

*Gentlemen*.—I take great pleasure in saying that I have used your No. 4 Peerless Combined Mower and Dropper. *The machine worked to perfection.* The draft being lighter than any machine I have seen used, and laying the gavel in the very best condition for binding, although my grain was in very bad condition—being badly lodged in all directions.

Respectfully,

JOHN A. RICE.



No. 6 Peerless Self-Rake Single Reaper.

## THE No. 6 PEERLESS SINGLE REAPER.

**A**NTICIPATING a growing demand for Single Reapers, we have bent our energies in the production of one of which we have reasons to feel proud. Crowded to our utmost at the time, we were unable to build but a limited number the past season, falling far short of the demand made on us, but enough of them, however, were made to fully test and demonstrate the working qualities of the machine; and the result has been to convince us fully of the soundness of our prediction of last year—that our No. 6 Single Reaper is destined to become *the leading machine of its kind*—that our fondest hopes concerning it are soon to be realized, and that the qualities it possesses are such as will make for it a *brilliant future*. We come before the farming public with this machine with entire confidence in its superior merit, giving it as our honest conviction that it is **the simplest, most durable and efficient in its working properties of any Single Reaper in the market.**

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 RAKE STAND

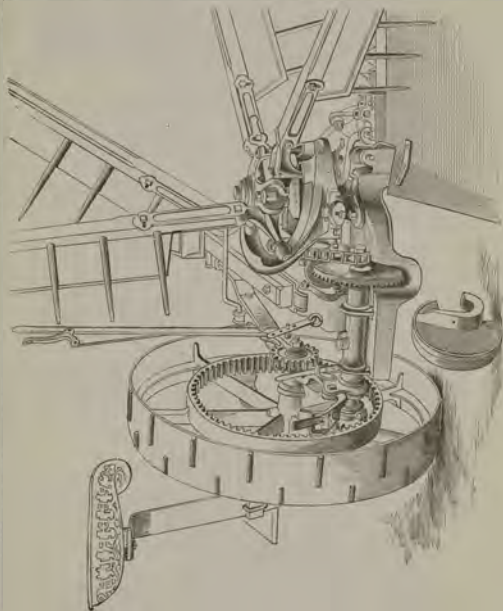
Is substantially the same as is used on our No. 4 Self-Rake, and, of course, possesses the same superior reeling and raking qualities.

### 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.



**No. 6 Peerless Self-Rake Single Reaper, Skeleton View.**

**WOULDN'T TAKE \$500.00 FOR HIS PEERLESS IF HE COULDN'T  
GET ANOTHER.**

PEERLESS REAPER CO., CANTON, O.      WAYNESBURG, STARK CO., NOV. 23, 1880.

*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.

## 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.

## 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 intend to build the No. 6 Peerless as a Dropper as well as a Self-Rake, and, furthermore, that it shall give as good satisfaction as our No. 4 Dropper. We furnish the reader with an illustration of its mechanism on an enlarged scale, which should give him a clear conception of it.

## 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.

## PREFERS THE PEERLESS TO ANY OTHER.

H. M. OLIN, GEN. AGT., MILWAUKEE, WIS.

TOMAH, WIS., Oct. 2, 1880.

*Dear Sir,*—The Peerless Reaper and Mower I bought of your agent, A. H. Merrill, has given me entire satisfaction. I have cut 70 acres with it, and am highly pleased with its excellent work and lightness of draft. I have owned several other machines, but prefer the Peerless to any I have ever seen. Let me add that my machine has not cost me one cent for repairs so far.

CHARLES RANDOM.



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

## The No. 6 Peerless as a Rice-Reaper.

**T**HE 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

as 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. The rakes are so arranged as to make the raking continuous.

ASCENSION PARISH, LA., Aug. 14, 1880.

TO THE PEERLESS REAPER CO., CANTON, O.

*Gentlemen*.—I take pleasure in sending you my congratulations upon your success in having made the *finest 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.

TO THE PEERLESS REAPER CO., CANTON, O.

ASCENSION, LA., Sept. 2, 1880.

*Gentlemen*.—About a month ago Mr. J. P. LeBlanc 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. MILANÇON.  
J. P. LeBLANC.

#### "WITHOUT A CENT'S EXPENSE FOR REPAIRS."

C. WILLIAMS, FREEDOM, O.

SHALERSVILLE, O., Jan. 3, 1880.

I have used the Peerless Combined Self-Rake and Mower, that I bought of you last June, in all conditions of both grass and grain, and it has done its work to my entire satisfaction, without a cent's expense for repairs. I also consider it a very easy machine on the team, both as a reaper and mower. I think it beats all others, especially in lodged, or very light, short grain. I also used it in a very tall, heavy, stalked piece of sowed corn, where it perfectly surprised me, cutting it clean, and delivering the bundles in good shape to bind and shock.

A. L. TOMSON.

#### MAKES THE MOST PERFECT BUNDLE.

H. M. OLAN, GEN. AGT., PEERLESS REAPER CO., MILWAUKEE, WIS.

ELLSWORTH, PIERCE CO., WIS., Oct. 1, 1880.

*Dear Sir*.—I take pleasure in recommending the Peerless No. 4 Combined Reaper and Mower, purchased of your agents, Huber & Osen, at Baldwin, Wis., to all who want a strong, durable and easy-draft machine. It will cut anything in the shape of grain—lodged or standing—and will *make the most perfect bundle* of any machine I ever saw. In short, it can't be beat, and to all who want the best combined mower and reaper in the world, I say, buy the Peerless No. 4. JOHN SHINGLEDECKER.

## DOES "BETTER WORK THAN ANY OTHER."

FAIRVIEW, ERIE CO., PA., Aug. 2, 1880.

I sold two Peerless Combined Reapers and Mowers for this year's harvest, and they are telling their story. They are doing better work than any other machine here.

S. M. EATON.

## BEATS ALL OTHERS.

GAP, LANCASTER CO., PA., Aug. 21, 1880.

We find the New Peerless beats all the combined machines.

SAM'L L. KAUFFMAN.

## DOES THE BEST WORK.

STAUNTON, VA., July 17, 1880.

The Peerless Reaper works well. The best we have ever seen.

P. T. BURKHOLDER.

## GIVES PERFECT SATISFACTION.

LINCOLN, NEB., July 12, 1880.

The agent says the Peerless is the best Self-Rake Reaper he ever saw. We started it in rye. It gave perfect satisfaction.

J. C. CLARK.

## "LIGHTEST RUNNING."

DELAWARE, O., Aug. 12, 1880.

The No. 4 Self-Rake and Mower I bought of your agent, L. A. Davis, is the lightest-running machine I have ever used. It is easily managed—a child can manage it. I have seen a number of other reapers and mowers work, and have worn out a ———, but the Peerless beats them all, and especially in down-grain.

WM. PIATT.

## "GAVE ENTIRE SATISFACTION."

PEERLESS REAPER CO., CANTON, O.

LEXINGTON TOWNSHIP, STARK CO., O., Nov. 11, 1880.

I bought of your agent, Franklin Goodman, the past season a Peerless Combined Mower, Dropper and Self-Rake, and would say it gave entire satisfaction. I cut with the Self-rake a field of oats that had been blown down by a whirlwind, laying it in all directions, much of it flat on the ground. We cut round the field just as we would in standing grain, and it did very good work. Respectfully,

S. P. LILLEV.

## BEST PLEASED WITH THE PEERLESS.

DELAWARE, O., July 28, 1880.

The Peerless Reaper I bought this season has given me perfect satisfaction. I have seen a number of other machines at work, but the Peerless pleases me better than any of them.

PETER SNEDEKER.

## PEERLESS CUTS WHAT OTHERS CANNOT CUT.

H. M. OLIN, GEN. AGT., MILWAUKEE, WIS.

OAK CREEK, MILWAUKEE CO., WIS., Oct. 5, 1880.

Dear Sir,—I feel impelled to write to you how much pleased I am with the Peerless that your agent, Mr. Verfurth, sold me last spring. I have been glad I bought it ever since I first hitched onto it. I think that in every quality that makes up a first-class reaper your No. 4 beats anything I ever came across. I can cut anything with my machine that anybody can cut, and am sure I can cut some grain that no other reaper is able to cut.

JOHN MCCARRIER.

**"AS A REAPER, IT EXCELS ALL MACHINES."**

H. M. OLIN, ESQ., MILWAUKEE, WIS.

MAPLE WORKS, CLARK CO., WIS., Oct. 14, 1880.

Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned farmers of Clark County, take great pleasure in informing you how highly we value and appreciate the new improved "Peerless" Reaper and Mower, sold by your agent, Mr. Chas. Cornelius. As a mower, the "Peerless" does its work as perfectly as any mower in existence; and as a reaper it excels all machines with which we are acquainted for lightness of draft and perfection of work, both in erect and lodged grain.

Yours very respectfully,

NOBLE DOWNER,  
PHILLIP CONVERSE,  
AL. HOLMES,  
HOMER DOWNER,  
ALLEN HOOVER,  
L. D. WORDEN,

J. CANFIELD,  
HELOD NICHOLS,  
N. E. LEE,  
T. W. DAVIS,  
H. W. RUNNEL,  
E. O. OSGOOD,  
J. W. LOVELL.

**BEST IN THE MARKET.**

PEERLESS REAPER CO., CANTON, O.

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 22, 1880.

Gentlemen.—This season I purchased from Arbuckle & Ryan, your agents at Toledo, one of your No. 4 combined machines, and I am well pleased with it. It runs light, does the work well, and will cut grain in any condition. I consider it the best combined machine in the market, and would recommend it to all my brother farmers.

Yours respectfully,

HORACE COV.

**"SUITS ME IN EVERY RESPECT."**

BANTING &amp; REYNOLDS.

ELMORE, O., Nov. 14, 1880.

The Peerless Reaper and Mower I bought of you gives good satisfaction. I cut over 100 acres of wheat and grass, and the machine suits me in every respect. My advice is to any one wanting a reaper to buy the Peerless No. 4, and I will guarantee it will give satisfaction.

PHIL. EGGERT.

**PEERLESS HAS NO EQUAL.**

H. M. OLIN, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

RUBICON, DODGE CO., WIS., Oct. 6, 1880.

Dear Sir,—I wish to add my testimony to the merits of the New Peerless No. 4 that I bought of Mr. Mosher, of this place. I have used it in all kinds and conditions of crops, and must say I think it has no equal. I have never handled a machine that took my eye as well as the New Peerless—it is so light, strong, simple, and really does such satisfactory work.

Your truly,

PETER PETERS.

**AS A REAPER IT EXCELS ALL OTHER MACHINES.**

H. M. OLIN, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

HOBICON, WIS., Oct. 9, 1880.

Dear Sir,—I hereby certify that having purchased of your agent, C. W. Kuehfeld, a Peerless Combined Reaper and Mower, July 15, 1880, I consider it superior to any other reaper now in use, for perfection of work and lightness of draft. It is so simple in construction that any one can keep it in order, and I consider it rightly named "Peerless." I heartily recommend it to all farmers as just the kind of reaper they will all like if they try it.

J. W. ROBY.

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