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A decorative floral illustration featuring a cluster of leaves and flowers, possibly roses, positioned below the company name.

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MANUFACTURERS of
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STERLING MFG. CO., STERLING, ILL.

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We carry a full line of our goods in stock at the
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KEYSTONE MFG. CO.,

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AND

FARMERS OF THE UNITED STATES.

MINDFUL of the pleasant relations that have hitherto marked our dealings with you, we trust that, in presenting this memorandum book and catalogue, we shall further promote the good will of our old friends, and will be the means of introducing us to the favorable notice of many whose acquaintance would be a mutual benefit.

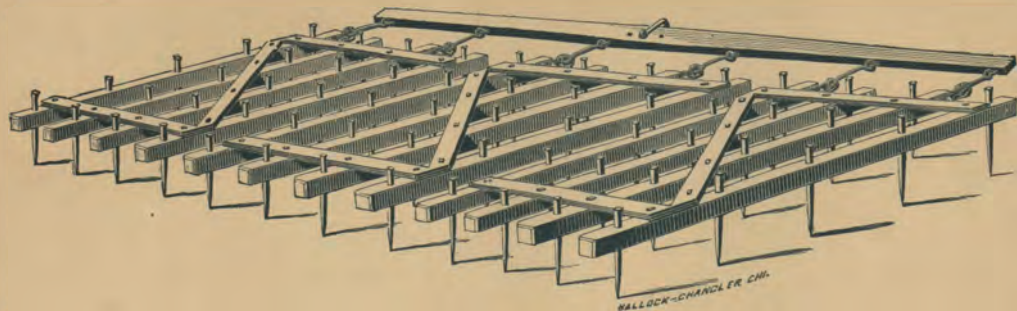
We congratulate you on the abundant harvest that has rewarded your labors of the past season, which, with the present relative value of commodities, will place the farmer in more favorable circumstances than for many years past, and will enable them to purchase more extensively such labor-saving implements as will make farming more successful, and add to the material comfort and refinement of the home.

The preference and favor that have been accorded our goods in the past have stimulated us to renewed endeavors to maintain the high standing they have attained, and we are persuaded that, in doing so, we shall the most effectually forward our own interests and conduce to the prosperity of those who favor us with their patronage.

Thanking you for your liberal patronage in the past, and soliciting a continuance of your favors in the future, we are, Respectfully yours,

STERLING MANUFACTURING CO.,
STERLING, ILL.

STERLING VIBRATING HARROW.



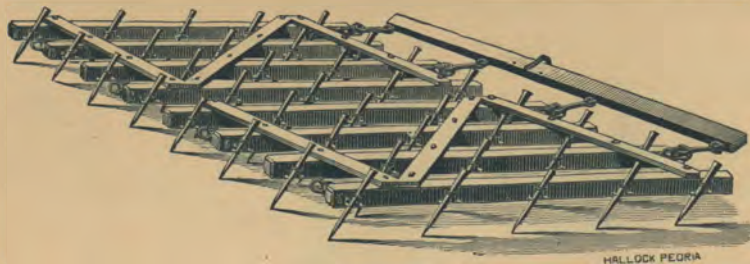
We manufacture the above Harrows in the following sizes:

2	Sections,	8	bars,	40	steel	teeth,	cuts	8	feet	wide	Price \$
3	"	12	"	60	"	"	"	12	"	"	"
4	"	16	"	80	"	"	"	16	"	"	"

The Sterling Vibrating Harrow has been on the market for several years, and is everywhere acknowledged as a First Class Harrow in every respect. *The Frames* are made of the best quality of White Oak, firmly bolted together (not mortised) and painted with two coats of best quality of Mineral paint. *We use* our patent coupling to connect Draw Bar to the Frames, which is pronounced the best device ever invented for the purpose, there being no loose pieces liable to get lost as where clevises, pins, etc. are used. *There are no hinges* between the sections, so any section can be raised independent of the others for cleaning out obstructions, consequently a boy can drive and operate any size of these Harrows.

We use only the best steel teeth well pointed in all our Harrows. All the sections of our harrows are interchangeable, and those wishing to enlarge the harrows they may have on hand of our manufacture, can do so by ordering the required number of additional sections and draw bar; thus obtaining a larger harrow at a trifling cost.

THE STERLING REVERSIBLE HARROW.



This Harrow is made in the following sizes :

2 sections, 8 bars, 40 steel teeth, cuts 8 feet wide								Price, \$
3	"	12	"	60	"	"	12	"
4	"	16	"	80	"	"	16	"

In many sections of the country the **STERLING REVERSIBLE HARROW** is the favorite amongst Dealers and Farmers, thousands being in use all over the country.

THE FRAMES

are made of the best white oak, firmly bolted and braced, and painted with two coats of best mineral paint.

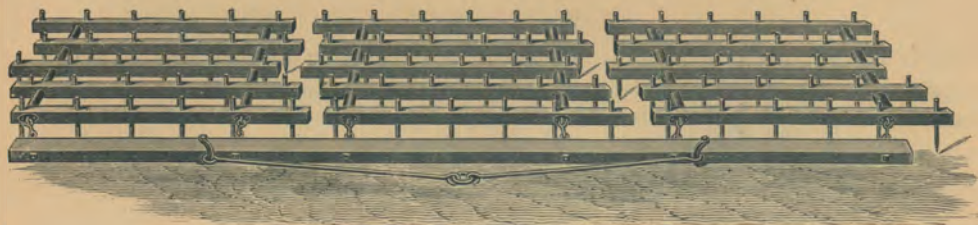
THE TEETH.

We use the Square Headed Steel Teeth in these Harrows, and which are held to Frames by two staples to each Tooth and the Tooth is held tight enough not to slip out but will readily change from straight to slanting or vice versa, according to which way it is desired to use the Harrow, and the Draw Bar is attached. It is not necessary to loosen or tighten any of the nuts when the change is made. We use on this Harrow also our patent coupling.

THIS HARROW

as well as all Harrows made by us can be enlarged by adding sections to it or reduced by leaving them out, each section being complete of itself, so that any farmer can have any size Harrow to suit his team.

THE COMMON SENSE HARROW.



We make the above Harrow as follows :

2	section,	10	bar,	60	round	steel	teeth,	cuts	10	ft,	wide	Price, \$
3	"	15	"	90	"	"	"	"	15	"	"	"
4	"	20	"	120	"	"	"	"	20	"	"	"

THE FRAMES

of this Harrow are made from the best seasoned white oak, and well finished with two coats best mineral paint.

THE TEETH

are 9-16 inch round, well sharpened, and with heads. Owing to the shape of the frames and positions of the teeth, it cannot swing around so that the teeth will track, no matter how hard the ground is. *It runs very steady and does fine work.*

We make the three and four section Draw Bars of this Harrow with Truss Rods, as shown in cut. The two section does not have them. *Note* the width of cut of these Harrows. Use as many horses as you have sections.

We recommend this Harrow, and guarantee it the equal, and we think the superior, of any Rigid Tooth Harrow made. We do not know of a single one but has given the best of satisfaction.

You will make no mistake in buying this Harrow. Farmers who want a first-class Harrow, and one that will do the work required in a satisfactory manner on all soils, will do well to examine the Common Sense Harrow before buying.

COMMON SENSE REVERSIBLE HARROW.



Manufactured in the following sizes:

2	section,	10	bar,	60	round	steel	teeth,	cuts	10	feet	wide	Price, \$	-----
8	"	15	"	90	"	"	"	"	15	"	"	"	-----
4	"	20	"	120	"	"	"	"	20	"	"	"	-----

THE FRAMES of these Harrows are made of the best seasoned White Oak, painted with best mineral paint, are well finished in every respect.

THE TEETH are clamped on to side of the bar with malleable iron clamps, and have a swinging motion, so the Harrow can be used for a straight or a slanting tooth harrow.

By the above arrangement we are enabled to place the teeth so the Harrow cannot track under any conditions or in any soil, consequently will do better work.

Dealers will find this one of the best selling articles they handle, and will in every case give satisfaction to customers.

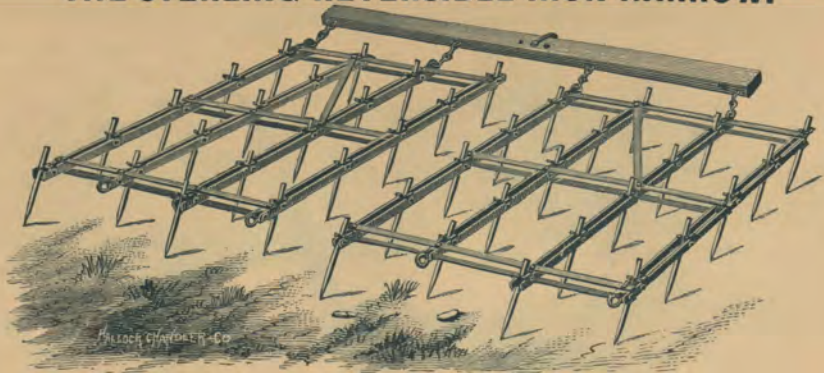


We recommend this Harrow as having more good points and the best wood reversible Harrow on the market. It is some larger than Harrows heretofore sold, but

those who have used them claim they are none too large, and that one horse to each section will easily handle them, and will accomplish more work.

For corn cultivation or any purpose for which a reversible Harrow is adapted, we guarantee this Harrow to give satisfaction.

THE STERLING REVERSIBLE IRON HARROW.



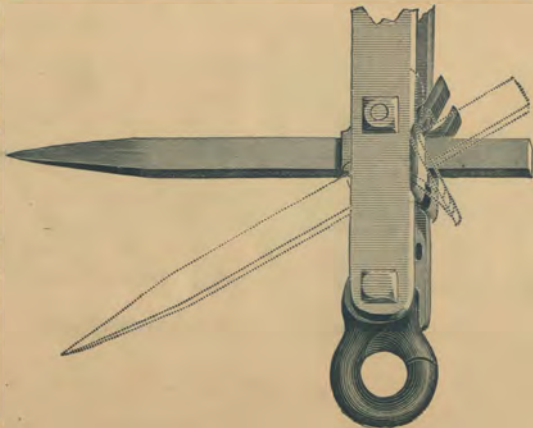
Is manufactured in the following sizes:

	2	3	4	2	3	4	Sections,	8	bars,	40	square	steel	teeth,	cuts	8	feet	wide	Price, \$	
	3	4	2	3	4		12	16	8	60	80	45	72	96	12	16	8	12	16

The frames of these harrows are all Iron and of truss shape.

The *Teeth* are square steel headed, and points well sharpened. They can easily be taken out for sharpening and can be used for years and still kept at full length below the Frames. This harrow is about same weight as the wood harrows and fully as strong.

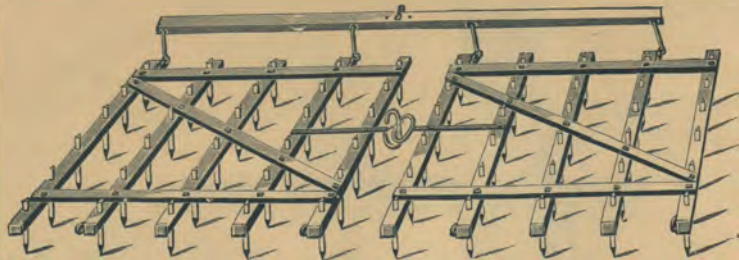
It has been on the market for sev-



They can easily be used several years, and thousands of them are in use giving perfect satisfaction and we recommend it as the best Iron Harrow made.

No nuts to loosen. The teeth swing to either a straight or a slanting position, according to which end the draw bar is attached.

THE CHAMPION REVERSIBLE HARROW.



We manufacture in the following sizes:

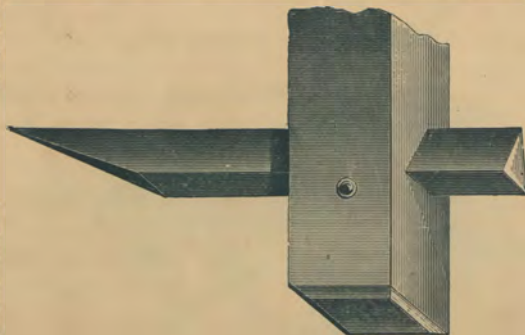
2	section,	10	bars,	60	steel	teeth,	cuts	8½	feet	wide	Price, \$	
2	"	12	"	72	"	"	"	10	"		"	
3	"	15	"	90	"	"	"	13	"		"	
4	"	20	"	120	"	"	"	17	"		"	

THE FRAMES

of above Harrow are made of best seasoned white oak, well painted. *Holes for teeth* mortised to shape of the teeth, so that the teeth fit the holes when driven.

THE TEETH

are of steel, triangular shape, and are placed so that the sharp edge comes in the line of draft for deep section, so that on new breaking, rough or uneven ground, the Harrow runs very steady and does good work.

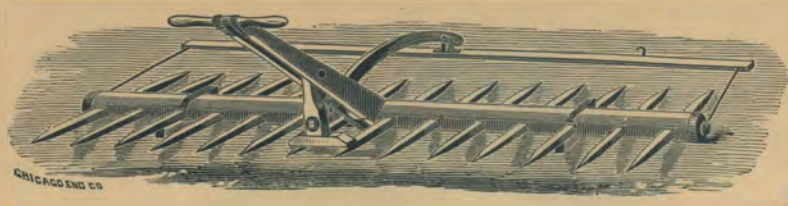


harrowing, and for *smoothing* the Draw Bar is put on the other end of the Harrow, and the Teeth present the flat and slanting portion to the work, and make a perfect smoothing Harrow.

We use a coupling between each

It is a first-class Harrow in every respect.

THE STERLING RAKE.



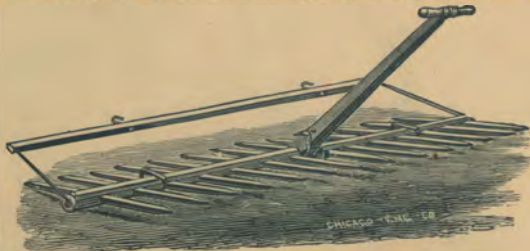
It is the most perfect and simple Rake ever introduced. It is operated with less labor, and has advantages not found in Rakes of other manufacture.

IMPROVED HITCH ARRANGEMENT.

The drafts being applied to the ends of the Rake Head, gives the horse greater advantage in turning with it, and causes it to run much steadier than the ordinary mode of hitching. It is a first-class implement in every respect. Every Rake warranted.

We also manufacture

THE CHAMPION RAKE.



It is perfectly adapted to raking hay or grain, on rough or smooth land.

It is composed of less parts than any other Rake now in use, and weighs only eighty pounds.

When not in use it can be hung up without taking it apart, taking up only four inches of space from the wall, so that it can be protected from the weather.

We make them with fourteen teeth, nine foot head, square hickory teeth, heads varnished and teeth oiled.

These are, we believe, the best Revolving Rakes manufactured.

THE STERLING SULKY RAKE.

The above cut represents our Sterling Sulky Rake, which is made in all its parts from the best selected materials.

THE AXLES AND WHEEL HUBS are made large and of Chilled Iron, which insures a good fit and long wear.

THE TEETH are double coil, made of the best Crucible Spring Steel, oil tempered and carefully tested, and are of the best shape for raking clean, gathering large loads, and delivering the hay when dumping.

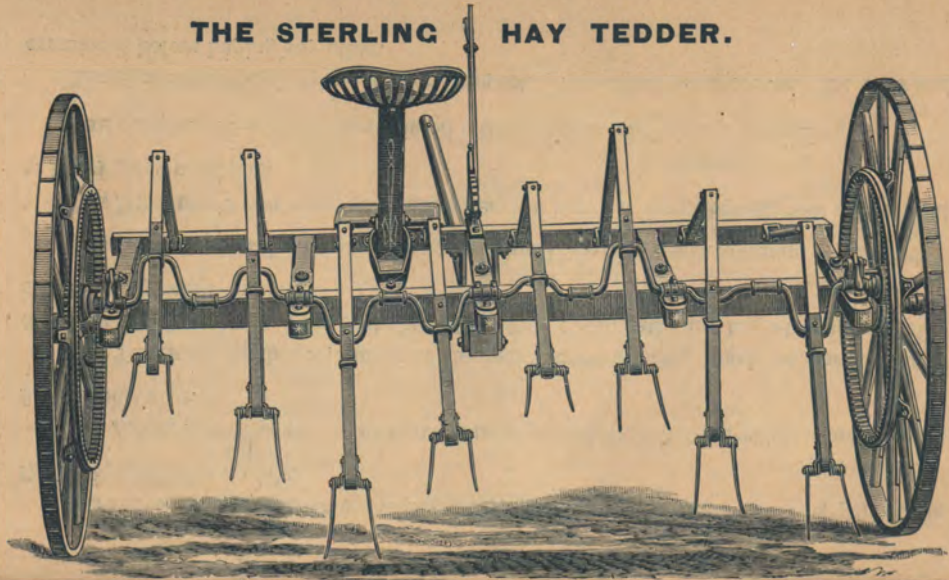
THE LOCK OR TRIP is positive; cannot trip until driver is ready to dump.

THE DUMPING is very easy, even in the heaviest hay. It works equally well with a light or heavy person driving.

THE FINISH. The wheels are painted a tinted green, the balance vermillion.

THE RAKE is a first-class one in every respect. We solicit your orders. Be sure and examine it before buying any other.

THE STERLING HAY TEDDER.



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The above cut represents our Eight Fork Tedder, which is made in all its parts from the best selected material.

THE WHEELS are large, and have heavy ribbed tires which prevent them from slipping when tedding the heaviest grass, and adds greatly to the power of the machine. *The Tedder* has capacity and power to ted the heaviest hay or grass, and will shake out hay in wind-rows, even if thoroughly soaked with water from a rain, which cannot be done with smooth tire tedders. We make the Tedder with either pole or shafts, at the same price, or both on same Tedder at a small advance in price.

THE AXLES AND WHEEL HUBS are chilled iron, which insures long wear, and the gearing to run true.

ALL THE BEARINGS of the Crank Shaft are turned. The Boxes of iron and bored, nicely fitted to the shaft. The *arrangement* for throwing in and out of gear is positive, simple and durable.

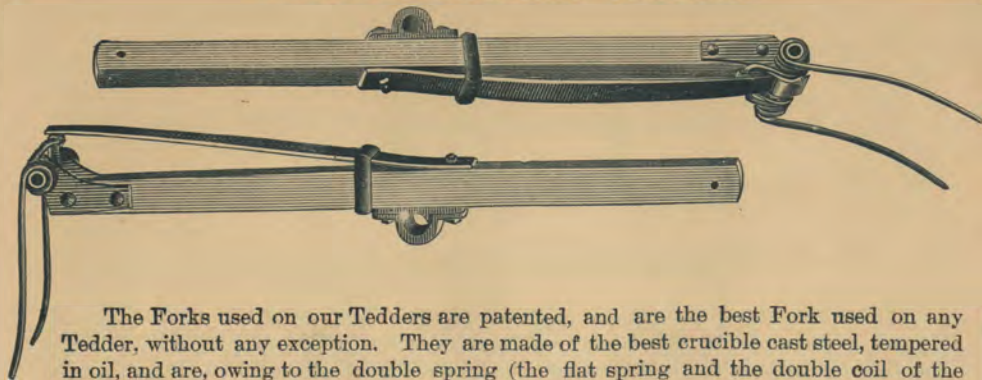
THE TILTING LEVER for raising or lowering the forks is handy for the driver.

THE EIGHT FORK TEDDER will ted better than can be done with any six fork machine.

IT IS THE STRONGEST, lightest running, easiest to operate, most durable, and best finished tedder made, and every tedder is warranted to do satisfactory work, and in places where others will not and cannot.

If in want of a Tedder, be sure and see and examine it before buying.

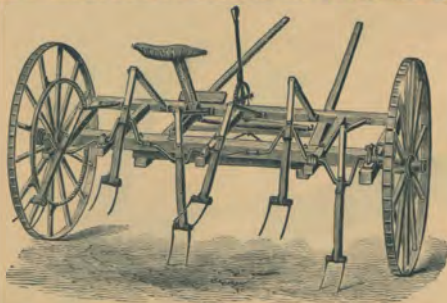
THE STERLING HAY TEDDER.



The Forks used on our Tedders are patented, and are the best Fork used on any Tedder, without any exception. They are made of the best crucible cast steel, tempered in oil, and are, owing to the double spring (the flat spring and the double coil of the Fork,) the most elastic as well as the most durable made.

The Springs are proportioned so as to lift the heaviest hay (the tension can be increased at will, if necessary) and, if they strike an unyielding substance, will pass over without increased power or causing the wheels to slip, as in the old style of Forks.

WE ALSO MANUFACTURE A SIX FORK TEDDER,



Which is substantially the same as our Eight Fork Tedder, excepting it has two less Forks. We use the same Wheels, Forks, Gearing, etc., on both, and all wearing surfaces are equally well finished.

It will not ted as fine as our Eight Fork Tedder, but we guarantee it to do as good or better work than any other Six Fork machine, and it will fully meet the wants of parties wanting a lower priced machine than our Eight Fork Tedder.

The Sterling Tedders are the best Tedders to buy, as they always give satisfaction, and will more than save their cost in one season.

COMMON SENSE POTATO DIGGER.

It is easy work to dig potatoes with the above Digger. It will dig as fast as ten or twelve men can pick up. It will dig cleaner than can be done with a fork. It will not cut or bruise the potatoes. A boy can operate it, and do good work.

We add a few testimonials from those that have used them :

LANCASTER, Wis., Oct. 29, 1883.

Gents:—The Potato Diggers purchased from you gave entire satisfaction. JOHN McCORMICK.

BEATRICE, Neb., Oct. 30, 1883.

Gents:—I never handled any single article that gives as complete satisfaction as your Common Sense Potato Digger did this season. I only ordered one as a sample, and sold that on the condition that if it did not give satisfaction to return it. It was not returned, and the buyer gave it such a good recommendation that I sold all I could get right in that neighborhood.

C. FAETH.

ALBERT LEA, Minn., Oct. 27, 1883.

Gents:—We have sold two of your Common Sense Potato Diggers, and they have given excellent satisfaction.

GULBRANDSON BROS.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 27, 1883.

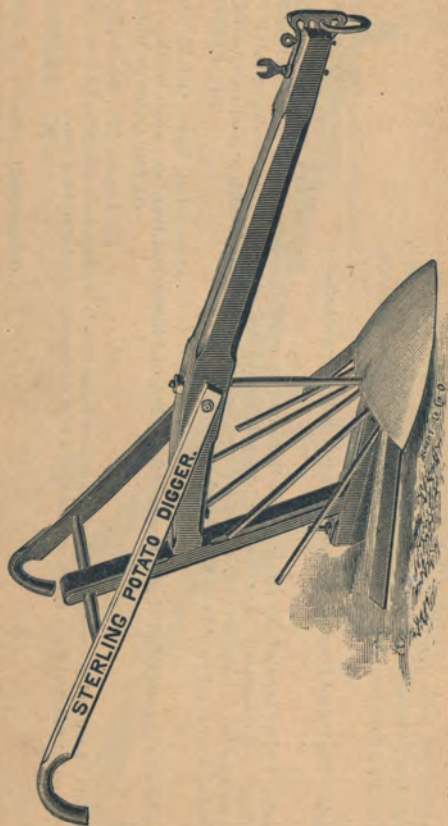
Gents:—I have had fine success with the Common Sense Potato Diggers, both last year and this. All my customers, so far as heard from, speak well of them; they do everything claimed for them.

A. M. CHESMORE.

GUTTENBERG, Iowa, Oct. 26, 1883.

Gents —The Common Sense Potato Diggers bought of you this season have given universal satisfaction. Parties who bought them are astonished to see all the potatoes on top of the ground. A. EBERHARD.

THE STERLING POTATO DICGER.



The Sterling Digger is built the same as the Common Sense Digger, except that an iron

runner takes the place of an adjustable shoe. The Sterling Digger will do equally as good work as the Common Sense Digger, and either of these diggers are warranted to do good work if properly handled and given a fair trial, as will be seen from testimonials.

TESTIMONIALS.

MANITOWOC, Wis., Oct. 29, 1883.

Gents:—We have sold both Diggers you sent to us, and they have given entire satisfaction.

BIBINGER & DAY.

PORTAGE, Wis., Oct. 31, 1883.

Gents:—The farmers to whom I sold the Diggers give but one report, and that is, "It does its work rapidly, neatly and most satisfactorily in every respect."

GEO. C. JACKSON.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., Oct. 27, 1883.

The Potato Digger we bought of you has given perfect satisfaction, and we can recommend it to any one who has use for an implement of that kind.

SHAW & WITHERSPOON.

LANCASTER, Wis., Oct. 29, 1883.

Gents:—The Potato Diggers purchased from you gave entire satisfaction.

JOHN McCORMICK.

INDEPENDENCE, Iowa, Oct. 27, 1883.

Mr. Rubin Rouse bought the Digger. He reports to-day that he has used the Digger to dig about three acres; the ground was rather wet, owing to recent rains. He says the Digger has saved him in labor fully the price of the Digger; that it leaves the potatoes in nice shape for picking up; himself and two boys, one eight and one ten years old, dug and put into cellar 110 bushels in ten hours.

R. BARTLE.

FAIRFIELD, Neb., Oct. 27, 1883.

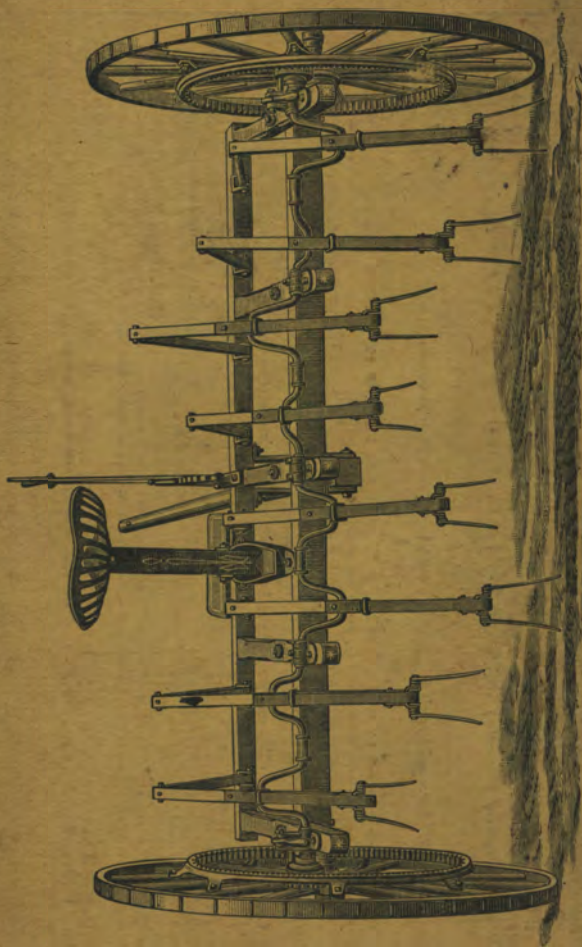
Gents:—So far as we have heard, your Diggers are a success in every particular, and give the very best of satisfaction; and if we could have had them sooner, could no doubt have sold many more.

RANDALL & FRYAR.

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 26, 1883.

Gents:—I have sold most of the Potato Diggers, and all but one, so far as I know, have given good satisfaction. With clean land, and proper cultivation, that is not too wet or too dry, it is good enough, to say the least.

S. L. SHELDON.



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