

THE
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FOR
1875

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CHICAGO, ILL.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE



MARSH HARVESTER

AND

JOHN COOK, Selling Agents.

West Union, Iowa.

1875

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SHELTER YOUR HARVESTERS

When the harvest is over. They will last twice as long as when left out exposed to the wind and weather. Build a shelter, be it ever so cheap. Take out the sickle, oil it, and put it away! Also, remove the canvas and store in a dry place; rub the metal work with tallow; the machine will last much longer and work much better for a little care.



THE MARSH HARVESTER AT WORK.

To Farmers.

THE purpose of this little memorandum book is to serve your convenience, and ours as a medium through which to present our compliments and those of our local Agents, and some statements in regard to the MARSH HARVESTER, which we as the Manufacturers, and our Agents as the Sellers, are desirous of placing before you.

To our patrons and friends in the farming communities, where this machine has been introduced, we present our grateful acknowledgments for the favor with which it has been received.

Its success has been such that we are manufacturing for the present season nearly six times as many as we sold four years ago.

No other Reaper has had equal success, or grown so rapidly in popular favor. To instance, we sold last season, in the single State of Iowa, nearly four thousand Harvesters. The superiority of this method of harvesting, and the principles upon which the Harvester is constructed, were disputed and contested by the whole family of Self-raking Reapers. That this contest had been determined in our favor by the farmers in the larger grain-growing sections, is proven by the fact that nearly every manufacturer of Reapers is endeavoring to construct a Harvester more or less like the Marsh—and not always with that due regard to our vested rights, as owners of the original patents, that should characterize honorable competition.

We purpose to make a better machine for the harvest of 1875, than ever before. Such improvements as we have been able to devise, will be made, and such defects as further experience has shown, will be remedied. No pains or expense will be spared to keep this Harvester in the lead. We shall not permit this, the original and favorite Harvester, to be excelled or *equalled* by any competitor.

We make some statements in regard to the merits of the MARSH HARVESTER and its claims to favor, for the more special benefit of those who are desirous of obtaining the best grain harvesting machine that can be found, and who may never have seen this machine, and are unacquainted with its practical working. In sections of the country where it is already introduced, and has been fairly tried such statements are unnecessary.

The main idea of the inventors was to construct a machine on which men could ride and bind. It is obvious that, this accomplished, a great saving in time and labor would be made over the Reapers which deposit the grain on the ground, requiring the binders to follow over the whole field to bind the gavels, as they fall at considerable intervals. This saving has been, in practice, found to be fully one-half. We can produce the testimony of thousands of farmers to this fact. Two men will bind as much grain, riding upon one of these machines, as four or five upon the ground. It is equally obvious that it can be done more comfortably, as the grain comes to the binder at such an elevation as to make little stooping or bending of the back necessary, while both the binders and drivers are protected from the sun by an awning.

It is equally clear that less loss of grain occurs by waste or shelling, as not a straw touches the ground until bound. Many farmers claim that the saving of grain is sufficient, in many cases, to pay for all the labor, and is always an important item.

The MARSH HARVESTER is a light machine, weighing only 800 pounds, has no side draft, the weight being upon the large drive

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wheel, and is easily drawn by two horses. The grain is cut by a slow motion of the sickle, each section of which passes through two guards with each stroke of the pitman. The grain, as it is cut, falls upon a revolving canvas platform, is elevated and delivered in good condition for binding, into a receiver, at just the convenient height



FRONT VIEW.

for the binders, who, taking up the grain as it falls, place it upon the binding tables, at their sides, to be tied up—throw the sheaves upon the bundle-carrier in their rear, until there are enough for a shock; when, by placing a bundle upon the outer edge, it is tilted, the bundles drop off and the carrier returns to its place by its own weight.

The cutting apparatus, including the platform, is so arranged that

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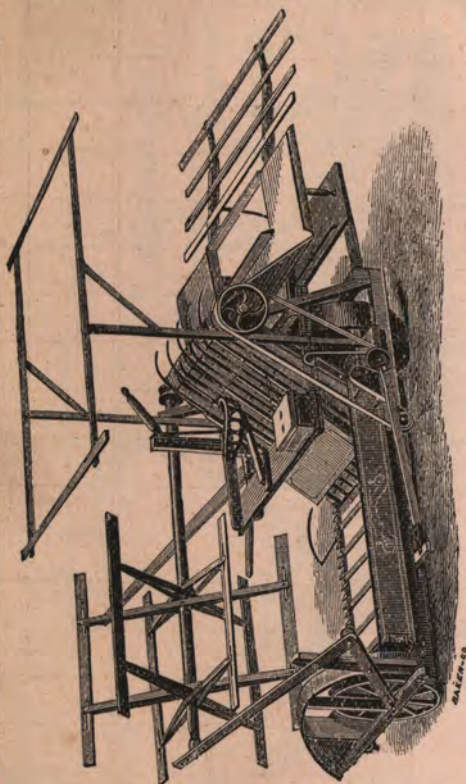
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several lengths of stubble can be cut by raising or lowering the main frame, adapting the same to the length or condition of the grain. The cutter-bar can be depressed or elevated by a lever under the control of the driver, while the machine is in operation, enab-



BACK VIEW.

ing it to take up down and crinkled grain, in any and all conditions, better than any other machine. The drive wheel is large, with a slow motion—the whole mechanism and its operations are simple and easily understood, and may be readily mastered by any practical farmer. No Reaper is more simple, or requires less mechanical skill to keep in good condition. Two binders and a boy to drive

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are all that are required to cut and bind from eight to fourteen acres per day—ten acres, however, being about the average of a moderate day's work through harvest. The bundle-carrier reduces the work of shocking nearly or quite one-half.

A shade frame is furnished with each Harvester, over which a piece of cotton cloth may be stretched, (a common sheet will do,) making an awning which will protect both binders and driver from the sun. The men standing upon the binder's stand, shaded from the direct rays of the sun, can dispense, if they choose, with both hats and boots, and take it cool and comfortable.

To summarize—Our claims for this Harvester are: That it is light draft, being easily drawn by two horses; that it is simple in construction, easily understood, and not liable to get out of repair; that it cuts clean, and does good work on smooth or rough ground, in standing or down, crinkled and tangled grain; that two men, riding upon this machine, can bind as much as four or five upon the ground, at a saving of fully one-half the labor, making the hiring of uncertain help unnecessary, the ordinary farm hands being usually sufficient for the harvest; that it saves the housewife the unpleasant drudgery of providing for extra help during the hottest season of the year, and keeps matters serene in the domestic department; that there is no bending of the unprotected back necessary under a hot sun, no plunging of the hands into the sharp stubble; that there is less waste of grain than by any other method; that it works well in all conditions of grain; *that this machine is giving more complete satisfaction than any other made, and is the best yet devised.*

Our claims may seem exaggerated to those unacquainted with the Harvester or its reputation. We are confident that they are not overstated and refer with confidence and pride to the thousands of farmers who have purchased and used this machine, and believe they will verify all we say. A little difficulty is sometimes found by beginners in binding all the machine will cut, but after few hours experience, no difficulty is found in binding the full swath.

We claim it is no slight matter with our farmers to be able to avoid the expense and annoyance of strange help, while the relief in the housekeeping department is equally great—matters progressing as quietly in the house at this season as any other.

The first patents on the MARSH HARVESTER were obtained in 1858. Many improvements have since been made, and neither pains nor expense have been spared to perfect it. The principles upon which it is constructed are now conceded to be correct, and practically in advance of any other in use. Other competing HARVESTERS have been measurably successful, as they have approximated and infringed the MARSH.

Economy is the road to wealth, and it is good economy to buy the best farm machinery. We assert what we believe to be true, and what the best and most thrifty farmers of the North-west will corroborate—no other grain-reaping machine has been so uniformly successful, and given such satisfaction to the purchasers as this.

Thousands of testimonials can be furnished from our best farmers to verify our statements and more than we claim. We append all the testimonials our space will permit, and ask they be carefully read. The Certificates are from persons well known in their several sections as reliable, careful and intelligent farmers.

GAMMON & DEERING.

N. B.—We purpose to build a few MARSH HARVESTERS this season, with six-foot cutter-bar, on which three persons may ride and bind.

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FLAX AND TIMOTHY.

The inquiry is often made if the MARSH HARVESTER cuts Flax and Timothy well. It cuts both perfectly. No change of sickle is necessary. Each section of the sickle passes through two guards at each stroke of the pitman, ensuring a clean cut. The revolving platform canvas keeps the cutter-bar clear. Several Testimonials will be found among the following, from those who have used this machine in Flax and Timothy.

WARRANTY.

The MARSH HARVESTER is warranted to be well made, of good material and when properly used, not liable to get out of repair; to be a good grain-cutting machine, upon which two experienced binders will bind as much grain in one day as they could on the ground in two days, or that it saves one-half the labor in binding the grain, and one man in raking off.

When the machine is put in operation, if it should fail to perform as warranted, it shall be the duty of the purchaser to notify us or our agent, immediately, of the fact, and to allow sufficient time to send a man to put it in order. Then if it does not work, and the fault is in the machine, it will be taken back and the money refunded, or that part of it which proves defective will be replaced, or a perfect machine given in its place.

Testimonials.

OSCEOLA, Iowa, Oct. 10, 1874.

With my Marsh Harvester I accomplished last harvest the same amount of work with one team, two men and a boy, that my neighbor adjoining did with his Dropper and Self-rake, with the help of six men and two teams.

D. WEBSTER.

Joseph Astenfelter, of Osceola, Iowa, says that he saved \$1 00 per acre, on the average, with the "Marsh" over any other machine.

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio, Aug. 3, 1874.

Our "Marsh" has given *entire satisfaction*, cutting 65 acres in 5½ days, at a great saving of expense over other machines.

T. D. & J. B. McADAMS.

E. H. Edwards & Bro., of Lincoln, Iowa, say, "We cut 7½ acres in five and one-half days with the "Marsh."

J. S. McMullen, of Red Oak, Iowa, says, "I have bound on both the 'Marsh' and 'Elward,' and find that two horses draw the 'Marsh' with greatest ease, while the 'Edward' is a load for three. I have seen a man give up in wet grain with the 'Elward,' when the 'Marsh' would cut without trouble. *I would not exchange a 'Marsh' for two 'Elwards.'*"

KNOXVILLE, Iowa, Aug. 5, 1874.

With my "Marsh" two men bound 7 70-160 acres of wheat, that thrashed out 18 bushels to the acre, in 3 hours and 30 minutes. In grain badly down and tangled we cut 110 acres in 11 days.

JOHN TERWILLIGER.

Hollenshead & Adams, of Columbus, Kansas, say, "The 'Marsh

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is a *perfect success*, and we cannot say enough in its praise. By its use in our own harvest we have *saved the entire expense of binding.*"

SHERMAN CITY, Kansas, Nov. 4, 1874.

In cutting 100 acres the "Marsh" did its work completely and gave perfect satisfaction. In grain alone, by its use, we saved the expense of binding, beside saving the wages and board of four hands during the entire harvest. In our opinion it is *the best grain harvester in use.*

LARGENT & PENEBAKER.

GERMAN, Ohio, Sept. 1, 1874.

Before purchasing the "Marsh" we used the "Champion" but were compelled to change, as the straw became too dry to bind. With the "Marsh" we had no trouble, as we carried some wet grain on the binder's table to bind with. By the same means we were able to bind oats whose straw was only 6 inches long. My neighbors, who had no "Marsh," when they saw mine work said they "were discouraged," and that "all other Reapers ought to be piled up and burned." Rather extravagant but expressive.

GEO. W. BROWN.

H. Fowl, of Moscow, Mich., Oct 31, 1874, says, "My Marsh Harvester does the best work and for the least expense of any machine I ever saw,"

Wm. Clark, of Moscow, same date, says, "The draft of the 'Marsh' is the lightest of any Reaper I know—and one man and a boy, of 12 or 14 years of age, did my binding through harvest."

Robert Denings & Son, Moscow, Mich., say, "With the 'Marsh' we have cut 100 acres of wheat *without a cents expense.*"

B. Denzer, of Waldo, Ohio, Sept. 17, 1874, says, "The 'Marsh' suits me better than any Self-rake I ever saw. Even when the straw is wet with dew or rain, it cuts *smoothly and without choking.*"

WESTFIELD, Ohio, Sept. 17, 1874.

My "Marsh" *beats them all.* My boy, 14 years old, can bind his half, and prefers it to gathering sheaves. Would not take \$300 for mine and do without.

JOHN LENG.

WILMINGTON, Ohio, July 1, 1874.

The "Marsh" gives universal satisfaction—doing the smoothest work ever done in Clinton County. An old farmer, owning 1,000 acres of our best black dirt, says, he "would not give *one of them for all other machines in Clinton County.*"

FULTON & PETERS.

FREDERICKTOWN, Ohio, Aug. 8, 1874.

Messrs. Gammon & Deering:

Gents—Farmers, to whom we have sold the Harvester, this year, say they "*would not take a combined machine as a gift.*"

M. H. LAFEVER.

S. & F. Lafever, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, say, "For draft, ease of binding, and style of cutting, the 'Marsh' is the *best machine ever made.*"

NOTAWA, Mich., Oct., 27. 1874.

With my "Marsh" I harvested 85 acres of wheat, that averaged 21 bushels per acre, in 6½ days—carrying all the bundles together with

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Jubilee times

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1 day — 7 days

June 29 Winkler got
his papers

Due from Winkler \$1.00

Due from John Pitzelberger
on Bolter Acc^y \$2.00
on Blank 50 cts
on J. DeFrance 75

the "bundle carrier" attachment, using one boy and two men *only* in doing the work. I was not at one cents expense, or hindered one minute during the whole time, and it *cost me just \$63 55, all told, to put the 85 acres into my barn.*"

M. W. CONNOR.

Andrew Hall, of Napoleon, Ohio, says, "The only *possible objection* to the 'Marsh' is, that it is a *hog starver*, unless you have other grain to feed your swine than what it leaves them in the stubble."

Mr. W. H. Hooker, of Texas, says that he cut with his Harvester a piece of barley, of very short straw, and standing as thick as it could stand, taking it perfectly clean, while the binders had no difficulty in binding it.

NASHPORT, Ohio, Aug. 9, 1874.

I have used a Marsh Harvester for 5 years, cutting 100 acres a year. It is still in good order, the cost for repairs for the entire time *not exceeding \$5 00.*

N. F. CLAYPOOL.

STUART, Iowa, Nov. 9, 1874.

Messrs. Gammon & Deering:

Gents—In cutting 210 acres with my "Marsh" I think I have saved one bushel of grain per acre, making 210 bushels saved. I cut the 210 acres in 21 days, and saved the board and wages of 3 hands each day, which, at \$2 75, makes a saving of \$173 25 in labor and board. To recapitulate:

65 days' labor and board, at \$2 75	\$173 25
210 bushels of grain, at \$1 00	210 00

Making a total saving in harvesting 210 acres-----\$383 25

JAMES GODWIN.

BLOOMINGTON, Kansas, Oct. 29, 1874.

Before purchasing the Marsh Harvester we were strongly in favor of the "McCormick Advance." However, we bought the "Marsh," and have given it a *thorough trial* on level and hilly land, and have cut tangled wheat and oats where the "McCormick" had tried and failed. *We have never been to one minute's delay or trouble, or to one cent's expense* since the Harvester was put into the field.

POWERS & BARKER.

\$150 SAVED IN ONE HARVEST.

E. D. Welder, of Burr Oak, Iowa, Sept. 17, 1874, says, "In cutting 150 acres of grain this season, I averaged 11 acres per day, two men doing all the binding. The 'Marsh' saved me \$1 00 per acre. It is cheaper for a farmer to buy a 'Marsh' than to take a Self-rake as a gift, and use it."

MILFORD, Mich., Aug. 25, 1874.

S. Andrews, General Agent Marsh Harvesters, Howell, Mich.:

Dear Sir—Your Harvester and my hills were not antagonistic at all, as I expected. I thought my hills would overturn the Harvester, or swamp it in some of the precipitous little gullies—such as enrage other machines. But the Harvester is a tame sort of an animal, and took it cool. I soon saw that the hills and Harvester were bosom friends, and that I was forced to buy, although I held myself non-committal, until I saw that it was all I could wish it to be and *just what you said it was.* I cut 12 acres of wheat in a day, and the wheat was good for 25 bushels per acre. My Harvester cost me

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nothing aside from my month hands, which with *any other machine*, would have cost me from \$40 to \$50.

JOHN ATKIN, JR.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS WITH 200 FARMERS.

From the statements of *two hundred of the best farmers* in Minnesota, (which statements are on file in my office,) I find that they make an average saving of help, grain and board of \$1 64 per acre, and an average of \$161 26 saved in one season for each Harvester.

H. C. HOWARD, Gen'l Ag't, Mankato, Minn.

THE FIGURES AGAIN.

We cut in 15 days, last season, with the "Marsh," 150 acres, using three hands, one of them being a man 67 years of age. In the same field was a "Dropper" with *six men to bind*.

We saved the wages of three men, at \$2 50-----\$7 50
We saved the board of three men, at \$0 75-----2 25

Saving Per day-----\$9 75

Saving in 15 days-----\$146 25

ADAM HAIN,
DAVID HAIN.

Amos Rush, of Lincoln, Iowa, says, "With the 'Marsh' I saved one bushel of grain per acre, and \$75 00 in hands and board, in the harvest of 1874. In down or lodged grain its *equal is not to be found*, as it can be raised or lowered without stopping, and the apron carrying the grain away and keeping the sickle clean, thus giving the 'Marsh' the *advantage over any other machine*. I cut on all kinds of ground, rough, side-hill, up-hill and down-hill, and it *never failed* to do its work well in every place. Its draft is light for two horses. It turns easily on any kind of ground. It cuts grain any length desired, and so saves labor in stacking and threshing.

MORE FIGURES.

Abraham Rogers and Jesse Britcher, of Stanwood, Iowa, write to W. M. Lorinsen, "We herewith give you some figures, comparing the cost of harvesting ten acres last harvest with the 'Marsh' and that of harvesting *the same ten acres* the year before with the 'Manny':"

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10 acres at 75 cents-----	\$ 7 50	10 acres at 75 cts-----	\$ 7 50
5 Binders at \$2 50 per day	12 50	2 Binders at \$2 50 per day	5 00
1 driver (4 horses.)-----	2 50	2 shockers at \$2 50 per day	5 00
2 shockers at \$2 50-----	5 00	1 driver (boy 9 years old.)	1 00
Board for 8 men at 50 cts..	4 00	Board for 5 men at 50 cts..	2 50
Extra team-----	1 50		
Feed for same-----	25	Total-----	\$21 00

Total-----\$33 25

Difference in favor of 'Marsh,' in cutting 10 acres, \$12 25. Adding \$1 00 per acre, *grain actually saved*, we have \$22 25 over any other Reaper. This is *truth. not guess work.*"

James Thomas and Isaac Holland, of Cedar Hill, Texas, say, "Notwithstanding the heavy rains of last harvest, with the 'Marsh' we saved all our grain. We *know* that the 'Marsh' will run in a wet

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time when *all others fail*, and that it will save at least two bushels of grain per acre over the old way."

RATHER RIDE THAN COOK.

Jas. Russell, of Howell, Mich., says, "I harvested this year 120 acres with the 'Marsh.' My wife did the driving, and says she prefers it to cooking in a hot kitchen on a hot day. With the 'Marsh' there is less cooking to be done, because fewer mouths to feed—hence, fewer hands to pay and improvement in finances."

John P. Johnson, of Newbury, Minn., says, "The 'Marsh' *never clogs*, as the other Harvesters do, and is of lighter draft than any other."

Holver Bersel—"In two seasons I have cut 230 acres of good wheat and oats in 24 days, with myself and one hand to bind."

Robert Armstrong, of Elliota, says, "We worked our 'Marsh' in the field beside an * * * * The 'Marsh' runs the easiest, and *saves the most grain* from the fact that the open slats on the * * * * lets it drop through on the box below, and the binders kick it out on the ground. The 'Marsh,' having a tight table, it is *all bound*, and left with the bundles by the carrier."

G. A. Lilly, of Dallas, Texas.—"Last year I cut 100 acres with the 'Marsh'—two horses handling it readily. The season was a very wet one, but the 'Marsh' *went through* when *all other machines bogged down*. Two men *bound easily* 12 acres per day in wheat that yielded 25 bushels per acre."

We certify that the above certificate is true.

W. D. SNEED and N. B. RHYNE.

J. B. D. and J. C. Boydslun and H. H. Lowe, of Mansfield, Texas. — "Last season was a very wet one, but the 'Marsh' run right along when *all other machines failed by clogging*. The 'Marsh' will save the seed, or $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 bushels per acre over any machine that throws the grain on the ground."

W. H. Roberts, of Olivia, Texas, gives the same testimony as above, adding "I know the 'Marsh' will run in wet, waxy land, where all other machines fail, while it *saves 3 or 4 hands* in the harvest field."

Joel Banks and John Harwish, of Palestine, Ohio.—"The 'Marsh' makes the *cleanest stubble* and does the *best work* of any machine we know of. Two men will bind on it *easier* than *five* on other machines."

"STACK IN MY BARN."

Mr. Benedict Larson, of Hesper, Iowa.—"I would not give my Harvester for all the Reapers you could stack in my barn. I cut over 100 acres this season, and *without a single stop for repairs*. My two girls can bind on it at the rate of *ten acres per day*."

RESULT OF 7 YEARS' USE.

MACON, Mich., Sept. 28, 1874.

I have now used my Marsh Harvester for *seven years*, with a total expense for repairs of about \$10, while it has saved me \$60 annually in labor alone.

WM. H. OSBORN.

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NO TROUBLE IN WET GRAIN—TWO BOYS BIND 140 ACRES.

BURR OAK, Iowa, Sept. 17, 1874.

My two boys, aged 17 and 19, bound all my grain this year, 140 acres. We cut right through *wet and tangled grain* without trouble, where it yielded 25 bushels to the acre.

D. SHEA.

TRIAL FOR THE \$10 PREMIUM IN KANSAS.

In competing for the prize, offered by M. A. Arnot, for the largest day's work of 10 hours, we report: We cut on the 19th day of July, 16 acres and 47 rods of Spring wheat in 9 hours and 40 minutes.

J. E. GILE, Driver,

L. HUBBARD and T. D. LYON, Binders.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of July, 1874.

W. L. HARVEY, Clerk District Court.

EIGHT SEASONS' USE.

D. Soesbe, of Harlan, Iowa, says, "In cutting 188 acres this season I averaged $13\frac{1}{3}$ acres per day. I have used the harvester for 8 years."

J. W. Earle, of Le Mars, Iowa.—"In wages, board and horseflesh, and cutting the grain on time, my 'Marsh' saved me this year *half the cost of it*. It cuts tangled grain with ease. If I could buy a Harvester for \$225 *I would not use a Reaper were it given to me.*"

Hezekiah Gilbert, of Ames, Iowa, says, "In cutting 200 acres the 'Marsh' will pay for itself in *grain and expenses saved*. Can cut 15 acres per day with it."

Wm. Connelly, of Boonsboro, Iowa.—"With my 'Marsh' I have in three years cut 300 acres. *It has never cost a cent for repairs*. Two men can bind 15 acres per day, and two horses draw it with ease. It cut the most weedy, lodged and snarled oats I ever saw and on the roughest of ground. I would not take a Self-rake as a gift as long as I can get a Harvester."

AND SO SAY PIKE BROS., MASON CITY, IOWA.

"We have used our Harvester for three years *without a breakage*. Had we 1,000 acres to cut, we *would not take any other machine as a gift*, for in harvesting 100 acres we can *save enough to buy a good mower.*"

A. A. Grow, of Mason City, Iowa, says that his neighbors laughed at his attempting to cut with the "Marsh" some snarled and tangled oats, that they thought nothing but a scythe would cut. He adds "Now I laugh because I did try the 'Marsh.' It did the work. In cutting 215 acres it cost me just 15 cents for repairs."

ONE MAN CAN BIND 10 ACRES PER DAY.

A. W. Olds and R. W. Olds, of Green Oak Station, Mich., say so. "I have cut 10 acres in a day with the 'Marsh,' and one man bound it. We bought it 5 years ago and it seems good for 10 years more, and we have cut from 75 to 125 acres of wheat alone, beside oats and other grain each year. In the 5 years we have only paid \$5 75 for repairs."

OCTOBER,
MEMORANDA.

TESTIMONIALS.

THE REASONS.

ST. ANSGAR, Iowa.

We affirm the truth of them

1st.—It is the lightest draft machine in use

2d.—Using it will save over one-half the expense of harvesting.

3d.—You can work in the shade.

4th.—It is the simplest machine out.

5th.—It will keep your wife good natured all harvest.

6th.—You can do your harvesting in good season.

7th.—It is the best machine in use.

8th.—*Do likewise* and buy a Marsh Harvester.

WM. FINLEY,

ED. ROSSITER,

HESEKIAH GILBERT.

JOSHUA McALLISTER.

John Stolty, of Greenville, Ohio, says, "In consequence of severe rains, the ground and grain were in the worst condition I ever saw. My 'Marsh' was *never detained an hour when other machines could not move at all.*"

M. W. Bannister, of Stanwood, Iowa.—"I have used my 'Marsh' for four years, and call it *one dollar per acre cheaper than any other machine in use,*"

Horel Olson, of Deer Creek, Iowa.—"The 'Marsh' has *saved me \$100 on 75 acres of grain. A girl of 14 and I did all the work.*"

John A. Howard, of Niles, Mich., says, "I cut and bound *alone six acres of oats in one day, without a driver.* I also, with a boy to drive, cut and bound *alone 10 acres of wheat in one day.*"

N. S. Ketchum, of Marshalltown, Iowa.—"Among 110 Harvesters sold by me in 1873, *every one has given perfect satisfaction.*"

The "MARSH" Excels in Cutting Flax and Timothy.

Justus McCoy, of Grantville, Kansas, says, "As a flax cutting machine the 'Marsh Harvester' *is superior to any other,* because one man, standing on the binders' platform, can lift the flax from the table and shock it from the machine, saving the expense of *at least three additional hands.*"

T. F. Graham, of Cherokee, Kansas, says, "The 'Marsh' will cut and save flax *better than any other machine now in use.*"

Geo. Pettitt, of Red Oak, Iowa, says, "The 'Marsh' will cut *flax and timothy better than any other Reaper.*"

CHEROKEE, Kansas, Oct. 1, 1874.

The Harvester I bought of your Agent has *given entire satisfaction.* I cut 110 acres of grain this season in 11 days. *For cutting flax it can't be beat.* In fact, it will harvest corn stalks. *I endorse the "Marsh" every time.*

JONH L. PENINGTON.

NASHVILLE, Martin County, Minn.,

I cut five acres of flax, and did it as well as any Self-rake Reaper. Paid out only \$13 00 for help in cutting 75 acres. *The "Marsh Harvester" is O K.* Would not take \$500 for it, if I could not get another.

MORRIS REES.

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DECEMBER.

MEMORANDA.

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THE Marsh Harvester

has now been in use several years with ever increasing success and popularity. Its sale, where best known, largely exceeds that of any other Reaper. It has successfully introduced a new method in grain harvesting, that of riding and binding upon the machine, thereby saving one-half the labor and expense. It does better work, is more economical, as durable, less liable to get out of repair, and gives better satisfaction than any other Reaper in the market.

These statements are strictly correct, are carefully made, and can be verified.

We have the agency for this well known Harvester, the original and best of its class, and cordially invite all who wish to buy a Reaper, or who wish to examine it, or are in any way interested in improved harvesting machinery, to call at our warehouse and see this machine. It will give us pleasure to exhibit it and explain its method of operation.

We are prepared to sell at a fair price, to give liberal credit when required, and will also make low *cash prices*, and special prices to associations of farmers wishing to buy together, or by their authorized agents, for cash or credit.

Agent,



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