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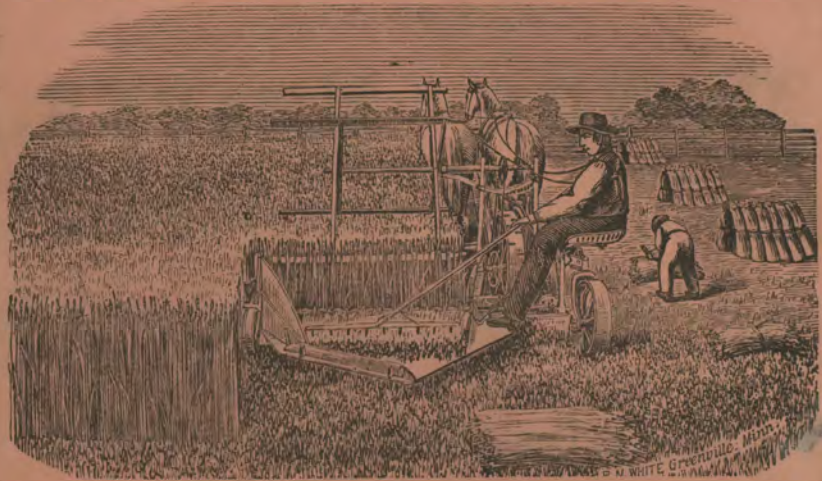
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THE SUPERIORITY OF THE JOHN P. MANNY

Is thus established by a chain of brilliant victories. It is also recommended by all intelligent farmers who have used it.

A Careful Examination of its Merits is Solicited.

CARD.

THE JOHN P. MANNY REAPER AND MOWER has been extensively manufactured and sold to farmers during the past ten years, and in reviewing its history we feel that we have a just right to be proud of its achievements and wonderful success. In all the thousands we have sold, we feel perfectly safe in saying that there is not one purchaser in *five hundred* but will recommend the JOHN P. MANNY as being the best Reaper and Mower within his knowledge; and we refer with pleasure to any one who has ever purchased one of our Machines, being well assured that he will so recommend it.

Such extraordinary success from the commencement of its history, proves conclusively that the mechanical principles upon which it is constructed place it far in advance of all others for strength, durability, lightness of draft, ease of management, adaptability to all kinds of work, and for general usefulness, as well as for the character of the work which it performs.

Notwithstanding the great success which has attended the JOHN P. MANNY from its first introduction, yet the improvements upon it have not been arrested, but each succeeding year, as it has been offered to the farmers, it has been found better adapted to their use, and more worthy of their confidence and favor; and now we have the satisfaction of offering to them for the coming harvest, a more perfect Machine than ever before, and one which we know will give satisfaction, and one which we believe is more perfectly adapted to their varied wants than any other.

DROPPER.

We shall be prepared to supply the SEIBERLING DROPPER to those who purchase our Machines this year, provided they give their orders early enough. This Dropper can be easily applied to any of our 5 feet Machines previously sold. It is an efficient and popular mode of delivering grain, and is especially simple and effective on the JOHN P. MANNY Machine. With this attachment, (requiring three bolts only to make the connection,) the farmer who has a JOHN P. MANNY is prepared for any of the emergencies of his harvest, and can enter upon it with confidence, and go through it with greater comfort and economy than with any other machine.

Please examine the *John P. Manny* in the hands of Agents, and inquire of Farmers who have used them.

N. C. THOMPSON, Manufacturer,
Rockford, Illinois.

JOHN P. MANNY'S
COMBINED
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The JOHN P. MANNY machine has become so widely known, and its reputation so well established, that it would seem unnecessary to say anything—in this our annual circular—in regard to its mechanical principles, its great success and the universal satisfaction it has given, were it not for the fact that we are constantly widening its sphere of usefulness, and introducing it into localities where it has not hitherto been used. And we also wish to “*keep it before the people,*” that we are still manufacturing them on a large scale, and have added such new improvements as have been demonstrated to be useful or convenient, that we may keep the JOHN P. MANNY as far in advance of its competitors as it has heretofore proved itself to be. We also desire to present such new and reliable testimony in regard to its great value, as is to be found in the letters of farmers who have used it, and can speak from experience.

We are indeed grateful to the Farmers who have purchased the John P. Manny, for the friendly interest they have taken in its success, and also for many acts of kindness and expressions of good will toward ourselves personally, and especially for the recommendatory letters, which have been sent in numbers nearly corresponding to the whole number of machines sold. We believe that in publishing such letters we lay before others who may wish to purchase, more valuable information in regard to our machine, than can possibly be given in any other form.

Of course, no harvester could obtain such unanimous commendation, if it did not possess in a marked manner all the principles of real utility, which experience has shown to be necessary for successful operation in all the varied conditions of crops and soil. We believe it to be capable of demonstration, that THERE CAN BE FOUND NO REALLY VALUABLE PRINCIPLES FOR FIELD WORK ON ANY REAPER OR MOWER IN THE MARKET, THAT CANNOT BE FOUND IN EQUAL PERFECTION ON THE JOHN P. MANNY; and yet there are many valuable points on our Machine that cannot be found on any other. Let it not be understood, however, that we have found it necessary to copy all the complications to be found on other machines to obtain these advantages. On the contrary, our machine is actually simpler in construction than any other; for by the peculiar mechanical arrangements, we have been

able to combine all these valuable features without complication. We will enumerate on the following pages some of the most prominent mechanical advantages of the machine.

Mechanical Advantages of the John P. Manny.

IT IS A WELL BALANCED MACHINE.

1st. The gearing and much of the weight of the Machine is placed on the outside of the driving wheel, which counterbalances the weight of the cutter bar on the other, *and prevents side draft.*

2d. The Machine is so balanced as to throw most of its weight upon the driving wheel, *which gives great power to the sickle.*

3d. By thus throwing nearly all the weight of the machine upon the largest wheel, *we obtain the lightest draft*, and as the other wheels are casters, we can *turn square corners easily.*

In all machines that bear heavily on the grain wheel, there must necessarily be side draft, and a constant tendency to sag and twist, which deranges the cutters, causing great friction and heavy draft. Our machine is entirely free from these objections, and we claim it will remain until it is worn out, just as square and true in all its essential parts as when it was first made.

CHANGING THE MOTION.

The motion of the sickle can be changed to suit light or heavy cutting, so *that no more power is used than just enough to do the work required.*

NO WEIGHT ON THE HORSES' NECKS.

The tongue is *hinged to the main frame*, and there is no unequal weight on the horses' necks in either REAPING OR MOWING. The cutters can be raised or lowered entirely independent of it.

HORSES ATTACHED CLOSE TO THE MACHINE.

The whiffletrees are attached close by the driving wheel, and the horses are close to their work, which gives them great advantage in drawing the machine, turning corners, &c.

LARGE GEARING.

The gear-wheels are large, and the journals very long, which reduces the friction and insures durability.

CENTER DRAFT.

The large caster wheel is placed outside of the line of draft, and the power required to draw it along balances the drawing of the grain wheel, so that the machine is really a "center draft," and consequently *free from side draft.*

THE DOUBLE FRAME.

The John P. Manny has two frames, one of which is always held level and parallel with the ground, by resting on two wheels—one (the driving wheel) *forward*, and one (the caster) in *rear* of the cutter-bar, and *suspending* the other (the gear frame) with the cutter-bar beneath it. As both frames are hinged at or near the axle of the driving wheel, they act entirely independent of each other, and by hinging our raising lever upon the parallel, or caster frame, we are enabled to raise and lower the adjustable frame and cutter-bar as desired.

CUTTER BAR RAISED AT BOTH ENDS.

We raise both ends of the cutter-bar at the same time, by separate devices, that act *independently of each other*. This is accomplished by holding the outer or grain wheel with a lever hinged at the point of the divider, enabling it to perform precisely the same duty for the grain end, that the parallel frame does for the gear end of the cutter-bar. Both ends are connected to the raising lever by means of a rod and chain, and are raised and lowered simultaneously. WE THUS OBTAIN STRENGTH AND DURABILITY BY A SIMPLE

MECHANICAL DEVICE, and are enabled to dispense with the heavy frame which in most other Reapers and Combined Machines, seems indispensably necessary to support the outer end of the cutter-bar, and renders it absolutely certain that our machine can *never sag or twist*, or get out of shape, in those essential points where most other machines show their weakness first.

This is undoubtedly the most perfect device ever invented for raising, lowering, and supporting the cutting apparatus of a reaping and mowing machine. *In this respect the JOHN P. MANNY has a decided advantage over any other machine*, and it is a most valuable feature, standing next in importance to a perfect cutting apparatus. It is only by the ability to be easily and instantly raised and lowered, that a machine can justly claim to be perfectly adapted to the different kinds of crops, or the different conditions of crops, even in the same field, and yet there are very few which possess this advantage, especially in reaping.

ADJUSTABILITY IN MOWING.

In mowing, the cutter-bar will of itself follow the undulations of the ground, and conform to the uneven surfaces. Either end of the bar will raise over cradle knolls, ant hills, or other obstructions, without raising the other, or both can be raised together at the will of the driver, without stopping the team. On ridged land the driving wheel can go on one side of the ridge, while the cutter-bar follows on the other, without straining any part of the machine.

NO DRAGGING WEIGHT IN MOWING.

The machine is so perfectly balanced that there is no unequal or unnecessary weight dragging upon the ground, which insures light draft and freedom from side draft.

TURNING SQUARE CORNERS.

The grass wheel is a caster, which is hinged so that it will raise the cutter-bar off the ground of itself, when turning corners, which saves the necessity of raising it up by hand power before turning.

A PERFECT CUTTING APPARATUS.

After many years of continuous experiments, the cutting apparatus has been brought to the greatest degree of perfection. The form and hardened surface of the guards, the shape and temper of the blades, and the angle at which they strike the grass, have all been the subject of careful experiment, and long experience, and we believe the cutting apparatus of the John P. Manny to be capable of performing its work in a more perfect manner, and with less power than has heretofore been attained by other machines.

THE CHILLED GUARD,

Which we have recently perfected and adopted, is an improvement of great importance. It has been thoroughly tested, and with the most satisfactory results. The surface of the guard being perfectly smooth and true, and harder than steel, gives a freedom to the sickle, a certainty and ease of cut, and a durability that is not found in other Machines. We have no hesitation in saying that the "JOHN P. MANNY" guard is the very best that is made, both in form and character.

BALL AND SOCKET JOINT.

The sickle is connected to the pitman by a ball and socket joint, which has been proved by many years experience to be vastly superior for durability and strength to any other device ever invented for that purpose. During the last nine years, notwithstanding we have had thousands of them in use, but a very small portion of them have ever worn or given out. Farmers who have had much experience with other machines will understand the value of such a reliable device at this point.

SPRING STEEL CUTTER BAR.

The cutter-bar is made of hammered Spring Steel, which gives us the greatest possible strength in an equal weight. They are planed up true, and the guards are accurately and nicely fitted, and when they are screwed on they can never get out of place. The bar and guards thus arranged, are stronger than can be found on any other machine.

CHOICE OF SEATS IN MOWING.

By reference to the engravings in this pamphlet, it will be seen that we have two seats, one of which is located over the driving wheel forward of the cutting apparatus. In stony or stumpy land, by sitting on this seat, the operator can see obstructions in time to avoid them. The other is located

in rear of cutting apparatus. This is a much more desirable position for the operator in all ordinary mowing, as it enables him to see the operation of the sickle and his team without looking around. By an ingenious device the raising lever is so arranged that it can be operated from either seat.

The shipping lever is also placed in such a position that the machine can be instantly thrown into or out of gear by the operator from either seat.

NEW TIMOTHY MEADOWS.

Experience has demonstrated that if timothy is cut too close (on our soft prairie soils) the hot sun penetrates and dries up the roots, causing it to grow up thin and spindling the next year, whereas, if it is cut a little above the ground, leaving enough stubble to partially shade it, the grass will thicken up from the bottom and produce good pasturage or a heavier crop the following year. By our method of supporting the cutter-bar at both ends, we can raise it to cut the grass at any height above the ground that may be desired. We consider this a *great advantage* for timothy meadows, and also for spongy boggylands. Farmers who cut much timothy will find this a valuable feature of the JOHN P. MANNY.

ADJUSTABILITY IN REAPING.

The cutters can be instantly raised or lowered by the operator, as the short or tall grain requires, or to take up lodged spots without stopping the team. It does not seem possible that any machine could give even tolerable satisfaction as a reaper, without being thus capable of instant adjustment to correspond with the varied conditions of the crop. And yet, amid the multitude of reapers, the JOHN P. MANNY is believed to be the only "Rear-cutting" machine that can do this.

THE JOHN P. MANNY A SUPERIOR FLAX CUTTER.

It will be proper, in this connection, to state that we confidently recommend the JOHN P. MANNY as the best flax cutter in the market. Where other machines have utterly failed in cutting this difficult crop, our machine has gone through easily and triumphantly. The culture of flax is rapidly extending in the West, and it is a highly important fact to know that, with the JOHN P. MANNY Machine, it can be comfortably and economically harvested. Farmers who raise flax will do well to note this fact.

THE PLATFORM ALWAYS LEVEL.

By a very simple device, the platform and cutter-bar are always held level and parallel with the ground, which is a valuable improvement for cutting short and tangled grain. It has enabled this machine, in many instances, to do good work on all sides of the field in lodged grain, where other kinds of machines were either laid up altogether, or could only cut one way. It also relieves the raker from the hard labor of raising the bundles up an inclined

plane. This valuable feature will not be found on any other reaper. It gives the raker entire control over his bundles, and enables him to lay them off in good shape, and with ease to himself.

The Diagonal Delivery of the Grain.

This is also a valuable invention that belongs exclusively to the JOHN P. MANNY Machine. It has been used on all our machines during the last six years, and its great value fully proved. It is neither a "rear nor side delivery," but the raker from his seat can draw the grain backward at an angle with the cutter-bar, out of the return track of the horses. It is "easy work" to lay the bundles off in good shape for binding, and it is impossible to get the grain crossed or mixed up when drawing it off; besides it effectually prevents scattering the grain along between the bundles. If you will read the certificates in this pamphlet, you will see that nearly every farmer speaks in the highest terms of this feature of our machine. It is the

Easiest Machine to Rake off from now in use.

In the hands of ordinary rakers the grain is laid off in so much better shape, that four men can bind as many acres per day as five men can behind any other machine. This is proven to be true by hundreds of letters now in our hands from farmers who have used the JOHN P. MANNY.

Raker's Seat.

The raker has an easy spring seat at the side of the platform, close by the falling grain behind the horses, and with his face toward them, which enables him to drive while raking off. After the team has become accustomed to handling the machine, a driver is not needed any more than in plowing.

Two Horses Enough for it.

The draft of our improved machine, as shown by Dynamometer tests in trials and in farmers' hands, does not exceed an average of two hundred and fifty pounds, (which is about one hundred pounds less than the average of plowing,) and we have never yet seen a farmer who had found it necessary to use more than two horses, even in the hottest weather.

In view of the important advantages above enumerated, and which have been proven by actual field work, to be as reliable as we have claimed them to be, we make the following condensed statement of the *amount saved per day in using the JOHN P. MANNY Machine over other kinds now in use, as estimated by experienced farmers* :

One hand in driving, per day,	-	-	-	-	-	\$1 50
One hand in binding, per day,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
One team, per day,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Amount saved in scattering (on 12 acres,)	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Total saving, per day,	-	-	-	-	-	\$8 50

Thus saving in about twenty-three days' work, the full cash price of the machine. For evidence that the above is not over-estimated, and that we claim nothing that we cannot prove in regard to the working of the machine, please read the extracts from farmers' letters, published in this pamphlet, (the originals of which can be seen at our office,) or enquire of those who have used the JOHN P. MANNY. We would like to publish all the letters we have received, and in full, but our space forbids.

Farmers Please Read The Following Article Carefully.

Amid the great variety of harvesting machines, and the persistent efforts of Agents, each claiming especial advantages over all others for their respective machines, it doubtless becomes a perplexing question for the farmer to decide which machine is really the best suited to his wants. To make this decision understandingly, it is necessary to separate the different machines into a few general classes, based upon some leading mechanical peculiarity. Then by COMPARING the advantages or disadvantages which are known to belong to each class, a fair estimate of the value of each machine may be made by simply placing it in its proper class. (Every machine, however, should receive credit for any peculiar advantage it may have over others of its class.) For example, we will make a few such

COMPARISONS.

1st. Rear Cutting and Forward Cutting.

One class of machines carries the cutting apparatus forward of the driving wheel (or wheels). The other class carries it in rear. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the two methods? Certainly the *rear cutting* machine must have a great advantage over the other in mowing, especially on rough ground, as can easily be demonstrated by *drawing* a stick after you with one end resting on the ground, or *pushing* it forward. In one case it raises easily over obstructions; in the other it "dives" into them. This is a practical illustration in *comparing* the mechanical difference between the two classes, although the tendency to dig into the ground in the latter, can be modified somewhat, by hitching the team near the cutter-bar, (else it would be impossible to use the forward cutting apparatus); yet, still *an unequal pressure upon the ground*, and a constant tendency to "dive" or draw down into bogs, ant-hills or other obstructions, must inevitably remain as a *serious objection* to this class in mowing.

Cutting forward of the driving wheel also involves the disadvantage of an indirect and inconvenient arrangement for delivering the grain in reaping; hence, the *desperate efforts* that have been made to get self-rakes on that class of machines.

The forward cutting, however, affords a means of adjustability to cut at different heights, by "tilting" the frame on the axles, and that is probably the only reason why a machine was ever made to cut forward of the driving wheel. Easy and instant adjustability in raising and lowering has always been considered of such vital importance, that manufacturers have been willing to sacrifice convenience in operation, and many mechanical advantages, if by so doing they could obtain this essential element.

The other class, by cutting in *rear* of the driving wheel, obtains the great advantage of a more perfect adjustability in mowing; also, in maintaining an equal pressure upon the ground at all times, and also of raising lightly over bogs or other obstructions, instead of *diving* into them.

And in reaping they have the great advantage of directness and ease in delivering the grain, besides being easier handled, turned on the corners, &c. The only serious objection that has heretofore been raised against this class, is that they have never been adjustable in reaping, requiring a serious labor to change the height of cut. This objection has existed until the invention of the *John P. Manny*, which possesses in the most perfect manner all the advantages of adjustability in reaping and mowing, which have heretofore been claimed exclusively for the forward cutting machines, while it retains *all* the advantages in operation that the rear cutting machines are known to possess. AND WE CLAIM THAT THE JOHN P. MANNY IS THE ONLY MACHINE THAT COMBINES THESE ADVANTAGES.

2d. One Driving Wheel Better than Two.

Let us again divide all the machines into two classes in reference to another mechanical peculiarity. One class carries the gearing upon two driving wheels; the other uses only one. If one driving wheel is sufficient to carry the gearing, strong and steady, (and the experience of many years has demonstrated the superiority of one wheel for that purpose), then it would seem that the addition of another wheel would be a superfluity, unless the other wheel was found necessary to obtain the indispensable element of adjustability. If that is the only reason (and there can be no other), is it not a very complicated and expensive method for obtaining what is accomplished on the one wheel machines by a very simple device? We are unable to discover any possible good resulting from the use of two driving wheels, that is not obtained in the one wheel machines. On the contrary, they are heavier draft, as shown by dynamometer tests. They are not so comfortable to ride upon, especially on rough ground, or so easily managed by the operator. The team is required to hold them level or parallel with the ground by the tongue resting on their necks; they offer no facilities for holding a reel in mowing—they are not easily adapted to reaping, and when used in reaping, they present the anomaly of drawing three wheels abreast, or so nearly in line as to make it very desirable to find smooth fields in which to use them. They are not adjustable in reaping, and yet they are

good mowers, and have obtained a wide popularity as such. Many farmers believe they are better mowers than the one wheel machines. Let us inquire if they possess one valuable feature, even for mowing exclusively, that can not be found equally perfect in the *John P. Manny*, which we claim to be the best one wheel machine.

The two wheel machines are adjustable in mowing—that is, their cutter-bar will raise and lower without the aid of the operator, over the undulations of the ground, and can instantly be raised over obstructions without stopping the team. *The John P. Manny* has equal facilities for adjustment, and also the additional advantage that in passing over undulations or obstructions, the driving rod, or pitman, always retains the same angle with the sickle, and runs equally free and easy at all times. This is not so with the two wheeler. Again, our cutter-bar is supported at both ends, and is not subject to such severe strains as if held exclusively by one end, as with the two wheeler. And again, we can raise and support our cutters at any distance above the ground while cutting—the two wheelers cannot, and this is a valuable feature for soft ground, and on new timothy meadows. Thus it will be seen that we have a more perfect adjustability for mowing with a one wheel machine, than has been obtained by the use of two wheels.

There is evidently nothing in the construction of the two wheel machines that could possibly give them an advantage over the *John P. Manny*, in regard to the *cutting apparatus*. But *there are reasons* why our machine should be superior to the other in that respect, mainly in this, however, that our machine is adapted to the use of a reel in mowing.

The Advantages of a Reel

may be briefly stated thus: We can cut in any direction without regard to which way the wind blows, or in what direction the grass may lean. We can drive slowly in rough, boggy land, or where there is danger of obstructions, and the reel will always throw the grass back where we want it. It also enables us to use a *wide guard, which is necessary in making a perfect cutting apparatus*, one that will leave a perfectly smooth surface of stubble, and cut the grass with the least possible outlay of power. In the certificates published in this pamphlet, you will find abundant evidence of the superiority of our cutting apparatus. The Executive Board of the Illinois State Agricultural Society, in their report of the great trial at Dixon, say that “in quality of work, both in grain and grass, this machine (the JOHN P. MANNY) *was unexcelled*.” Thus it will be seen that the advantage is in favor of the JOHN P. MANNY in this other most important feature. So also, in the essential points of simplicity of construction, strength and durability, lightness of draft and width of cut, ease and facility of management, and freedom from weight and irregular pressure on the horses’ necks.

How do the One and Two Wheel Machines Compare as Reapers Exclusively?

Did any one ever see an independent or single reaper with two driving wheels? Probably not. Their entire mechanical arrangement seems to unfit them for that kind of work. *The independent reapers are all one wheel machines.*

How do the two classes compare as combined machines? Their relative qualities as mowers have been sufficiently explained; and as reapers, probably the best friends of the two wheelers will not claim that they are equal to the one wheel machines. Their frame work is so wide that it is difficult to rake the grain far enough to one side to allow the machine to pass the bundles when cutting the next swath. The one wheel machines have no trouble of this kind. Again, the cutter-bar, platform, and divider of the two wheeler cannot be held in position without an additional supporting wheel under the divider end of the cutter-bar; this done, the anomaly is presented of drawing three wheels abreast, which evidently must bring a tearing strain somewhere, whenever the machine is operated on rough ground. The one wheel machine is free from this objection also. When changed into a reaper the two wheeler loses the gracefulness and flexibility which characterized it as a mower, and suddenly becomes *stiff in its joints*. It also becomes a stiff tongued machine in the worst sense in which that term was ever used against the McCormick. It has also lost its *adjustability*. The only thing for which the machine was originally made with two driving wheels becomes inoperative as an adjustable device, whenever the machine is transformed into a reaper, and it becomes a tedious operation to change the height of cut. It is heavy draft, complicated, unwieldy and expensive. Its working parts were originally designed for mowing exclusively, and they should never have been *overloaded with a reaper attachment*. Thus burdened, it becomes a poor reaper indeed—relieve it from the unnatural burden, and it becomes a *nice little mowing machine*, notwithstanding it draws hard, has a stiff tongue, &c. Probably the reaping attachment would never have been thought of in connection with a two wheel mowing machine, were it not that nearly every Western farmer requires a machine that will both reap and mow, and the attachment becomes necessary to induce the farmers to buy.

We believe that a *perfect combined machine* must necessarily be *equally* as well adapted to reaping as it is to mowing, and that it should be as perfect a reaper as though it were made exclusively for reaping, and that it should be as perfectly adapted to mowing as any independent mower; and that it should be easily changed from one class of work to the other. Judged by such a standard, there is no two wheel machine that can justly claim to be a first-class Combined Reaper and Mower.

We Warrant the John P. Manny to be fully up to that Standard in all things.

Upon inquiry, you will hardly find a farmer who has used a two wheel

machine two years or more, who is not firmly convinced in his own mind that it is impossible to make a machine that will *successfully combine* the advantages of a first-class mower and a first-class reaper. They judge from a two wheel experience, and don't believe it can be done. On the contrary, you will hardly find a farmer who has used a JOHN P. MANNY *Combined Reaper and Mower*, who will not say that it is the best mowing machine, and also the best reaper that he has ever seen, and that it is difficult to decide for which purpose it is best adapted. They judge from a one wheel experience, and know that the reaper and mower have been combined to their entire satisfaction. The truth seems to be, that the one wheel principle is right, and is best adapted to mowing or reaping, and the only plan by which a really good combined reaper and mower can be made.

In thus presenting the advantages of the JOHN P. MANNY, we desire not to wrongfully detract from the just claims of any other. These comparisons are made with a hope that farmers will be induced to examine and compare the different kinds, with a full belief, however, that they will find all our statements substantially true.

3d. *Combined Machines.*

Every kind of an arrangement, whether called "attachment" or by any other fancy name, added to a machine after it has been completed according to the original design of the inventor, and the parts arranged and proportioned for a specific kind of work, adds greatly to the danger of breakage and destroys its durability.

We wish to call the attention of farmers who want to purchase combined machines, to the fact that there is an essential difference between a PERFECT combined machine, and a single mower with a reaping attachment, or a single reaper with a mowing attachment, and that most machines now offered for sale as combined machines, belong to one or the other of the two last mentioned classes.

While we claim that the "JOHN P. MANNY" is the most perfect combined machine in the market, we are willing to submit it to the most searching examination, believing that the more thoroughly it is examined, the more clearly will its merits be appreciated.

It was originally designed for a combined machine, and all the improvements which have been made from year to year, have been for the purpose of adapting it more and more perfectly to the varied condition of all the different kinds of grain and grass. We maintain that it is as perfect a mower as any single mower, and as perfect a reaper as any single reaper in use; that it can be changed from Reaper to Mower, or from Mower to Reaper, by one man in three minutes; that it is simple in construction, strong and durable; (we have good reason to believe it is the strongest and most durable in use;) that it draws lighter in proportion to its width of cut than any other; that it has no side draft or weight on the horses' necks; the

cutters can be instantly raised or lowered, in *either reaping or mowing*, without stopping the horses. We warrant it to cut all kinds of grain or grass as well as can be done by any other machine. **THUS COMBINING TWO MACHINES IN ONE**, it is rendered, *par excellence*, **THE MACHINE** for all farmers who have both grain and grass to cut.

4th. Eastern and Western Machines.

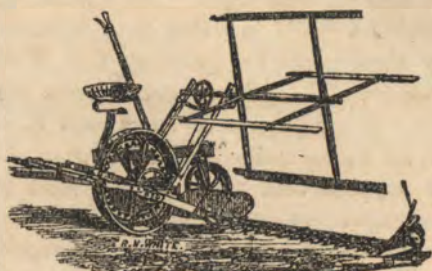
It will require no argument to convince a Western farmer that if the *qualities of the Machines are equal*, it is for his interest to buy the one made in the West and near his own home. The question arises, are the Eastern and Western machines equal in value to a Western farmer? There are reasons why they should not be, assuming that Western inventors are as skillful as the Eastern. The soil and productions are very different in the two sections—the average number of acres each farmer wishes to cut per year—the size of the fields, methods of cultivation, &c., are all different.—Now it is fair to suppose that each inventor aims to perfectly adapt his machine to the average crops, conditions of soil, methods of cultivation, &c., which he finds in the country where he tries his experiments. He can have no other guide. If this is true, then we would expect to find in a country where the farms and fields are small, that the machines invented there would correspond in size with the small fields they are made to cut. If grass is the principal crop, they should be good grass cutters, and very little attention would be given to their perfect adaptation to grain, as grain cutting would be considered of small importance. If they are expected to cut but little each year, and are generally well housed when not at work, then strength and durability also becomes an item of secondary importance.

The Western Inventor

Finds in his section a very different state of facts existing. The fields are very large, the crops (straw at least) heavy—each machine is expected to cut a great many acres, many of them running from the “fourth of July to early frost” every year; they are also expected to cut quite as many acres of grain as of grass; the country generally level and the ground soft; barns are scarce, and the majority of machines are wintered in the field. Under such a state of facts, the inventor could not fail to see that his success depended upon his ability to make a machine that would be equally perfect as a reaper and as a mower; that it should cut a wide swath and draw light in proportion to its width; that it should be strong, durable, and so simple in construction as to need very little care or attention; that it should be easily and quickly changed from reaper to mower, and *vice versa*, and that it should be capable of instant adjustment to cut high or low, in either reaping or mowing. Of course, it is not claimed that all Western machines contain all the above desirable qualities. *But it is claimed that the JOHN P. MANNY does.* And it is also claimed that the Western machines approach it nearer than those manufactured at the East. The reason for this undoubtedly is,

that the Western inventor experiments in Western fields and crops, and adapts his machine for them, while the Eastern inventor does the same for the Eastern farmers. And as the requirements of the farmers in the two sections vary considerably, so will the machine that has been invented and perfectly adapted to one of the sections, be but imperfectly adapted to the other.

THE JOHN P. MANNY AS AN INDEPENDENT MOWER.



We have heretofore sold the JOHN P. MANNY "junior," or light mower, to farmers who only wanted mowing machines, and are happy to say that they have given complete satisfaction. Indeed, most farmers are surprised at the ease with which they will cut through tough places and adjust themselves over bogs and irregular surfaces.

We have also sold a number of our Combined Machines (without the reaping part) as single mowers, and they have given such unqualified satisfaction, and have proven to be so much superior to the small mowers which are now largely used, that we have decided to sell the large mower exclusively hereafter. It is undoubtedly better worth the money it costs than any of the small mowers. There is no single mower that can compare with it for width of cut, lightness of draft, strength and durability. And besides, if the reaping part should ever be needed, it can be bought at any time afterward, which we believe is an item of some importance to many farmers.

In practical operation it is as perfectly adapted to mowing as any single mower, and also just as perfectly adapted to reaping as any single reaper, and whether mowing or reaping, it is simple in construction and more direct in its application to the work, than any of the single machines, and it is undoubtedly the only machine that can truthfully claim to be a PERFECT COMBINED REAPER AND MOWER.

Manufacturers of single machines understand very well that nearly every farmer has grain to cut as well as grass, and if they buy a single mower they must also buy a reaper, and in order to bring the price of the two machines within their reach, it is necessary that the *mower* and the *reaper* must be made at the lowest possible cost; hence, it will be found that nearly all single mowers are small and very light, and all single reapers are constructed

of wood in many important parts where Steel and Iron ought to be used.

In making a Combined Machine we can use the same driving wheel, gearing frame, steel finger bar, tongue, &c., for both reaping and mowing. *We therefore can afford to make them more substantial and use the best material,* and at the same time keep the price within the reach of every farmer. Thus we are enabled to make the JOHN P. MANNY a stronger and more durable mower than any single mower, and also a stronger and more durable reaper than any single reaper. And we unhesitatingly claim that it will cut more acres of grass and grain before it is worn out, than any single mower and reaper now in market. **AND WE WARRANT IT TO DO AS GOOD WORK IN EITHER GRASS OR GRAIN AS ANY OTHER MACHINE,** either Single or Combined.

Again, at the Great Trial held by the DeKalb County Agricultural Society,

the JOHN P. MANNY was awarded the FIRST PREMIUM as the best Combined Reaper and Mower, after a severe trial in competition with twenty-seven other Machines, thus confirming the wisdom and justice of the decision of the Executive Board of the Illinois State Agricultural Society at their great trial at Dixon.

Again, at the Great Buel Institute Trial.

It was also confirmed at the "Buel Institute" trial, where the JOHN P. MANNY was again victorious as the best Combined Reaper and Mower.

At the great trial of the Kenosha Co. Agricultural Society,

the JOHN P. MANNY was decided to be the best Combined Reaper and Mower.

Again, in several Trials in 1865.

In 1865 the JOHN P. MANNY was also successful in several less noted trials, as the best Combined Reaper and Mower, there not having been any general field trials during that year by any of the State Agricultural Societies.

Also, at the Second great trial of the DeKalb County Agricultural Society in 1866.

So great an interest was manifested by the farmers of DeKalb County in regard to the real merits of the different Reapers and Mowers, that the officers of the Agricultural Society concluded to settle the question by another trial in 1866, determined, if possible, to make it *so thorough as not to leave a question unsettled*, and after a faithful and severe trial, lasting two days, in all conditions of grain and grass, they gave the JOHN P. MANNY the preference over ALL OTHERS, and awarded it their *highest premium* for the best combined Reaper and Mower.

The victory at Metomen, confirmed by all subsequent trials, and the superiority of the John P. Manny established by the unanimous testimony of every committee who have ever tested it by the side of others.

While the results of the above mentioned trials all confirm the high character of the John P. Manny as established at the great trial at Dixon, and altogether they establish the correctness of the decision of the judges at the great trial at Metomen in Wisconsin, in 1861, that being the first *link* in the *great chain* of victories achieved, and the first year of the successful career of the JOHN P. MANNY as a combined reaper and Mower, we think we may justly claim that no machine has ever received such a succession of public endorsements.

Previous to 1861, the merits of the several machines appear to have been so equally balanced that the premiums had vibrated between them, one getting a premium at one trial, and another at another, showing that no one was entitled to much precedence over the others, until the introduction of the JOHN P. MANNY, which has been universally successful, it having *obtained the highest premium at every public trial in which it competed with others, as the best Combined Reaper and Mower*. Over 12,000 farmers owning them will testify to its merits. The approval of so many farmers (who have all become its warm friends,) and the decisions of every committee who have tested it in competition with others, altogether afford the most convincing proof that THE INTRINSIC MERITS of the JOHN P. MANNY have alone placed it in its present high position.

TESTIMONIALS.

N. C. THOMPSON: I am satisfied with the John P. Manny Reaper I purchased from you last season. I cut with it 154 acres. I think the John P. Manny Reaper and Mower worthy of all praise. It is light on man and beast. I run my reaper with a span of small mares with ease. A boy can rake off. It is really the most complete machine I ever saw.

Yours truly,

BOWENSBURG, Ill., Dec. 1, 1867.

E. B. BUTLER.

N. C. THOMPSON: I had the pleasure of buying one of your justly celebrated John P. Manny Reaper and Mowers the past season. I cut 150 acres of grass and oats, and 12 of flax. I can take the John P. Manny and cut, I believe, more wheat and grass than any machine I ever hitched to. I saw other machines right along side choke down. I cut Hungarian for men that had machines. They were afraid to go in with theirs. I would just as soon hitch to one of them as hitch to a plow, for ease.

Yours truly,

NEOGA, Cumberland Co., Ill., Jan. 5, 1868.

ISAAC WEAVER.

N. C. THOMPSON: I like your John P. Manny Machine. It done its work as well as any I ever saw. We cut about 70 acres of wheat; some was badly down, tangled and weedy, (full of weeds), but it done its work well and in good time. We cut some 20 acres of oats and 8 acres of grass; about one acre was so badly down and *twisted* together that it could not have been cut with a scythe. I let the machine down and just shaved it off close to the ground, and got it all. I never saw anything to beat it in mowing.

Yours truly,

SUMMERFIELD, Ill., Nov. 28, 1867.

HENRY C. PEEPLES.

N. C. THOMPSON, Esq.: I cut about 100 acres, and must say it is entirely satisfactory. I had previously used a Kirby, and thought it was nearly a "ne plus ultra." I have seen various other machines work among my neighbors, and your John P. Manny is the best I have ever seen. It has the appearance of great durability. It is very easy on horses; and to those wishing to buy a new machine, I would recommend the John P. Manny.

Yours truly,

GREENVILLE, Bond Co., Ill., Dec. 23, 1867.

SOCRATES SMITH.

TESTIMONIALS.

GIBBSVILLE, Wis., Jan. 7, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: We had the pleasure of buying one of your John P. Manny Reaper and Mowers the past season; we like it. We cut 20 acres of grass and 80 of grain. It done its work very good, so that we like it better than any other machine that we have seen in this neighborhood. Yours truly,

JOHN ABBINK.
HENRY W. PIETENPOL.

MILLEDGEVILLE, Carroll Co., Ill., Dec. 4, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON, Esq.: I purchased one of your celebrated John P. Manny Combined Reaper and Mowers, and consider it an A No. 1 machine; it settled down to its work with a calm and determined resignation to do its work well under all circumstances, especially in mowing. As for lightness of draft, it has no equal; it is strong and durable; it suits me well.

Yours truly,

J. L. BUSELL.

TOMAH, Monroe Co., Wis., Jan. 12, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: I purchased one of your John P. Manny Machines. I think it is very handy and durable. I never had a nicer and cleaner looking field after the grain was off than this harvest. I prefer it to any machine I have seen. I cut some of my grain and drove and raked off myself. I think a person can do it just as well as to have a driver. Some of my neighbors have seen this machine and like it. It is the only one of the kind in these parts.

Yours truly,

F. A. HAGENBRACH.

SHANNON, Ill., Feb. 5, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: My opinion of the John P. Manny Machine is, as a mower it can't be beat. I cut 60 acres of grain and it done splendid. As a hand-raking machine for reaping, I consider it the best in use for lightness, durability and ease of raking off the grain. I done my reaping with two small horses. My machine is apparently as good as when I got it—no repairing needed yet.

W. J. WIMER.

LANARK, Ill., Jan. 12, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: I like your reaper better than any other. I cut last year 125 acres of grain, also about 15 of grass. I cut down weeds growing about the sloughs, nearly an inch thick, which my neighbors thought was foolishness in my trying to cut. I cut all my grain with a span of small four year old horses. I am well convinced I can cut from 12 to 15 acres a day.

Yours truly,

GEORGE SHULTZ.

JEFFERSON, Green Co., Wis., Dec. 26, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON, Esq.: I am happy to inform you that I am well pleased with my reaper. It works better and runs easier than any I ever run. I cut 134 acres of wheat, 56 of oats, and mowed 20 acres of grass, and all with one small span of horses. I run it alongside of a Kirby with four horses, and either span was as large as mine, and cut as much in a day as they, and it did not tire my horses as much or make them sweat.

Yours truly,

BENJAMIN SHULTZ.

Clay Co., Ill., Dec. 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON, Esq.: I think the John P. Manny Reaper and Mower excels any other machine I ever saw. I reaped 132 acres. I have had no expense with it. It is the lightest running and most durable of any machine that has been in this county. I have tried it to my satisfaction. I cut a meadow that a Buckeye could not cut. It will cut through any kind of grass or grain, wet or dry, without choking. My neighbors say it is the best machine now in use.

Yours truly,

D. DILLMAN.

BLIVIN'S MILLS, Ill., Nov. 23, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: Your John P. Manny Machine gave me good satisfaction in reaping and mowing. I cut 65 acres of grain, 30 of grass, and 15 of very rough slough. I cut this with great ease with one team. I like it better than any I have seen, for man and team.

Yours truly,

JOHN CAREY.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Ind., Jan. 6, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: I cut 80 acres of grain with it (the J. P. Manny). It done its work to perfect satisfaction. In heavy wheat I drove and raked off and kept up with another machine, and did my work as well. In flax it excels any other machine I have ever seen work. In marshy land and in the heaviest grass I have never known it to choke when stopping and starting in such places.

Yours truly,

J. HOSKINS.

LETTERS FROM PURCHASERS OF

DAVIS, Stephenson Co., Ill., 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON, Esq.: I have used two reapers before, and seen a good many run, but can't find any that will beat the John P. Manny. I don't think there is any in market that will do better work and easier. I have, and must recommend it, as the best machine that I have seen mow. I have given you my candid opinion, and I mean what I say.

JOHN ATZBACH.

IRON RIDGE, Dodge Co., Wis., Nov. 25, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I am the owner of a small farm of 100 acres. It was not prepared for a reaper at all. My fields were full of stumps and stones; but taking all into consideration, I have done very well, and am entirely satisfied. I cut about 25 acres of wheat, 5 of oats, and 5 of grass. It is light draft, and works well in all respects. My nearest neighbor had a new Wood's Reaper, for which he paid \$170, and about \$10 freight. When he wants a mower to it, it will cost him, including freight, about \$225, and it will not do any better work than mine, while it is much heavier on the team than the John P. Manny.

Yours truly,

JOHN STEINER.

KANSAS, Edgar Co., Ill., Dec. 28, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: Your J. P. Manny Reaper and Mower I am very much pleased with. In reaping, it does splendid work in all kinds of grain, is very easy on horses; very nice work for the raker. I can very easily take the bundles off entirely out of the track the next time round, leaving the grain straight and nice. In mowing, it will cut thick or thin, standing or down grass. It is the easiest on horses I ever saw. It is the easiest machine turned round, in the world. It will cut on uneven ground with all ease, is very easily changed from reaping to mowing, is very strong and durable, and for all purposes, the best machine in the market.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM WAITE.

PINE ROCK, Ogle Co., Ill., Nov. 21, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I used the John P. Manny the past season, and think it cannot be surpassed. We are perfectly satisfied with it. We cut 15 acres of flax as well as any one could wish in one day. We cut about 20 acres of slough meadow that is boggy and stony, and it did its work well; cut wheat, oats and Hungarian grass. In all, we did not break a thing. I have seen a number of other machines work, but nothing suits me like the John P. Manny.

O. W. CANFIELD.

PANA, Ill., Dec. 2, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: The John P. Manny Reaper I purchased has proved to be fully up to the position claimed for it. It is decidedly the handiest reaper and mower I have any knowledge of. I run it with two light horses, and cut over 100 acres of wheat and 25 of oats and grass without fagging my team the least. The land was new and very rough, yet my breakage cost me but ten cents.

Yours truly,

H. A. SIMPSON.

WAVERLY, Ill., Dec. 20, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I bought one of your John P. Manny Machines in 1866—have used it two seasons. It gives satisfaction. I have cut this year 40 acres of wheat, 30 acres of oats, 10 acres of clover and timothy, 25 acres of Hungarian grass. Last year I cut more than this. I have mowed in the same field with the Buckeye and Quaker, and beat them badly. I candidly think the John P. Manny the best machine I know of for all work and durability. Mine has run two seasons without breaking.

Yours truly,

S. H. WHIPPLE.

WAUWATOSA, Wis., Nov. 26, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I bought one of your John P. Manny Machines, and it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge my entire satisfaction with the same. I cut about 60 acres of grass and 40 of wheat and oats with it, and it has done its work to perfection without any delay, as I have seen by using other machines.

CONRD FREI.

TROY CENTRE, Wis., Dec. 22, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON, Esq.: I am pleased to say that your Reaper and Mower as a combined machine, taking the lightness of draft and all other things into consideration, is one of the best in use. It mows as well as the Wood Mowers, and reaps as well as the best. I cut 80 acres of wheat, 20 of oats, and 30 of lodged clover, and I must say it done just as good work as any of their crack mowers.

S. G. BRIGGS.

THE JOHN P. MANNY MACHINE.

RIPON, Wis., Dec. 19, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: In regard to the John P. Manny Reaper and Mower, I am happy to inform you that it suits me better than any other machine that I know of, as a reaper and mower.

Yours truly,

E. S. NORTON.

DEKALB, Ill., Nov. 22, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I think the John P. Manny Machine can't be beat for a two horse reaper, in ease of draft, utility and durability. I think it excels all others that I have used up to this period. I cut about 130 acres of grain—could cut about 12 acres a day on an average. I lent it to a neighbor who said it cut grass as well as any mower he ever used. He also cut some Hungarian grass, and said it done it perfectly well. Every man that has seen mine work, agrees with me in giving the John P. Manny Reaper and Mower the credit of being the best and handiest machine in use.

THOS. COLLINS.

Kendall, Co., Ill., 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: After looking at several machines I could not for awhile make up my mind which one to purchase, for there was one objection, the raking off. I asked the opinion of several farmers. I could not find two alike. At last I bought the John P. Manny, and found the machine to do good work both in reaping and mowing. I cut 25 acres of wheat, 25 of oats. My son 18 years old done all the raking off. We cut 40 acres of grass with one team. I can call it a good machine, and would recommend it to all who wish to purchase.

Yours truly,

GEORGE J. VREELAND.

Jefferson Co., Ill., Nov. 29, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: The John P. Manny Reaper and Mower I purchased of you last June, I can say I like it the best of any machine I have ever used. I cut 64 acres of oats, and 90 acres of meadow, and it done its work as well as could be wished. I made an average of about 12 acres per day. The draft was very light. It never chokes, to stop the motion of the sickle in oats or meadow, like some other machines.

Yours truly,

EDWARD GREEN.

Near Abingdon, Ill., Nov. 28, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: I believe the John P. Manny to be the best machine in use in this section of the country, for the least side draft and the easiest on horses. A better mower I never saw, for we cut about 40 acres of meadow, full of rosin weeds, and had no trouble. I cut 20 acres of small grain, and the raker said that he raked off with much more ease than he did off the McCormick Reaper. I just think it to be the very machine that every farmer ought to have, and I wouldn't be without one for double its cost.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH BUTTS.

TREMPELEAU, Wis., Dec. 13, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I like the John P. Manny Combined Reaper and Mower the best of any I have seen work. I run mine with one of the lightest teams I ever saw on a reaper. I cut 55 acres of grain. It done well—no breakdown, or anything about the machine to hinder me at all. I mowed in grass and weeds higher than a man's head and all twisted up with morning glory vines, and it worked well. One of my neighbors cut over 200 acres in grain and grass. I heard a man say if he was going to have a hundred reapers for his use, it would be the John P. Manny in preference to any other.

Yours truly,

JAMES COX.

DELAVER, Wis., Nov. 19, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: Your John P. Manny Combined Reaper and Mower that we purchased of your agent in July, has given us entire satisfaction. Have used it on rough marsh land—works easily and well; have cut some 40 acres of grass land and 100 acres of grain.

Yours truly,

W. A. HOLLISTER and GEO. W. DALTON.

BUSHNELL, Ill., Dec. 6, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: Having purchased one of your John P. Manny Machines, and given it a fair trial, I give you my opinion of its capacity, durability, &c. Your machine is capable of cutting 16 acres of wheat per day with two horses with as much ease as any ordinary work. I used your machine in all kinds of grain—found it perfect in every particular. I had no trouble with it, as the machinery is of good material, and the mechanical work is perfect.

Yours truly,

J. R. ALLISON.

LETTERS FROM PURCHASERS OF

PAYNETTE, Wis., Jan. 10, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: I am well pleased with the John P. Manny Machine; would not give it for any other machine; am not afraid to reap or mow with any of them. I cut 60 acres of grain and 50 of grass, and not a penny did it cost me. I knew what I was buying. My neighbor bought the Syracuse reaper and it cost him some \$20 for me to take my J. P. Manny and help him cut his grain. I advise all to purchase of you before going elsewhere; can mow just as good as most of their single mowers. It is only fun for a team to draw it; never raked off from a machine that seemed so easy work as that of yours.

WINCHESTER JEWETTE.

FT. ATKINSON, Wis., Dec. 21, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I bought one of your justly celebrated machines, and am very well satisfied with it; cut over 100 acres grain and grass. It will cut the best of any machine I know of in heavy clover or lodged grain. My little boy eleven years old, drove as well as a man; think the John P. Manny stands in preference to any machine (combined) that I have seen work.

Yours truly,

HIRAM WARD.

HIGHLAND Co., Ill., Nov. 25, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: We bought the John P. Manny Machine and went immediately to cutting grass, (prairie and upland) without the reel. In this it far exceeded our expectations, both in lightness of draft and style of cutting, doing the work as well as any mower we ever used. As a machine combined or otherwise, we think it THE machine. We cut 50 acres of grain and about the same of grass, and that without the least expense except for oil. Flax we had none, but are satisfied from experience, that it will work where any machine will; also where many machines will not.

Yours truly,

THOS. ADAMS,
JOHN ADAMS.

WHITE ROCK, Ills., Dec. 2, 1867.

MR. THOMPSON: I used your John P. Manny Reaper to my great satisfaction; cut about 150 acres of grain; also a considerable amount of grass and buckwheat. I had but one pair of horses which done the whole work with ease. I am certain it is the best combined machine I ever used. Those chilled guards are most splendid. When taking my reaper apart, I examined it thoroughly and found the guards had not worn a particle. It mows like a charm—sitting on the seat with the lines in one hand, raise and lower over ordinary rocks without stopping the team. I can recommend it, believing, as I do, that the John P. Manny is the very best in use.

Yours truly,

GEORGE TALBOT.

DURAND, Ill., Nov. 17, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I am very much disappointed in your machine; it does far better than any other machine could do. I cut a piece of slough grass that I hardly expected to cut with any machine, and cut it good enough for any one to examine, and for grain I think there is not its equal in the world.

Yours truly,

WM. PLANT.

WATERTOWN, Wis., Dec. 7, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: Sir—The John P. Manny Reaper that I bought of your agents, Woodard & Randall, I consider a good one in all respects, though I may not be considered a good judge, as I have had no experience in any other reaper except the old John H. Manny; used that two years and used it up. Wise men will try the John P.

JOHN SULIVAN.

HUSTISFORD, Wis., Dec. 16, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I purchased one of your John P. Manny Reapers last season of your agents, Woodard & Randall, at Watertown; have given it a fair trial, both in grain and grass, and am very well pleased with its work; it is light draft, and so far as I am able to judge, is a very durable machine.

CORNELIUS DORSY.

LISBON, Waukesha Co., Wis., Jan. 17, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: The machine I bought of your agent is all that he recommended it to be, if not more. It done the work to my entire satisfaction; think it would be pretty hard to beat the John P. Manny. There is one thing it can't be beat on, in my opinion; that is, in lightness of draft, which is a great point, for my team is very light, and they could work it all day with ease.

Yours truly,

PETER MELVILL.

THE JOHN P. MANNY MACHINE.

DODGEVILLE, Wis., Feb. 13, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: Dear Sir—I bought one of your John P. Manny Machines last year, and it met my expectations and more too. The first I cut was a piece of grass, and it really done me good to stand and see it work; it was a piece of timothy, and there was a thick coat of blue grass and dry white clover, but it took it just as smooth as a man's face was ever shaved. The next we used it to cut a piece of wheat that we had not expected to cut with a reaper, for it was quite full of stumps, and rough and sidling. We thought we would give it a fair trial on a piece of sidling ground, in particular, on account of there being a report going the rounds here that we would want the third man to keep it from tipping over, but we found that to be all moonshine. I tried it to my satisfaction, and can safely recommend it to all who are in want of a good combined machine. Goodness gracious, it won't do to stop yet. When I saw the model of your machine, I thought it was the most perfect thing I ever saw, and I think the machine is the same. If I was going to find fault I would not know where to begin. Now we come to the square corners. Just give your team the turn and go right on, there is no backing up about it. My neighbors right around me have different kinds, but I never saw one till I saw the wagon tongue, to hitch my team to that suited, and I thought it was just the thing, and there is no use talking, it works like a charm. A man accustomed to other machines, raked off the last day some, and said it was the nearest a plaything of any reaper he had tried. A few words about the side draft. There is so little it is barely worth mentioning. We saw there was two holes in the tongue, and we used the one nearest the nigh horse, and then it was just the thing.

Yours truly,

WM. R. DEYOE.

DUNHAM, Ill., Dec. 2, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: The John P. Manny Machine that I bought of you is the best that has ever been in this place, as a combined machine. I cut about 50 acres of grain, and could cut from 10 to 12 acres per day with all ease. I cut some very heavy clover and timothy, and could beat every combined machine I ever saw. I mowed on my slough about thirty acres; it was very rough bottoms; I could cut 10 acres a day with all ease. The raising and lowering is the most perfect I ever saw. I cut 7 acres for a neighbor in half a day, and the men bound it before sunset. They said it was raked off the best they ever saw. I lent it to a neighbor to reap some short barley; he said it would beat anything he ever saw. I think it is the best machine I ever saw for all kinds of work.

Yours truly,

JAMES CROSS.

ASSUMPTION, Ill., Nov. 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: We purchased the John P. Manny Machines of your agents Baltzley & Co., and cut our entire crops with them. They work to a charm, and give perfect satisfaction in every respect. The machine is very light running, and easy on team, and is the easiest managed of any we ever saw. We cheerfully recommend it to all who want a good combined reaper and mower.

DANIEL KERBY,
JAMES RIDGE,
C. W. HUNT,

W. E. CUSHING,
JOHN WADDLE.

MALTA, Ill., Jan. 1, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: The John P. Manny excels any other machine I have ever used, both as reaper and mower. I was happily disappointed in its work. Having become somewhat advanced in years, and with a lame back from binding, I thought I would try to rake off, having my doubts at the same time. To my surprise I found no difficulty in raking off and driving myself with ease, and in three days was able to go to binding again. We cut 100 acres of grain, 20 of grass, with a team not over 1,800 in weight, scarcely sweating them, the side draft being less than any I ever used. It does its work well on uneven land. I would say to those that want a combined machine, halt not one moment; buy the John P. Manny.

Yours truly,

JACOB BAUM.

ADDERLY, Dodge Co., Wis. Nov. 28, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: The John P. Manny has fully come up to my expectations. The way it quietly worked its way through a piece of heavy lodged clover was really admirable, leaving the ground smoother than it could have been done by hand. I have cut 35 acres of wheat and 15 acres of grass with it, and in all it has worked well.

JAMES THOMSON.

LETTERS FROM PURCHASERS OF

MAPLETON, Wakesha Co., Wis., Jan. 15, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: I would say the John P. Manny Machine has given entire satisfaction. I find it of light draft, easily managed and well suited to work on land of rough, uneven surface. I was not obliged to make a single stoppage on account of the machine choking or in any way getting out of order. Previous to last harvest, I used four machines of different makers, but I think the John P. Manny the best hand raking machine that has been introduced to this locality.

JOSEPH COUNSELL.

HARMONY, Ill., Nov. 24, 1867.

MR. THOMPSON: In regard to your machine, I am well pleased with it. I cut some 100 acres of wheat and oats, 40 of rye, and about 75 of meadow. The machine does its work well, and is easy to rake off of, and is managed easy by the team. I think it the best in the country at this time.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH CASTLEBURG.

DARLINGTON, Wis., December 4, 1867.

MR. THOMPSON: I have the pleasure of informing you that the John P. Manny Machine is the best two horse machine that I have ever seen. It is a complete mower and reaper. The amount of ground that I can cut in a day I am not prepared to say. I am sure of one thing, that it will cut all that one man can rake off; in fact, I think it cannot be beat in any respect; it can do more mowing in a day than any other mower in use, and I can get others to testify to the same.

Yours truly,

E. L. DENISON.

MARCY, Wisconsin, Jan. 10, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: I have to say that I like the John P. Manny Reaper and Mower well. I can do as good work with my machine as some of my neighbors can (in grass) with Wood's or the Buckeye Single Mower. As a Reaper the J. P. M. has no superior, in my opinion; it cuts clean, and is so light of draft that any ordinary team can use it a whole season easily; I prefer it to a self-rake machine; it is less liable to get out of order; in fact, it cannot get out of order, nor can it be broken, unless it is abused too much. It will cut anything that any Reaper will cut. I think the J. P. M. is the safest, surest, strongest, lightest and cheapest combined machine in use, and take pleasure in recommending it to my friends and the farmers generally.

Yours truly,

HECTOR RIGGS.

HIGHLAND, Iowa county, Wis., Jan. 24, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: The John P. Manny Combined Reaper and Mower I purchased last June, was used by me in my grain and grass, and worked to my entire satisfaction. It is very light draft, the flexible tongue preventing any bearing on the horses' necks more than a common wagon tongue. In grain it will cut entirely clean to the corners; in grass it cuts better than any combined machine I ever used; it will cut on bogs that a team can tread over; it will cut under water and in wet grass as well as in dry, and has always started in the heaviest grass without backing to start; indeed, I never saw it choked, and do not think it can be choked in grass if kept in order. There was no breakage in my machine, and I would not sell it to-day for cost.

Yours truly,

D. A. DESILVA.

OCONOMOWOC, Wis., Jan. 17, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: I purchased one of your machines last season, which I like very much. With one span of light horses I can cut from 10 to 12 acres a day, and not sweat my team; I drove and raked off myself. In reaping it cannot be beat. As a mower I think it is superior to all others that I have seen; it will go through places that would clog other machines; it never clogs; I could stop in any place and start with ease; it is the easiest to turn corners that I ever saw.

Yours truly,

PATRICK OLWILL.

SHARON, Wis., Nov. 20, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON, ESQ.: The John P. Manny in the first place, is the most perfect machine I ever saw work; it cannot be beat as a combined machine; it is easy to rake off from, and not hard for the team. I never saw grain got off any reaper by hand except yours, but what I could better it. I cut about 120 acres of grain, about 60 of grass with a small team. I had three chances to sell mine before I got through harvest. I know of one man that rode all day to find one and could not. He offered me what mine cost, and I had already cut nearly 100 acres.

Yours truly,

WM J. MARKEL.

THE JOHN P. MANNY MACHINE.

IXONIA, Wisconsin, Feb. 1, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: With my John P. Manny I bought the past season I cut 40 acres of grain and 3 acres of grass; it worked beautifully in both. My neighbors all like the working of it well. The expense of running it was nothing.

Yours truly,

JOHAN ELGAS.

CARLINVILLE, Ill., Dec. 24, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: This is to certify that last harvest I bought one of your celebrated John P. Manny Reaper and Mowers combined. We cut with it about ninety acres of grain and grass, and it done the work more satisfactory than any other machine that I ever worked with, and I have worked with the McCormick, J. H. Manny and Kirby, and your "John P. Manny" is preferable to any other, for ease of draft, raking off and in adjustment in raising and lowering, and in mowing you can defy the world.

Yours truly,

A. W. AST.

LYONS, Wis., Jan. 28, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: I bought one of your John P. Manny Combined Machines last summer, and would say that it gave perfect satisfaction. I cut about 50 acres of grass and 30 of grain with it. I like it better than any combined machine I ever saw work, the draught is very light. I should think not over two-thirds of a common plow. I cut 18 acres of slough grass for a neighbor which he said was cut quicker and better than it had been done by any joint bar machine; he had hired and tried four or five. It will work in anything that any machine will. I would say to those wishing a combined machine, try the John P. Manny before buying any other.

Yours truly,

MARTIN KINNEY.

ELGIN, Ill., Dec. 24, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I think the John P. Manny Machines are the best that are made in the United States. I would advise farmers to purchase no other. It requires only one man to drive and rake off, and it is the lightest draft of any there is in use. There is no side draft to it. I cut about 120 acres of grain and grass with one light team, and they gained in flesh all the time. What I write is simply true and no puff.

Yours truly,

P. S. HALLECK.

NAUVOO, Ill., Jan. 16, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: There are all kinds of machines in my neighborhood, and it is generally given up by owners of other machines that there is no use trying to beat the John P. Manny, for it does all that can be done by any machine. I cut a piece of grass for a neighbor, which a man owning a Kirby acknowledged his machine would not cut. It was blue grass with the previous year's growth at the bottom. The draft is very light, turns easy and makes square corners. I generally rake off and do my own driving.

Yours truly,

WM. H. HALL.

MANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 14, 1897.

MR. THOMPSON: I bought one of your J. P. Manny Combined Machines of your agent, H. C. Senne. I cut about one hundred acres of grass and grain of all kinds. I also cut Flax which it cut as well as it could be cut, without any trouble. I think it as good a combined machine as there is out, and I have used a good many different kinds.

Yours truly,

ALVIN SCOTT.

MORGAN, Porter Co., Indiana, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: Last summer I was persuaded to purchase one of your John P. Manny Combined Reaper and Mowers, and must confess that I never before handled a machine of easier draft, or one that did the work as well as it did, and I take pleasure in recommending it as a first class machine.

Yours truly,

WM. P. FISKE.

NAUVOO, Ill., Dec. 9, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I purchased one of the J. P. Manny Combined Reaper and Mowers in 1862 and used it until last season. I sold it and bought one of the improved, which I think is sufficient evidence that I think it the best machine in use. I used it in all kinds of grain and grass. I usually cut from 100 to 200 acres per year. The new machine I find far superior to the old. It is a perfect reaper and mower combined in one. I usually rake off and do my own driving. Myself and neighbors think it is just the machine for the farmers for this reason: it will do everything required of it, and never get out of order.

Yours truly,

O. J. HALL.

LETTERS FROM PURCHASERS OF

FORESTON, Ogle Co., Ill., Nov. 22, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I am well pleased and satisfied with the John P. Manny Reaper. It beats any that I ever saw run. I cut 75 acres of grain and 25 of grass; it made the nicest swath I ever saw. I mowed some of the heaviest grass in this neighborhood—lodged down and thick as the hair on a dog; it cut everything off nice and smooth. We cut 10 acres per day with one span of horses, and did not weary them half as much as plowing. I can drive and rake off the bundles just as nice and straight as any self-raker. No expense but oil; my machine did not wear hardly any. My brother has a McCormick, and when he saw mine work he said, O, if I could only sell mine I would buy a J. P. Manny. I told him I would'nt have a McCormick if they would give it to me for nothing. Three of my neighbors have the J. P. Manny, and they say they are the best combined machines made, and I say so too. Yours truly,
JOHN T. CREITZ.

POPLAR GROVE, Boone Co., Ill., Nov. 26, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: We are well pleased with the John P. Manny Combined Reaper and Mower. We think it is the most durable machine in market. As for us we don't want any better. It done its work well. We cut 75 acres of grain, 60 of Slough Meadow, and the machine is just as good as when we purchased it. Our neighbor came into the field when we were reaping a very heavy piece of oats. He was astonished to see how nice we raked the gavels off. He has a J. H. Manny, and I guess he will turn it over next year for one he can reap and mow with.
ALBERT MOORE.
T. MOORE.

AUBURN, Ill., 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I bought one John P. Manny Machine last season, and mowed about 50 acres of grass and reaped 125 acres of grain. As a combined machine they can't be surpassed. I can sit on it and raise or lower it to suit the grain when the team is in full motion. It will mow 15 acres per day.

Yours truly,

W. A. McELVAIN.

EVANSVILLE, Wisconsin, Jan. 26, 1868.

Mr. THOMPSON: I cut 150 acres of wheat and oats, and one hundred of grass. I like your machine better than any other I have seen yet. For mowing, I don't think it can be beat, or reaping for a combined machine.
N. BALLARD.

SUGAR GROVE, Ill., Dec. 2, 1867.

Mr. THOMPSON: I used one of your machines this last season, and am pleased to say that it is the very best machine I ever used, and I would not think of taking the money I paid for it, if I could not replace it. I cut 60 acres of grain with it, and drove and raked off for five binders, with one pair of horses weighing 900 lbs. each. I cut 150 acres of grass with the same team. I think the machine is much better than any other used in these parts.

Yours truly,

THEOPHILUS WILSON.

MACON, Ill., Nov. 27, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: The John P. Manny Machine I purchased of you, I will say I am well pleased with. It does good work, is easy on the team, and has not been out of order. It cut about 140 acres of grain, 20 of grass and 12 of flax; it worked as well in flax as in wheat or oats. It done well in all, and gave good satisfaction. I have used and seen several other kinds of machines work, and unhesitatingly give this the preference. I averaged about 12 acres per day with one team.

Yours truly,

WM. RUBY.

LICK CREEK, Sangamon Co. Ill., Dec. 21, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I must say it is the best machine that I ever used. I have had a great many to look at my John P. Manny, and they all say it is the handiest machine they ever saw. I cut about 114 acres of grain and grass, and was at no expense. Some of my neighbors say that when they get a machine it will be the John P. Manny.

HENRY McDEVITT.

WINDSOR, Ill., Dec. 31, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: The J. P. M. did everything it was claimed to do, and in better style than I expected. Competent judges pronounce it to be the neatest working machine in use. It never chokes, is very easily managed and understood, and is just as good a machine as I want.

Yours truly,

JESSE WALKER.

THE JOHN P. MANNY MACHINE.

LINTTOWN, Ill., Nov. 26, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: The John P. Manny machine works like a charm. The men that worked after it said it was the best machine to bind after they ever saw. I had one man who said he started from St. Louis; he had worked three weeks in harvesting. He said our field was cut the best and taken up the cleanest of any he had seen since he started. We cut 150 acres of wheat, oats and rye; one day's cutting we took notice of, was fourteen acres, and four hands bound it. As a mower it can't be beat. My son says he cut six acres one forenoon. I must say, as a combined machine, for draft, strength, durability and turning corners, it cannot be beat.

M. L. SEWARD,
R. E. SEWARD.

WILLOW CREEK, Ill., Nov. 20, 1867.

MR. THOMPSON: I can say with pleasure, I like the John P. Manny better than any reaper I am acquainted with. It is easier on horses, and is not subject to get out of order. I cut 50 acres of flax with it. It is undoubtedly the best reaper for general purposes of any in use. In fact, it is the best I ever saw work. I also cut 40 acres of wheat and 50 of grass. I can also recommend it as an excellent mower. I also cut 25 acres of oats and barley. It is the nearest perfection of any machine I ever saw.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH GUYER.

EAGLE, La Salle County, Ill., Jan. 14, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: As for the merits of the John P. Manny Reaper and Mower, I do think it is the best I have ever seen in this country, and it meets with the approval of all that saw it in operation. Indeed, it is the only machine bragged on here. It cuts splendid, runs light, and is easily adjusted; am 60 years of age next March, and I cut 70 acres of grain and 43 of grass, and I only used two horses, and the neighbors pronounced the work complete. For my part, I would buy no other.

BARNEY O'NEIL.

Du QUOIN, Ill., Dec. 9, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I bought one of your John P. Manny Machines last season; cut one hundred and twenty acres grain and grass with more ease to myself and team than with any other machine, having used several others of different kinds. It is perfect in reaping, and as a mower it can't be beat. I went through my harvest last season with but five cents' expense; cut through one piece of tangled grass with ease, which I had never been able to cut with any other.

Yours truly,

WILEY HOUSE.

LODI STATION, Ill., Dec. 8, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: The reaper and mower I bought of your agents, Blackman & Miller, has proved itself equal to the recommend they gave it. I cut 40 acres of wheat, 35 of barley, 40 of oats and 35 of grass, mostly wild; can cut over as rough ground with it as they can with any of their independent mowers, and do it as well and faster. I had some heavy oats that I cut with it. I cut 10 acres in 6 hours with one small pair of horses. I never use more than two horses at a time. To make a long matter short, I would not give my John P. Manny machine for any combined machine that I ever saw.

Yours truly,

G. H. MINIMUM.

DWIGHT, Livingston Co., Ill., Jan. 6, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON, Esq.: First I will speak of our best satisfaction with your machine, the John P. Manny. We have used a great many machines since 1857, although no machine we have handled during that time came up to the John P. Manny. Second, we cut 30 acres of grain and 50 of prairie grass without the least trouble or accident. It is light on horse and man; used only one half gallon of oil. We got more grain by one-third to the acre, than any of our neighbors.

Yours truly,

PETER and ELIJAH HEIMEN.

CARLYLE, Ill., Dec. 2, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: Sir—In reply to your question, I will say that I cut about 35 acres of grass, timothy and clover. In mowing, it does as well as any machine that I have ever seen cut, and better than the most of them. I cut 30 acres of oats also. In cutting grass I think the John P. Manny is one of the best machines there is made, or any that I have seen, and I have seen several. I think the John P. Manny is liked by all that have tried them.

DAVID H. CONNELL.

LETTERS FROM PURCHASERS OF

CAPRON, Boone Co., Ill., Jan. 4, 1866.

N. C. THOMPSON: Your John P. Manny is one of the best I ever used. I cut 12 acres of slough grass—two acres was very rough bogs, so that one neighbor told me that if I took my machine into it I would not get it out. I thought I would try it, and put on the grain wheel to cut that boggy place, and it worked well with one team. A neighbor was mowing with a Kirby just across the fence, so he thought he would try the bogs too, but he had to back out. I never got my harvest put up so easy before. My expenses were nothing only for oil. I would have no other combined machine.

Yours truly,

JAMES REID.

OAKLAND, Wis., Dec. 2, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I can perhaps tell you nothing more than hundreds have already told you. As to the John P. Manny as a reaper and mower, it excels all others in my acquaintance. It is the lightest and strongest, and a team that can draw a plow, can draw the John P. with perfect ease. I mowed 20 acres of marsh grass, some of it I did not think could be cut with any machine. I cut it without any trouble and did it in good shape. I also cut 90 acres of grain; cut it complete. The John P. Manny takes the preference in this place over all others. It appears to give entire satisfaction.

Yours truly,

CHAS. FRANCISCO.

MT. AUBURN, Ill., Jan. 8, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: The reaper and mower I bought of you gives good satisfaction. I cut about 150 acres of wheat, oats and grass with it, without losing any time; think it one of the best machines I have had anything to do with. It will cut anything in reason.

Yours truly,

WM. FLETCHER.

WAPKINS, Ill., Dec. 11, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I bought and used one of your John P. Manny Reaper and Mowers through the last haying and harvest, and like it very much. As a combined machine, I think it excels any other machine that I have ever used or worked with. I cut 16 acres of grass and 75 acres of grain, all with one team.

E. N. BIRDSALL.

Rock Island Co., Ill., Nov. 26, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I am glad to send you the candid statement of what the John P. Manny Reaper and Mower has accomplished for me, both in cutting grain and grass; as a mower it has no equal. I cut wheat, oats and rye, to the amount of 130 acres, and it did it in good order; and as a mower I have not seen its equal for cutting, and for lightness of draft, it cannot be excelled. I have worked two horses on it, and think that cutting 12 acres per day was a light day's work. I am highly gratified with the John P. Manny Machine, and am willing it should go on trial with any other machine.

Most truly,

A. BOLINGER.

SHIRLY, McLean Co., Ill., Dec. 23, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I cut with your John P. Manny 50 acres of grass and 100 of grain. It worked excellent. The grain here was all laying down, and I could cut three ways where other people could only cut one way. By taking off the reel I managed to cut all round. The team I used did not weigh 20 cwt; expense nothing.

A. W. BROWN.

BELLEVILLE, Wis., Dec. 16, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I cut 93 acres of wheat, rye and oats—all of the ground has more or less stumps on it—and 32 acres of clover and grass; some few acres of mammoth clover and large variety at that, some of it lodged as bad as it could be. A mower was tried in it and I could beat it. I also tried the J. P. Manny on some very rough bottom, and it worked well. I never change the motion of the sickle for cutting wild grass, nor drive any faster to make it cut through anything I have tried to cut. I have done nearly all my work with a span of four year old colts, weighing 1890 lbs. They handled it very easy in any kind of work I done with it.

Yours truly,

R. MARKS.

FRANKLIN GROVE, Ill., Dec. 17, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I purchased one of your John P. Manny Reaper and Mowers last summer, and cut with it 125 acres of grain and grass, and can cheerfully recommend it as the best reaper and mower I have ever used. It does the work just right.

Yours truly,

SOLOMON SUNDAY.

THE JOHN P. MANNY MACHINE.

HARLEM, Ill., Dec., 14, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I am unable to say how the new machine may work in grass and flax, but if it mows as well as neighbor Andrews' old "John P. Manny," of which I have no doubt, it cannot be beat by any machine I have ever seen. My "King of the Harvest Field" foundered in a rough old slough where my wheat grew heavy. I had the new "John P. Manny" into the breach, and how it went through the wheat, weeds and grass, "is a caution." Farmers, purchase *no other* than a *John P. Manny*. I had heavy wheat and oats, and a small knoll of very light wheat to cut; the John P. Manny was master of the situation in every case. The new Beloit Machines cost \$160 each. I paid you \$140 for the J. P. Manny. Now, sir, I would not exchange mine for one of them if offered \$20 to boot.

ROBERT RALSTON.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 10, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: The past season I bought one of your John P. Manny Reaper and Mowers, which works like a charm. I have used three or four different kinds of machines for the past ten years, and can say without compulsion that your reaper is the best I ever used. As to draft, I had as soon reap as plow, and had rather mow than plow. As to side draft there is none to speak of. I cut 20 tons of hay and 57 acres of wheat and oats, and my colts would play at night. My reaper is now as good as when I took it from the shop.

Yours truly,

S. ST. JOHN.

WHEATON, Ill., Dec. 2, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I have used the John P. Manny Reaper and Mower the past season, and like it very much, in all kinds of work, especially in cutting grass. It is fully equal to any mower in use. It is said, by the friends of the Kirby, that I have done the best cutting in grass they ever saw. Where the ground is smooth, I can mow so smooth it is impossible to count the swaths, except by wheel marks. It works equally well in grain. I cut 100 acres of grass and 30 of grain.

H. C. KING.

ROCKVALE, Ogle Co., Ill., Jan. 17, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: I purchased one of your celebrated combined reapers and mowers made in 1867, and take pleasure in recommending it to every farmer who may need a good machine. There never was another that could equal it for lightness of draft and ease of management. It has superior reaping and mowing qualities; I prefer it to any single mower. I cut 95 acres of small grain and about 35 of grass. I have seen a great many machines used, and used a great many, but never saw or used one that can equal the John P. Manny. If I wanted a half a dozen machines, they would be John P. Manny's.

Yours truly,

D. B. WAGNER.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Feb. 4, 1868.

MR. THOMPSON: I used one of your John P. Manny Machines last season. As a reaper, it gave entire satisfaction. It is light draft and easily managed, both by man and beast, never went out of order, and did the work excellent. As a mower, in my estimation, it has no equal. It will do good work any place where a team can go. I cut 40 acres of slough grass with it to my entire satisfaction. It never clogged in the least.

Yours truly,

JAMES PORTER.

BYRON, Wis., Dec. 25, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I have used the John P. Manny for several years. I cut in the whole, of grain and grass, about 130 acres, and it done well, and was easy for the team. I like the machine better than any there are about here, and there are many kinds.

Yours truly,

GEORGE MORE.

ROCKFORD, Ill., December 25th, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON—Dear Sir: At the time I purchased one of your John P. Manny Machines the grain harvest was past, consequently my judgment and experience is drawn from its mowing qualities. I worked on one of the large sloughs in Ogle county, cut about 50 tons or more hay, and would say for the benefit of the farmers, that, in my opinion, it has no equal in the world. I have cut all kinds of grass that grows on the prairie with great ease. I cut alongside of the Fountain, Buckeye and Cayuga Chief; the draft to my machine I considered was much lighter than the others. I would say, in my opinion, that there is no machine that can compete with the John P. Manny.

Yours truly,

B. F. HYDE.

LETTERS FROM PURCHASERS OF

ROCKFORD, Ill., Jan. 2, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: I purchased one of your John P. Manny Combined Reaper and Mowers at your shop for the harvest of 1867, and must say I like it very much. I cut 80 acres of grain and 20 of grass, and think, from my experience, that there is no machine equal to it. As for lightness of draft and durability, I think it can not be excelled. It done its work well, and I should advise all farmers who are in want of a good machine to purchase the J. P. Manny. Yours truly, WHIPPLE JILSON.

HARLEM, Winnebago Co., Ill., Dec. 9, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I purchased one of your John P. Manny Combined Reaper and Mowers last February. I made myself sure of having one in good season. I never used a better machine. I cut 80 acres of grain; one man raked off and drove the team, with all ease. The raker can sit as comfortable as in a chair. My binders were well pleased with the manner in which the bundles were laid. The draft I consider very light. There is great ease in handling the machine, turning of corners, and raising and lowering, throwing in and out of gear, and changing from reaper to mower; these points are all combined, and make it the most perfect machine in use. The John P. Manny is gaining more and more favor among the farmers in this neighborhood. My opinion is there will be still greater demand for them next year. I like it for a mower just as well as a reaper, and I pronounce it an A No. 1 Machine.

Yours truly,

NIEL McMICHAEL.

BERWICK, Ill., Aug. 17, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I am perfectly satisfied with your John P. Manny Machine. I have tried it in every possible way that a machine could be used, and it has never failed to do good work. I have cut 120 acres of grass and 25 of grain. A part of my grass was very heavy down clover, and wet and very much tangled. My wheat stood up fine, and here it did perfect work. My oats were very heavy, and I do not think I ever saw grain in a worse condition to cut; but here it only exhibited the beauty of the machine, and we got 18 acres up in two days, which could only be cut two ways. My father has one of the John H. Manny Machines, and says he is not going to run it any more; if he can't sell it, he will let it stand, and buy one of your machines another year.

Yours truly,

T. C. PEARCE.

ROSCOE, Ill., Nov. 29, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I have used one of the John P. Manny Machines the last season; I think it the best I ever used. I cut 80 acres of grain which grew on very uneven land, with two horses, one a four year old colt, and done it easier, (raking off and driving my own team,) than any other machine with a raker and four horses. I mowed 30 acres of grass, some of it rough slough, with perfect ease—no trouble whatever. I know I can do as much with two horses on my John P. Manny, as two men and four horses can on other machines that I have tried.

Yours truly,

L. S. BARR.

YORK NECK, Adams Co., Ill., Dec. 10, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I think the John P. Manny Reaper and Mower is a good machine. In mowing it can't be beat. I mowed 38 acres of grass, 11 of it as heavy as it could be and mixed with clover, but the J. P. went right through without ever clogging. We cut 62 acres of grain. I have used a McCormick for nine years, and have seen Kirby, Buckeye and John H. Manny in operation, but yours beats them all. I would not have one of them if I could get a J. P. It cost us nothing for repairs; is easier on a team than plowing. We run it all harvest with a span of small mules, and they 15 years old, and they fattened on it. I like the plan of raking off first rate. I think the plan of raising and lowering and throwing in and out of gear can't be beat. It is easy to turn corners; I can turn it myself; I can cut about 10 acres per day with the greatest ease.

Yours truly,

OBADIAH TURNER.

MR. N. C. THOMPSON:

WYOMING, Wis., Mar. 3, 1868.

I consider the John P. Manny Combined Reaper and Mower the best I ever used. I cut 50 acres of grain and 25 of grass without a cent's expense for repairs. Upon a very hilly piece of land, I found no difficulty whatever by tipping. I would recommend the John P. Manny to farmers as a first class machine on account of its light draft, ease of management, and adjustability. Yours truly, WILLIAM POTTERTON.

THE JOHN P. MANNY MACHINE.

PROPHETSTOWN, Ill., Jan., 13, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: It affords me a deal of pleasure to be able to add to the already abundant testimony of the superiority of the John P. Manny Machine. I have cut 100 acres of wheat in 8 days, 50 acres of grass in 3½ days, and find it can not be outdone by any single mower I have seen in operation. I also cut 75 acres of wild grass, a part of which was very rough. There are quite a number of other machines in this neighborhood, but none that gives the satisfaction of your combined mower.

Yours truly,

LUTHER COX.

MILAN, Ill., Nov. 18, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I bought one of your John P. Manny Machines this season. I can say I never used a better combined machine in all respects, for ease of management and draft, and for raking off. I drove my team and raked off all of 60 acres of grain, and cut 25 tons of hay over all kinds of prairie, and it is easy on horses. All that saw it work declared it an A No. 1 Machine. The binders are well pleased with it, and can bind faster behind my machine than any of my neighbors'. HENRY SCHMICK.

ASSUMPTION, Ill., Nov. 16, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I bought one of your John P. Manny Machines. I found it to be complete, the best I have any knowledge of. I have used many machines, and consider yours preferable to all. I went to buy a Champion No. 2, but from difference in price, bought a J. P. Manny, and would not exchange for the best out. My brother has a Kirby but says mine is the best machine. We have many different machines in this neighborhood, and two of the J. P. Manny. They are preferred to all others. I loaned mine to a neighbor; he has a single mower, a Yankee Boy. He says it beats it; cuts just as easy to the team and as well. My opinion is, it is preferable by one-fourth, and costs one-fourth less.

Yours truly,

G. W. HUNT.

SAUK CITY, Wis., Jan. 8, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: I purchased one of your John P. Manny Reaper and Mowers, and was very glad I did, for if I had bought any other I would have been sorry for it. I only cut 25 acres of wheat, 10 of oats, and 5 of rye for myself, and some for my neighbors. They say it is as nice a reaper as was ever hitched behind a span of horses. I mowed rough marsh and under water and over. My neighbors said they did not see how I mowed there, but I mowed it nice and even. I know it will cut anything that can be cut.

Yours truly,

JOSHUA AMBLER.

LAWRENCE, Ill., Dec. 3, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I purchased a J. P. Manny machine last summer, and have cut 42 acres of timothy, 16 of slough grass and 25 of clover, very heavy, and some buckwheat—all which without being detained for a moment, or at an atom of expense for repairs. It is of light draft, easily turned, and does good work, and according to my notion, is the machine for farmers; and I would recommend it to them in preference to any other machine I know of.

J. LEE ANDERSON.

WILLOW CREEK, Lee Co., Ill., Nov. 17, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I would say, in regard to the John P. Manny Machine, it proved very satisfactory to me. I cut 40 acres of flax, 86 of grain, 78 of grass, and it is nearly as good as when I bought it. The mowing sickle beats anything I ever saw or heard tell of. I cut the 40 acres of flax, and all the grass without ever putting it to a grindstone. I am satisfied the machine has paid me one half of what I paid for it clear of expenses. I cut as high as 13 acres a day with a team weighing about twenty hundred. It is the most durable and best combined machine that I know of, and I have used several reapers since I have been in Illinois.

Yours truly,

ABRAM MILLER.

FREDONIA, Williamson Co., Ill., Jan. 6, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: I purchased your John P. Manny Reaper and Mower, with which I am well satisfied. I reaped some wheat in very stumpy land; it did good cutting and is easy managed; I cut 14 acres in one day, with a light team, and had time to cut one or two more; also cut some grass on very rough land, and some of it was badly tangled; had no trouble to cut it clean. I recommend your machine to all farmers; they will do well to purchase your John P. Manny Machine; it will give full satisfaction.

Yours truly,

JOHN BROWN.

LETTERS FROM PURCHASERS OF

SHABONIER, Ill., Dec. 21, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: In regard to your machine I cut 55 acres of wheat, some of it badly lodged, and done good work; 14 acres had a heavy crop of rag and smart weed. The John P. Manny went right through it. I also cut oats, timothy and prairie grass, and done the work as well as any machine I ever saw run, and with as much ease on a team. I would advise every farmer that wants a good reaper and mower combined to take the John P. Manny, and you will not be running to the shop for repairs every day or two.

Yours truly,

JOHN DOWNS.

FORINE, Ill., Jan. 5, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: As to the John P. Manny, we like it very well; have tried several but like yours the best; have cut the past season 180 acres of different kinds of grass and grain with less than one dollar for repairs.

HOPPER & SEARCH.

NEW RUTLAND, Ill., Jan. 24, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: As to how I like the John P. Manny, I am well pleased with it. We cut about 100 acres of wheat, oats and barley, and 20 of prairie grass. We had a fair opportunity of comparing it with one of Wood's Combined Machines in mowing, and found it would cut $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet wider than Wood's with no apparent increase in draught. Another advantage is its simplicity of construction, there being no complicated machinery in it, so that the greenest farmer can manage it easily.

S. W. HALL.

LEBANON, St. Clair Co., Ill., Dec. 5, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I cut 60 acres of wheat, and 16 acres per day, 15 of hay and 13 of oats. Your reaper gets all the praise given to the best; I am well satisfied with it; I think it requires a good name.

Yours truly,

JAMES PADFIELD.

BULKLEY, Ill., Nov. 22, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: The machine I purchased of you the past season has given entire satisfaction. The Kirby is the popular machine in this section of country, and although good yet I think the J. P. Manny beats it. I mowed grass one day and then cut 15 acres of flax with the mowing sickle without grinding, and done the work well, which cannot be done with the Kirby without grinding. I have cut 15 acres of flax, 25 of grain, and about 65 tons of prairie hay this season; my expenses for repairs was ten cents; the machine is not five dollars worse for wear; it is a perfect reaper and perfect mower, and with proper care will last an ordinary farmer a life time, if he dies in any kind of season.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM COOPER.

RUSH, Jo Daviess Co., Ill., Dec. 8, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: I can say without boasting, the John P. Manny is the best machine I ever used. I have cut 140 acres of grain—most of the ground was very rough and a great many stumps. I could cut cleaner and better round the stumps, and about the corners with the John P. Manny Reaper, than with any other I ever saw used. It is the best reaper around here, being the lightest draft, most simple, durable, and easiest machine for horses, and in cutting lodged or standing grain, wet or dry grass, without clogging. It cuts high or low, thick or thin, and can be easily raised and lowered while in motion. I can mow closer and cleaner with my machine than they can with the Hubbard Mower; it is a complete mower in every respect. I would advise those who are about to buy a reaper and mower, to buy the John P. Manny by all means. They will have a complete reaper and mower all in one machine, and a draft that is easier on team than common stubble plowing.

Yours truly,

AMZA L. SPENCER.

CARLYLE, Ill., Nov. 26, 1867.

MR. THOMPSON: I bought one of your John P. Manny Machines. I worked one pair of horses about 15 years old, and cut 95 acres of wheat this season; I averaged 12 acres a day and never raised the sweat on them; I also cut 50 acres of grass. I run against a snag and cut into it an inch and a half; it raised the sickle and sickle bar about three feet high; it threw me off; it fell back with such force that I expected it was all in pieces, but not one thing was broke. I think there is no stronger machine than the John P. Manny, and I know it is the lightest running one I ever hitched to. I am not prejudiced against any other machines; they are all good, but I think the John P. Manny is ahead of them all. I never intend to buy any other.

Yours truly,

TIMOTHY TOOMEY.

THE JOHN P. MANNY MACHINE.

SHABONA'S GROVE, DeKalb Co., Ill., Dec. 1, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON, Esq: The John P. Manny is the most perfect combined machine that I know of; I have cut 87 acres of small grain, and about 50 of grass. As for flax, I have not tried it yet, but will the coming season. In cutting grass as a combined machine, I tested it with three different machines in mowing slough and upland grass, in grass they could not cut, and I done their work for them. One was a Beloit, and the other a John H. Manny.

Yours truly,

IRA A. KENNICUTT.

WIGTA, Wis., Nov. 29, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON: So far as I have tried it I think it is the best combined machine I have ever seen in a harvest field; the lightest draft and easiest adjusted. I have only cut 125 acres of grain and grass. I did not try to see how much I could cut in a day, but think about 10 to 12 acres would be a fair average, as farmers generally work, but am satisfied considerable more than 12 acres can be cut with the John P. Manny, by using a little more energy than farmers generally do. My machine is as perfect as when I commenced cutting, except one small bolt which was lost.

GEO. SCHELLENGER.

PORT BYRON, Ill., Nov. 27, 1867.

N. C. THOMPSON, Esq.: I like the John P. Manny very well as far as cutting grain, and mowing. I cut 100 acres of wheat and 15 of grass, and did it all with two horses; it runs very light. I like it so well, that when worn out I shall get another just like it. I have recommended the John P. Manny, as I think it to be the best machine out yet.

Yours truly,

JOHN MOORE.

EAGLE, Ill., Jan. 24, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: I think the J. P. Manny is the best combined machine that is now in use in this part of Illinois. Too much can't be said in favor of the John P. Manny for lightness of draft, and also no side draft. I can take it and do more work with the same amount of hands than any machine in this neighborhood. Any boy ten years old can drive. It is the best machine to rake off of that I ever tried. As for mowing, there is no use talking, it is the best of all combined machines. Your agent did not lie, for it done better than he recommended it.

Yours truly,

MELFORD CRAFT.

PRAIRIE DU ROCHER, Ill., Jan. 1, 1868.

MR. THOMPSON: I did not try to do anything big with my machine, I thought too much of it. I cut about 60 acres of grain, besides some grass, with as much comfort, ease and satisfaction, as anything I ever done in my life. It cut clean and smooth in thick and thin, without break or crack. Some of the ground was very rough and stumpy; I just cut around stumps without any trouble. In mowing, it done splendid work. The John P. Manny is without exception the best machine for all work, in this section of country. I have named mine the Little Giant. I cannot bestow too much praise on the John P. Manny. Everybody praises it.

Yours truly,

JAMES A. MUDD.

BOYNTON, Tazewell Co., Ill., Jan. 27, 1868.

N. C. THOMPSON: I think your John P. Manny Machine is the best combined reaper and mower that I ever worked with. We cut about 50 acres of wheat and about 40 acres of grass. It done good work in both grain and grass.

JOHN SHEETS.

Owing to the limited space in this pamphlet, I am unable to publish the great number of recommendations received in full, but will refer to the following parties who have purchased and used the John P. Manny during the harvest of 1867:

ILLINOIS.

A. J. Denton, Hamilton.
John Harrower, West Northfield.
William Thomas, Ogle.
R. B. Burroughs, Leon.
W. R. & M. U. Hollister, China.
Henry Miller, Genesee.

W. H. Wheeler, Sterling.
Smith Sawyer, Bloomington.
G. S. Quick, Cordova.
Guy W. Rathbun, Cordova.
W. P. Roff, "
Christian Wilkie, Downer's Grove.

John Nebergall, Green Bush.
 Marcus A. Rice, Bushnell.
 David Link, Green Bush.
 W. T. Ball, Manchester.
 Wm. McGill, Poplar Grove.
 F. H. Nickles, Capron.
 Patrick Calachan, Caledonia.
 S. B. & G. M. Massie, Denver.
 John Poland, Carthage.
 George Fowler, Plymouth.
 E. W. Bennett, Chili.
 Jonathan Peters, Forrester.
 Isaac E. Myer, Brookville.
 Wm. A. Mack, Kansas.
 T. C. Pearce, Berwick.
 H. M. Cook, Pecatonica.
 J. M. Meek, Carrollton.
 E. Walden, Butler.
 Benjamin Howter, Cass Township.
 Henry Schoonmaker, Rockford.
 S. O. Thompson & Jas. Clay, Owen.
 Robert Falconer, Winnebago.
 John McDougall, Burritt.
 Moses Cassidy, Cherry Valley.
 J. L. Gifford, Monroe Centre.
 John G. Wilcox, Marion.
 H. Dobson, Harrison.
 Thomas Miller, Monroe.
 Andrew Montgomery, Owen.
 Cyrus H. Miller, Winnebago.
 M. R. Kingsbury, Belvidere.
 Allen Rice, Rockford.
 Samuel Banks, New Milford.
 Jas. Dobson, "
 J. H. Helms & T. H. Gunter, Rossville.
 John M. Moffett, Decatur.
 E. T. Willoughby, Macon.
 Samuel Alexander, Macon.
 Martin McCune, Forsyth.
 L. Funk, "
 S. G. C. Disney, "

WM. Chisholm, Carlinville.
 J. C. Bouslough, Mendota.
 James M. Patterson, Lostant.
 Freeman Johnson, Mendota.
 D. C. Marsh, Malugin's Grove.
 W. & W. T. Johnson, Vola.
 A. W. Parker, Vitola.
 Timothy Larkin, Eagle.
 A. Rask, Princeton.
 A. D. Ferguson, Malugin's Grove.
 H. B. Allen, Elgin.
 Vincen Storm, Ash Grove.
 Wm. W. Kelly, Wiehanierburg.
 Daniel Foley, Pawnee.
 Jordon S. Organ, Auburn.
 Michael Cummings, Pawnee.
 James T. Scott, Auburn.
 G. W. Council, Williamsonville.
 Willis Harbour.
 John H. Winnie, Belvidere.
 Thomas Heywara, Lacey.
 Richard Barnes, Belvidere.
 Hugh Boyce, Garden Prairie.
 Asa Yates, Bonus.
 George Willott, Poplar Grove.
 A. & N. Webber, Flora.
 John Ruble.
 Richard Barry, Ridott.
 Robert Wright, Clayton.
 H. R. Sweet, Sullivan.
 N. B. Eastman, Forrest Station.
 John McCulloch, Minonk.
 C. Burquin, Lawn Dale.
 Alfred Munn, Belvidere.
 Michael Kahl.
 Michael T. Stover, Waddams.
 John H. Wischart, Camp Point.
 Farrow Hamrick, "
 F. S. Coal, Gudley.
 James Anderson, Kappa.

WISCONSIN.

Michael Power, Arena.
 Edward Coyle, Pine Bluff.
 Jacob Smith, Neron.
 Daniel McCord, Black Earth.
 Henry Perry, Windsor.
 James Welch, Dane Co.
 E. K. Frost, Stonington.
 John Harvey, Johnstown.
 W. S. Howe, Delavan.
 Warren Jenkins, Walworth.
 Dr. Tallman, Clinton.
 S. W. Angell, Delavan.
 M. L. & J. H. Hollister, Delavan.
 S. B. Lowe, Delavan.
 John Chambers, Monroe.
 J. B. Cook, Jefferson.
 J. B. McIntyre, Muscoda.
 Wm. Potterton, Wyoming.
 John G. Sleighter, Wyoming.
 John Emmett, Brighton.

John Wagner, Lyons.
 Peter McDermott, Dover.
 John Streit, Randale.
 John McConnelong, Newark.
 G. W. Tuttle, Roscoe.
 L. E. Carpenter, Newark.
 H. Beebe, Evansville.
 Charles Evans, "
 H. Bullard, Union.
 C. Seeres, "
 P. Pump, "
 Justus Whaley, Union.
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It cuts a wide swath, is light draft for two horses, and never clogs. Adjusts itself to uneven surfaces, can instantly be raised over obstructions, and has no unequal weight on the horses' necks.

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