

The Representative Tool of Level Cultivation.

Prout's Hoeing Machine,

With or Without Gauge Wheels.

MANUFACTURED BY

The Belcher & Taylor Agricultural Tool Co.

CHICOPEE FALLS, MASS.



A Perfect Substitute for Hand Hoeing. Hill or Flat Cultivation, as desired.

NOW MADE WITH HANDLES ADJUSTABLE for tall or short operator and with improved Standard as shown on next page.

IT CUTS OVER ALL THE GROUND, and tears out every Weed by the roots, leaving fields clean in the fall.

It is Worth its Cost for Ridding a Farm of Weeds.

IT WILL NOT INJURE THE CORN ROOTS, while it leaves the land level.

IT IS UNEQUALED BY ANY OTHER TOOL in the Cultivation of Corn, Potatoes, Tobacco, and all kinds of root crops.

NOT A NEW AND UNTRIED MACHINE, but, thousands already in use, giving unqualified satisfaction.

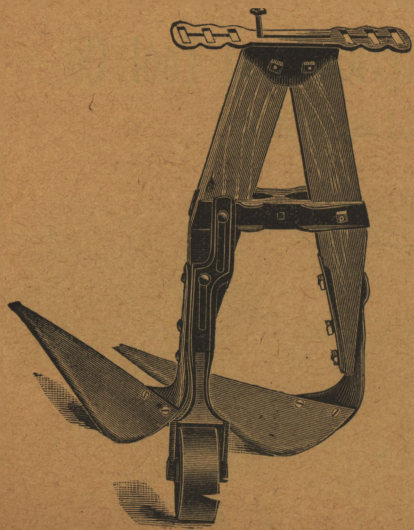
IT MATERIALLY LESSENS THE COST OF HAND LABOR, while it Increases the Crops.

YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO BE WITHOUT ONE!

Description.—To those unacquainted a brief description of this machine will undoubtedly prove of interest. Each Standard as shown in the cut has two Hoes attached, and in working one set of Hoes work on one side of the hill and the other set on the opposite side, hoeing a row at a time. The Hoes operate same as a Hand Hoe, moving fresh earth to the plant, and crowding the old dry earth away from the plant, the work being done much more quickly and thoroughly than when hand hoes are used.

Unlike the Cultivators and Horse Hoes now in common use, *the whole surface* for the distance of two feet, more or less, on each side of the plant is cut over, and all the weeds are removed. The Hoes being made tapering permit of cutting close up to the plant, without injury to corn roots which run close to the surface.

This feature of all others should bring this tool before the attention of all growers of corn, as it is pre-eminently the one tool of all others especially adapted to its cultivation.



This cut shows one section of the Hoe, with improved standard and gauge wheel. The wheel will be found of great benefit on mellow ground, as a uniform depth can be maintained, with much better results. In going to or from the field the machine can be thrown entirely on the wheels by sliding the back end of the pole to the bottom of the slot and lowering the wheels as much as possible.

Of Interest to Tobacco Growers.

Not only is the Prout Hoe the tool for level land and shallow cultivation, but as the position of the hoes can be readily changed it is equally adapted for ridging land, or removing weeds from a ridged surface. The long hoes also permit the working close under the leaves, even when the plant is full grown.

These features alone have so commended its use among the growers of tobacco in the Connecticut Valley and New York State that for years it has been the leading tool in those sections, as will be shown by reading some of the annexed testimonials from both dealers and users.

The same features which have made the Prout so pronounced a favorite with Tobacco farmers have made it equally well received wherever introduced in the cultivation of the potato crop, as this tool, while it can be used for making the hill, is very effective in the removal of all weeds from the same, and can be worked to good advantage under vines where a common cultivator would be useless.

In fact, it may be truthfully claimed, that there is no tool now before the farmer for a like purpose that possesses so large a range of work, and that so excellently meets all the requirements for the thorough cultivation of the soil for all root crops, and for the effectual removal of that prime destroyer of the profits of the farm—the weeds.

Words from Good Corn Growers.

AARON BAGG of West Springfield, says: I have used the Prout Hoeing Machine ten or twelve seasons and think it superior to anything of the kind I ever saw. The first year we raised eight acres of corn, and we did all the hoeing with the machine, excepting we commenced using the hand hoe after the machine. This we did for half a day, but found the hand hoe was not needed, and used it no more on the crop; all the other hoeing was done with the machine, and the field yielded six hundred bushels of shelled corn—an average of seventy-five bushels to the acre. Since then we have used it on corn and other crops with the same satisfactory results. In fact I would not do without Prout's Hoeing Machine.

HON. W. R. SESSIONS, now and for a number of years the honored Secretary of the Board of Agriculture of Massachusetts, bought one of these hoes some years ago, and after two years wrote of it:

Geo. S. Taylor, Agt. —Dear Sir: I have used your Prout's Horse Hoe the last two seasons with entire satisfaction. My last crop of corn was cultivated with this tool *only*. We used no Cultivator or Hand Hoe, and had as good crop as we ever raised by use of these tools. Some of the land worked was quite hard and stony. One field of ten acres was hoed with the Horse Hoe three times, consuming the time of one man and team just four days for the three hoeings. In haste, I am yours, etc.,

N. B.—I am glad to write my opinion of the Horse Hoe. It is a real emancipator for the farmer.

He writes us under date of Dec. 30, 1891, and says: As you know I have not attended personally to my farm work the past four years, and consequently cannot speak of our experience during those years, further than to say we still use the Hoe and like it.

E. BROOKFIELD, MASS., Jan. 6, 1892.

John A. Rice, Worcester.—Dear Sir: Yours of January 2 in regard as to how I liked the Prout's Hoeling Machine bought of you last season. I used it on corn and potatoes and garden stuff, on all kinds of soil. I can drive my team and hold the machine and do good work as fast as the team will walk. With the corn-planter and smoothing harrow and Prout's Hoeling Machine I see no reason why New England farmers cannot raise corn cheaper than they can buy Western corn. I would not sell my machine at any price if I could not get another.

Yours respectfully, H. M. GREEN.

THOS. REYNOLDS of Hadley wrote—Dear Sir I have used one of your Horse Hoes the past season on fifty-six acres of corn and potatoes. I think it is one of the most labor-saving machines I have on my farm, and I would not sell it for \$100 if I could not buy one like it.

MESSRS. E. & T. B. MOSELY of Westfield wrote us some time since as follows:

To Geo. S. Taylor, Agent.—Dear Sir: In reply to your inquiry about Prout's Hoeling Machine, we can say that we have used it on forty acres of corn, eight acres of beans and four acres of tobacco, the present season. We are satisfied that it is the best implement in the shape of a horse or a hand hoe we ever saw. We have used a hand hoe but little the present season, and our fields were never so clear of weeds as now. You cannot recommend it too highly.

D. H. HORTON of Hadley writes:

G. S. Taylor.—Dear Sir: Yours is received, making inquiries about the use of Prout's Horse Hoe on crops. Have used it on potatoes, corn, tobacco, sugar-beets, cabbages, and, in short, on all crops that are generally cultivated or hoed in the Connecticut Valley, and am very much pleased with the work it can be made to do. Any one that understands its use can gauge or arrange the hoes to do more work than any other machine yet in use by the farmers of the Connecticut Valley. In short, I think it as valuable an implement for general use as any yet invented. Don't see how any farmer that cultivates five acres more or less can be without one.

Read the Remarks of Years Past as well as the Present.

SUFFIELD, CONN.

Belcher & Taylor.—Gentlemen: I bought and used one of your Hoeling Machines the past season, on two and a half acres of tobacco and ten acres of corn, and I think it has paid for itself already. The hoeling was as well done as hand hoeling, and the later hoeings of tobacco were better than could be done by hand, on account of the large leaves of the tobacco.

Truly yours,

E. HALIDAY.

JOHN H. MONROE of Baldwinsville, N. Y., writing Jan. 2, 1892, says: I have used your Prout Hoe for the past three years with very satisfactory results. It is by far the best tool of the kind I have ever seen—one man with a team can do more in one day than a dozen men with hand hoes—I raise about twenty acres of tobacco every year, and since I got your Hoe I have had very little hoeing done by hand.

MANCHESTER CENTRE, VT., Aug. 3, 1893.

George S. Taylor, Agent.—Dear Sir: I bought one of Prout's Hoeling Machines this spring, and have done all the hoeing on seven acres of corn this season; have used no cultivator or hand hoe. Am satisfied that it is the greatest labor saving machine I have on my farm, so much so that I would not try to raise corn without one.

Yours, CHAS. R. AMES.

Hear the Connecticut Tobacco Raisers.

HARTFORD, CONN.

Dear Sir: I used your Horse Hoe last season, and it worked a great deal better than I expected it would. I consider it as useful and as necessary as a mowing machine or a hay tedder, and can recommend it as being all it is represented. It will work in either smooth or stony ground.

Respectfully yours,

S. C. COLT.

Dear Sir: I am much pleased with the Prout Machine and consider it the best labor-saving machine I have ever seen.

Yours truly,

HARTFORD, CONN.

LUCIUS UTLEY.

Dear Sir: Yours received inquiring in regard to the Prout's Horse Hoe. In reply would say, that I used it last season in all my cultivated crops with great satisfaction. It leaves tobacco the last hoeing in better shape than can possibly be done by hand. A farmer who has used one of these machines will not know how to get along without one—with one there is no excuse for weeds. I consider it as great as my mowing machine or tedder.

Yours truly,

BLOOMFIELD, CONN.

LEWIS J. FILLBY.

Dear Sir: The Prout's Hoeling Machine purchased of you last spring is a nice working machine. I think that on turf it cannot be beat, nor on stony land. Would not be without one.

Yours truly,

BLOOMFIELD, CONN.

S. P. GREGORY.

The Prout Horse Hoe is the best machine I have on my farm.

KILLINGLY, CONN.

GEORGE H. LAW.

SUFFIELD, CONN.

Messrs. Belcher & Taylor.—Gentlemen: The past season I have cultivated with Prout's Hoeling Machine twenty acres of corn and two acres of tobacco, going over them three times during the season, leaving but little to do with the hand hoe. Had my corn been rowed both ways, nothing would be needed but the Machine to finish. I have done more than one hundred acres for other people, giving perfect satisfaction. I need not say that the machine pleases me greatly. Respectfully yours, WILLIAM H. PROPHEET.

CHESTER E. MAY of East Woodstock, Conn.—Dear Sir: The Prout's Horse Hoe which I have is the greatest invention of the age. I have worked it two years, and it gives perfect satisfaction. It works well on all kinds of lands, hoeing it much better than can be done by hand, and at much less expense. It can be classed with the mowing machine as labor-saving. In this age of invention where profits consist in the saving of labor, certainly no farmer having five acres to hoe can afford to do without one. I am satisfied it is as near perfection as any of the implements in use. Its general introduction will produce a great revolution in our farming. I consider it invaluable. One thousand dollars would be no temptation to me to dispense with its use if I could not get another.

D. W. BAKER of Charlton.—Dear Sir: Have used the Prout Hoe one season. It has proved satisfactory in every particular. Besides being unequaled for corn, it seems to be particularly adapted to cabbages, and all kinds of root crops; working under the leaves close to the roots without disturbing the plant even after they are full grown.

F. B. CHAFFEE of East Woodstock, Conn.—Sir: The Prout Horse Hoe I bought of you last season worked to my satisfaction; no reasonable amount of money would take it from me if I could not get another. I cannot recommend it too highly.

From New York State and Pennsylvania Farmers Who Bought Machines in 1892.

The Prout Hoe I purchased this season has been one of the best investments I ever made. It does its work perfectly, and I consider it to be the best horse hoe on the market, as I have tried the other kinds.
Yours respectfully, TOWANDA, PA.
GEORGE H. FOX.

I consider the Prout Hoe a perfect machine. It saves three-quarters of the work in hoeing tobacco, as I have always hoed it by hand; besides, it does the work better. It is equally well adapted for hoeing potatoes, corn, etc. I would not be without one for many times its price.
TOWANDA, PA.
GEORGE PLACE.

Big Flats, N. Y., November 30, 1892.
Belcher & Taylor Agricultural Tool Co., Chicopee Falls, Mass.
Gentlemen: I have been selling horse hoes along with my other machinery for some years. I find that the Prout Horse Hoe is superior to any other kind on the market, and have never had a word of complaint from any party who has used one. It gives perfect satisfaction, as the increased sales every year indicate.
Sincerely yours, W. B. LEONARD.

I purchased a Prout Horse Hoe this season and used it in hoeing my crop of tobacco. I am very much pleased with it, and think if all tobacco growers knew what they were, none would be without one.
Yours truly, CANTON, PA.
D. G. LINDLEY.

I consider the Prout Horse Hoe one of the best tools I have on my farm. It does the work of ten men, and also does it better.
Yours truly, HOLLIDAY, PA.
M. G. WHITE.

The Prout Horse Hoe I purchased of your agent, W. B. Leonard, worked to my satisfaction. I cannot say too much in its praise.
Yours respectfully, RUMMERSFIELD, PA.
PETER MOREY.

I purchased a Prout Hoe the past season, and after giving it a season's trial in the tobacco field I can say it more than fills my expectations. Constant cultivation tends to make a larger growth of tobacco, and I believe I have gained several times the cost of the hoe in my present crop by the frequent hoeings which its use enabled me to give it.
Yours truly, CAMPBELLS, N. Y.
L. W. STEVENS.

I consider the Prout Horse Hoe a first-class tool and all that it is represented to be. It does the work nicely in tobacco, corn, and potatoes.
Yours respectfully, CAMPBELLS, N. Y.
W. B. RUNNER.

I have used the Prout Hoe for several years in my tobacco, and I consider it one of the few indispensable tools on my farm.
Yours truly, BIG FLATS, N. Y.
N. HAVENS.

How to Use Prout's Hoeing Machine.

The cut shows the machine with two horses attached. For one horse, use the pole by hitching it to a hame ring by a small strap and fastening the evener back by stay-chain or strap.

When the ground is level and you wish to keep it so, run the Hoes even. When the ground is ridged and you wish to keep it so, or when it is level and you wish to ridge it, fit the Hoes by the slots and bolts in the malleable attachments to the profile of the ground, or the shape of the ridge you wish to make, the inside Hoes being raised and the tips of the outside Hoes being raised to correspond.

In hoeing delicate plants first time, raise the rear end of the pole to the top of the slotted iron on front cross-piece, which will avoid covering the plant. In after hoeings, lower the rear end of the pole as desired by the operator to assist in shaping the ridge of the row.

Always run the Hoes as near the plant as possible without hitting it.

The machine can be adjusted to any width row, by moving either in or out the Wood Standards, which is done by the slotted Iron Cap on top of the Standards. Before moving the Standards, see that the braces and rods are loosened, and after moving, be sure that the nuts are all tightened.

PRICE.

Medium or Common Size, \$25.00.

With Wheels, \$27.00.

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