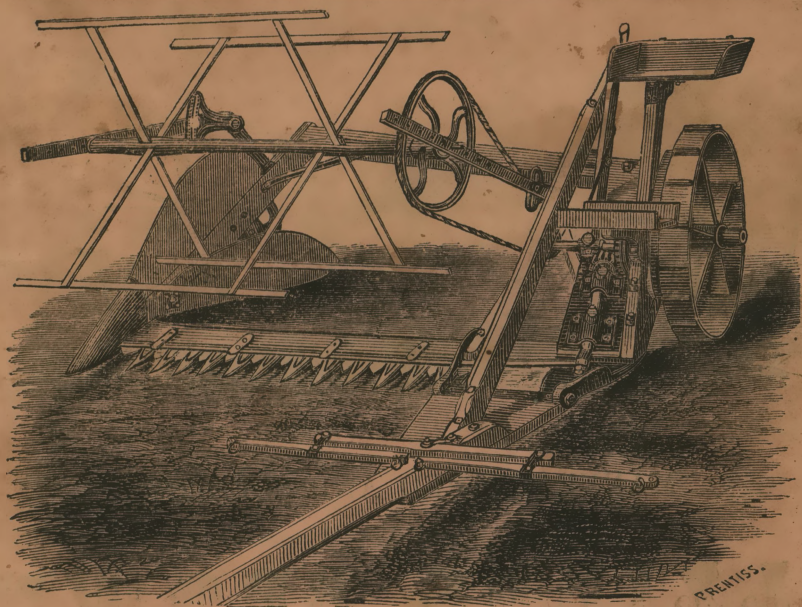


**MANNY'S
COMBINED MOWER AND REAPER,
FOR ONE AND TWO HORSES,
TO WHICH
OVER TWENTY PREMIUMS
HAVE BEEN AWARDED, FOR ITS
SUPERIORITY OVER ALL OTHERS,
SINCE 1857.**



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CARD.

To the Farmers of New England.

IN presenting this Circular to those interested in agricultural pursuits, I would respectfully say, that with the practical experience which I have had in manufacturing, and the close observation I have made at numerous Fairs and trials of the operation of the different kinds of Mowing Machines now in use, I present with the fullest confidence the *Manny Mowing and Reaping Machine* as superior to any other yet offered to the public.

Its Superiority as a Mower consists:

1st. In the cut of sections, forming as it does a perfect *shear* cut, which no other machine has a right to use, it being secured by patent to the Manny machine.

2d. In the lightness of draught accomplished by a large driving wheel. A castor wheel, at the connection of the pole with machine, taking the entire weight from the horses' necks, and greatly facilitating in turning.

3rd. The ease with which the bar can be raised from one to eighteen inches, and the motion of the knives stopped, without the operator moving from his seat, which is done by means of levers.

4th. The Reel, which enables the machine to work as well with the wind as against it; also in cutting fine wet grass, (should it incline to lodge on the bar) it can be so arranged as to clear it, thereby saving the driver the labor of poking it off with a *stick*, (which would necessarily take his attention from his team) as machines without a reel invariably require.

5th. The frame, which is attached to the end of the bar, and supported by an 18 inch wheel on the outer end, thus enabling this end of the bar to run as firm and steady as the end next the machine, and making it almost impossible to bend or twist it, and cause undue friction in the play of the scythe through the fingers as is the case with machines without this important support. It renders the strength and durability of the machine such as not to be easily broken, thus causing delay and expense in the midst of the haying season.

6th. The ease with which it is changed from Mower to Reaper, making it the most perfect combined machine in the world; as such, it has received the first premiums and diplomas of all the great National, State and County fairs and trials for the past eight years.

The One-Horse Manny Mower.

Many farmers in the Eastern States keep but one horse, and therefore have been looking for a machine which had the strength and durability necessary for the work, and yet was light enough to be operated with one horse,—to such I would say that the one-horse Manny combines those qualities in every particular, and is just the machine for the New England farmer. The success which it met with the past season far exceeded my expectations, and for a proof of satisfaction which it gave to those who operated them I will refer to the numerous testimonials given in this circular. I have made several important improvements in this machine since last hay season, which I am fully confident will enable it to meet the expectations of all who are in want of a light, strong and practicable machine. The improvements introduced are not got up on *paper alone to make the machine sell*, neither are they left for the farmer to test their practicability, but they have all been thoroughly tested, in the field, in cutting grass and rowen, and proved to be practicable, and what is in reality an improvement.

The Reaper can be attached to the one-horse machine with the same facility as to the double machine.

I WARRANT the two-horse Mower capable of cutting one acre per hour, or 10 to 15 acres per day, as well as done with the hand scythe, and the Reaper to cut the same quantity, with one extra man, as well as done with cradles. The one-horse machine is warranted to cut a proportional quantity in the same time.

The purchaser is allowed to cut two acres of grass on trial, and in case anything proves defective, due notice must be given me or my agents, and time allowed to send a person to put it in order. If it does not work after this, and the fault is in the machine, it will be taken back, or exchanged for a perfect machine, at the option of the purchaser.

I would in conclusion, invite your attention to the testimonials which have been freely handed me for this circular; and by employing experienced workmen, using the best materials, and close application to business, I hope to fully sustain the reputation which the Manny Machine now enjoys, and to satisfy the most fastidious who are anxious to get the *best machine*. Respectfully Yours, &c.

ALZIRUS BROWN,
WORCESTER, MASS.

MANNY'S MOWER AND REAPER.

PRICE LIST.

Large Two-Horse Mower, 4 1-2 ft. cut, weight 650 lbs.,	\$
Light " " " 4 ft. cut, weight 500 lbs.,	\$
One " " 3 1-2 ft. cut, weight 450 lbs.,	\$
Reaper Attachments Extra,	\$

There will be forwarded with each Machine, two Scythes, two extra Sections, two extra Fingers, Wrench, Punch, Screw Driver, Oiler, extra Screws and Rivets.

IN ORDERING MACHINES,

Be particular to give a full description of the Machine wanted, and also full direction, of Town, State, and route by which to be forwarded. In ordering Extras, be sure to give the length of cut and number of Machine which they are for.

Machines will be Delivered on the Cars at Worcester.

PARTICULAR NOTICE.

All Machines sold cannot be set up and started by agents on the first day of the hay season, therefore in order to be sure of a machine on the ground ready for operation on that day, it is necessary that orders should be sent in early, that Machines may be forwarded and set up previous to that time.

A LIST OF PREMIUMS,

AWARDED SINCE THE HARVEST OF 1857.

FIRST PREMIUM, GRAND GOLD MEDAL, awarded Manny's Mower and Reaper, by the U. S. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, at the great National trial, held at Syracuse, N. Y., 1857.

SILVER MEDAL. At the 4th exhibition of the WORCESTER MECHANICS ASSOCIATION, the first prize of SILVER MEDAL, was awarded the Manny Machine, Sept. 17th, 1857.

FIRST PREMIUM, of 20 dollars in SILVER PLATE, as a combined Machine, and DIPLOMA as a Mower, at the N. Y. STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, held at Buffalo, Oct., 1857.

FIRST PREMIUM. At the STATE Fair held at Augusta, Me., in the fall of 1858, the First Premium of DIPLOMA was given this Machine as Mower.

TWO FIRST PREMIUMS.—Two GOLD MEDALS, at the great STATE trial at Hamilton, Ohio, 1857.

FIRST PREMIUM as a combined Machine, by the VERMONT STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, at Montpeller, September 8th, 1857.

FIRST PREMIUM of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS as Reaper and Mower combined.

PREMIUM as combined Machine given at the Crystal Palace in N. Y., Oct., 1857, held by the AMERICAN INSTITUTE.

TWO FIRST PREMIUMS at the STATE trial in Maryland, 1857.

FIRST PREMIUM in Vermont, held Sept. 16, 1858, by the VERMONT STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

FIRST PREMIUM. Trial in Newport, R. I., in July, Manny's Mower was awarded First Premium of FIFTEEN DOLLARS as best Mower operated by horses, and one Premium of TEN DOLLARS, operated by oxen, in competition with Allen's and Ketchum's. Also in New York, Premium was awarded Manny's, over all others.

AS AN EVIDENCE OF THE SUCCESS
OF THE

MANNY MACHINE,

Since its invention, I give you the following statistics of sales:

There were sold for the harvest of 1851.....	40 machines.
" " " " " 1852.....	84 "
" " " " " 1853.....	1,385 "
" " " " " 1854.....	2,631 "
" " " " " 1855.....	6,020 "
" " " " " 1856.....	8,100 "
" " " " " 1857.....	11,250 "
" " " " " 1858.....	12,000 "

There were sold for the harvest of 1859, more than of all other kinds put together.

THE MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Appointed a Committee to report on Harvesting Machines.

This Committee reported that they should be satisfied with nothing short of a machine embracing the following qualities:

1st.—It should be easily worked by two horses. 2nd.—It should be easily managed while at work. 3rd.—It should be easily moved from field to field. 4th.—It should adapt itself to the surface. 5th.—It should cut smooth, and start in the grass without clogging. 6th.—It should be able to cut high or low. 7th.—It should cut as well with the wind as against it. 8th.—It should be simple in its construction, and not liable to get out of repair.

That the Manny Machine, as manufactured by me, possesses the above requisites, I have no hesitancy in asserting; and to prove that I am not alone in my decision, I insert a few of the many testimonials freely handed me for this circular.

Please notice the dates, as they were not written years ago by men who have since become disgusted with their machines and thrown them aside, or procured others, but they are of *recent date*, and from men who *mean* what they write, and *to-day* are ready to repeat the same, if it were possible even in stronger terms than you find it here.

TESTIMONIALS.

Worcester, Jan. 30th, 1860.

MR. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—Wishing to procure the best Mowing Machine in use, my attention was called to the different kinds manufactured, and after consulting with those who had used the different machines I became satisfied that the *Manny* was the one I wanted. I therefore purchased one of the two-horse Manny Machines manufactured by you, which I worked last season to my entire satisfaction, and I have no hesitation in saying that there is no better machine in use, or one better adapted to all kinds of grass. I am fully satisfied from the working of my machine that it requires less draught than any other two-horse machine in use.

My farm is rugged and hilly, and I am happy to say that my fields were mowed smoother than they could have been with the common scythe, also that I think I saved the cost of my machine in one season. To all those in want of a mowing machine I can most cheerfully recommend the Manny Machine.

Very Respectfully Yours,

CHAS. B. PRATT.

Princeton, Mass., Feb. 11th, 1860.

MR. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—From four years experience with the combined Manny Mower and Reaper, I can say that it has more than met my expectations; I have cut all kinds of upland grass, both thick and thin, on level ground and on side-hill, and have never *tipped over*, or been thrown from my seat. It is the best machine according to my humble opinion for all kinds of work that I ever saw, and I advise all farmers who have hilly or uneven farms to get a Manny Machine in preference to any other.

Yours &c.

JOHN BROOKS, Jr.

Facts about Home.

Worcester, Feb. 8th, 1860.

MR. ALZIRUS BROWN—*Dear Sir*—It affords me much pleasure to bear testimony to the excellence of your one-horse Mowing Machine. Last summer I had one of the Ketchum Machines on trial, and exercised all the patience I was master of while using it. After giving it what I considered a very fair trial, I came to the conclusion, if (as was claimed for it,) it was the very best machine in the market, I would defer purchasing until something should be invented which would better conform to my ideas of a perfect machine. But through the influence of several of our farmers who were using your machine, I was induced to try one of them; I was very much pleased on the first trial, and as I became acquainted with its management, my good opinion of it increased. I found that unlike the other machine, there was no possibility of its getting out of gear or clogging. Then the facility with which the knives are raised when there are obstacles to pass over, is a great advantage which it possesses over any other machine in my knowledge.

In regard to its durability, and liability to get out of order, it is my opinion that with proper care, it will last for two or three generations at least. I will say in conclusion, that I mowed all kinds of grass, from lodged clover to the finest natural grass with the machine and was surprised that although desirable it is not absolutely necessary to have the ground perfectly smooth and free from stones.

Yours very truly,

J. A. KENDRICK.

Worcester, Oct. 7th, 1858.

MR. ALZIRUS BROWN—*Dear Sir*—I have no hesitation in certifying that I have used Manny's Mower, manufactured by your predecessor, for the last season, to cut

between fifty and sixty tons of hay. One pair of horses were able to cut an acre an hour, without being in the least fatigued. It will cut lodged grass without clogging.

The Machine is as good as it was when purchased. It has not been out of repair in the least. I have the Reaper Attachment, which works to my entire satisfaction. It will save grain enough to pay for cutting in the former way.

Respectfully yours,

L. B. DRURY, *Supt. of City Alms House and Farm.*

Seven Excellencies of the Manny Machine.

From the Superintendent of the Worcester State Lunatic Asylum.

The Manny Mowing Machine has performed its work in the most satisfactory manner. We have been pleased with it in every particular.

Among its many excellencies, are :—First, its lightness of draft. A pair of horses weighing 900 lbs. each, being able with a competent driver to work the machine ten hours a day, cutting an acre each hour in grass sufficiently large to make two tons per acre. Second, the ease with which the driver can operate the machine, lifting the knife bar by means of its lever, over obstructions, and stopping the motion of the knives, without moving from the seat, or stopping the team. Third, the facility with which the machine commences its work after having been stopped in the swath without backing. Fourth, the readiness with which the machine may be repaired after any of the minor accidents, like the breaking of a finger, or dulling of a knife; the repairs being made in a few moments, without leaving the field. Fifth, it does not clog. In cutting some 50 acres of grass, in all conditions, on all varieties of land, the knives have never been clogged or stopped, while the machine was in motion. Sixth, the reel is of great service in mowing with the wind or down hill, counteracting the effect of the wind on the grass in one case, and its tendency to fall down hill in the other. Seventh, and not the least recommendation of your machine is, that it cuts the grass uniformly well and smooth.

With well broken horses and a good driver, the grass is everywhere more smoothly cut, than by good mowers with scythes. Most truly yours, M. BEMIS.

This Machine will soon take its place beside the Plow and Horse Rake.

Round Hill Farm, Worcester, Mass., Jan. 14th, 1858.

To say of your machine, that it more than answers my expectations, falls very far short of the recommendation that its merits demand. I have now had two years experience with the Manny Machine, having cut the last season, about eighty tons of hay, and fourteen acres of spring grain. The various alterations in the machine, the past year, are valuable improvements, and so perfect is the construction, that I have not the slightest breakage or failure to record. My machine is now as good as new, ordinary wear excepted, which is very little. Both the mowing and reaping was done in the best possible manner. The machine will very soon take its place upon every large and moderately sized farm, side by side with the plow and horse rake.

Yours truly,

WALTER BIGELOW.

Frankland Farm, Ashland Mass., Jan. 25th, 1860.

MR. ALZIRUS BROWN—I promised when I purchased the "Manny Mowing Machine" at your manufactory, that I would inform you how I liked the operation of it. The idea of cutting the fields of grass and grain on the soil of Ashland and Hopkinton seemed almost an absurdity to those who for the last half century, have cut their hay by the "sweat of the brow," nevertheless I ventured to purchase one of the Manny Machines. The machine came and was set up by your agent while I was absent from home, which left me to practice without a teacher. You can easily imagine how I "came in" on a few of the first rounds, but I soon began to comprehend the nature of the machine, and the result has been that we cut every acre of our upland grass and grain, notwithstanding the land was laid down with no reference to being mowed with a machine.

It may not be improper for me to add, that some of my neighbors who entertained the strongest prejudice against Mowing Machines, came to me before the season closed to get us to mow for them, for it was admitted by the best judges of mowing in town that the work of the machine was superior to that of the common scythe. The general remark from the hundreds that saw the machine work at different times, was, that they should at once prepare their lands for Mowing Machines. It was rather late in the season when I purchased our machine, had it not been so, I think a large number of your machines would have been sold in this vicinity. I have no

doubt that this year will witness the sale of many; and to those in want of a mowing machine, I can confidently recommend the MANNY MACHINE to do all that it claims to do.

Very truly yours, &c.,

E. S. NASON.

Framingham, Mass., Feb. 15th, 1860.

MR. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—I had the pleasure of using one of your Manny Machines last year upon my own and on some fifteen other farms in this town, with entire success, and much satisfaction, I believe, to all who witnessed its operation. We mowed in all about 75 acres, of every variety of land and grass. We paid no attention to dew or rain, but went out whenever the machine was wanted; though it would shave a little closer when the grass was dry. But in no instance did it clog with the grass, as is the case with all other Machines that I have seen when it is wet. When I got a little used to it I felt as much confidence in performing the work satisfactorily as any man would with a scythe.

I have used your one-horse machine a little and have seen it operated a few times by others, and believe it to be just the thing for that large class of farmers who mow from ten to twenty acres; and with the aid of the one-horse Mower can easily go through the hay season without extra help. There is no question but what a man may mow on any land with it where it would be safe to drive a load of hay.

We reaped forty-three acres of oats, but it was rather late when we commenced and some pieces had become somewhat crinkled, and no implement could lay the straw perfectly straight; but wherever it was right for the cradles, the machine worked admirably; laying off the grain in neat, compact, half-sheafs, the horses going at a good smart walk.

The rate was from six acres of very heavy grain in one day to nine acres of very light grain in one afternoon, working until eight o'clock. The fields were all cut four inches from the ground and perfectly even, and all were satisfied that the saving in straw paid for the reaping.

Very respectfully yours,

R. W. WHITING.

Does not regret his selection.

Natick, Mass., Jan. 18th, 1860.

MR. A. BROWN—*Sir*—The Manny Mower which I bought of you last year I find in every particular what it was recommended to be. I looked two or three years for a mower and finally concluded to try Manny's. I do not regret the selection. I am particular to have my work well done, and this will do it to my satisfaction. I have used it in all kinds of grass and it works well, *lodged clover not excepted*. With the Reel I could mow as well in a windy day as any other.

I would recommend this Machine as one that will give good satisfaction, and be durable. I believe mowers will soon be as common as horse rakes now are.

Yours &c.

C. E. FISKE.

Would not part with it for Five Hundred Dollars.

Sutton, Dec. 9th, 1858.

MR. A. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—You ask my opinion of the Manny Mowing Machine. I would say in reply that the Machine I purchased of you last July, far exceeded my expectation, especially upon my side-hill and stony pieces. I think that it saved about one-third of the expense in getting my hay the past season. I mowed for several of my neighbors, giving in every instance entire satisfaction.

I also cut my grain with it, and the work was done well. In short I should not be willing to part with my Machine for five hundred dollars if I could not get another; and I do not hesitate to recommend it to any farmer who thinks of getting a machine, as the Machine to buy.

Yours truly,

A. W. PUTNAM.

Grafton, Nov. 3d, 1858.

MR. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—The Mowing and Reaping Machine which I bought of Mr. Adriance, of your manufacture, last year, more than met my expectation. I have cut all kinds of grass wet and dry without trouble. Can cut with my horses, which weigh but 1900, from 12 to 15 acres per day and follow it. After testing it thoroughly with the improvements of the past season and comparing it with other machines, I hesitate not in pronouncing it decidedly the best machine ever introduced to the farmers of New England. One word in relation to the Reaper Attachment; with it I can cut as much grain per day as four men can cradle, and leave it in better shape to bind.

Yours,

J. S. McCLELLEN.

Grafton, March, 1st, 1859.

MR. A. BROWN—*Sir*—I have used one of your combined Mowers and Reapers for the past three years, and the last year with oxen, with entire satisfaction, cutting all my grain and grass where the cattle could travel without miring. I can cut an acre of grass an hour with oxen, and in many places prefer them to horses. The machine is equally as good for reaping as for mowing, as it cuts the grain even and clean, leaving it in the right condition for binding. I consider that I can save the price of the machine in harvesting my grass and grain two seasons.

Yours &c.,

S. P. CHAMPNEY.

The whole Neighborhood Pleased with its Operation.

West Boylston, Mass., Dec. 7th, 1858.

MR. A. BROWN—*Sir*—You wish me to give my opinion of the Manny Mower, which I will do with pleasure, for I think it worthy of the highest commendation. Last June I bought one of Manny's Mowers and Reapers. I have worked it with great success; have mowed for myself 27 acres, and for my neighbors, Messrs. Addison Lovell, E. F. Brigham, S. H. Smith, Charles Goodale, Wm. Mason, Levi Goss, Charles Morse, and E. M. Hosmer, I have mowed about 100 acres the past season, to the satisfaction and pleasure of all concerned, to which statement they have all given their signatures. Never have I seen a machine that I thought would make its place good, and would advise all who want a Mower and Reaper, to purchase Manny's, for it has been thoroughly tested. The Reaper works "tip top" in all kinds of grain.

ADDISON LOVELL,
E. F. BRIGHAM,

S. H. SMITH,
CHARLES GOODALE, LEVI GOSS,
Yours truly,

WM. MASON,
CHARLES MORSE,
E. M. HOSMER.
AARON GOODALE.

New Braintree, Nov., 1859.

MR. A. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—I have used a Mower and Reaper of the Manny patent for the past three seasons, and I can frankly say that it has more than met my expectations, both as a mower and as a reaper. I have cut on an average about 50 acres of grass and 12 of grain each year, at a cost of only about two dollars for repairs during the whole time. It has repeatedly saved its cost to me in the saving of labor, and I now consider it nearly as good as new. Although I have not the improvements of the past two years, yet for lightness of draft, ease of management and durability I think I have never seen its equal.

Respectfully yours,

SULLIVAN CONVERSE.

Leominster, July 13th, 1859.

MR. A. BROWN—Enclosed is seventy-five dollars for one 1-horse Mower. It meets our entire satisfaction.

GEORGE WOOD.

Oxford, Jan. 15th, 1858.

MR. BROWN—*My Dear Sir*—It gives me great pleasure to say, "Manny's Mower" I purchased at your shop last year has proved an excellent machine, and operated to my entire satisfaction. I can confidently recommend it to any farmer of my State. A pair of my horses were able to perform the work with comparative ease. I have not expended a farthing for repairs—and have mowed about sixty acres.

Yours truly,

ALEX. DEWITT.

MR. A. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—In reply to your enquiry with regard to the Manny Mower, I am pleased to say that I have used the Manny Machine the past six years with the utmost satisfaction, having mowed about one hundred acres each year. In the mean time I have been looking for a better machine, but not having found such, I shall continue to use the Manny with the same satisfaction until I do find a better one.

Yours truly,

HORACE WARE, Marblehead.

P. O. Address, Salem, Mass.

Raynham, Mass., Jan. 2d, 1860.

MR. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—I have used the Manny Machine on my farm the past three seasons, and acknowledge myself about tired of hand mowing from the great efficiency with which it works. I have cut all my river grass, which is usually full of grit and which takes about half the time to whet the scythe when mowed by hand. I think it easier for horses than any other machine, and am well satisfied that it is the right one to purchase.

WILLIAM P. KING.

Looked in vain for flaws.

Mr. ALZIRUS BROWN—*Sir*—I used the Manny Machine on my farm the last season. I tried hard to pick flaws in its work, but the more I used it the higher it stood in my estimation. I should like if the Reel could be dispensed with, but I believe it essential to any machine, and therefore have come to the conclusion that there is not a thing about it but was "*planned in wisdom.*"

Taunton, Mass., Jan. 2d, 1860.

JONATHAN RICHMOND.

Mr. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—Last year I mowed my grass with Manny's Mower. I was prejudiced against it, but after a half-day's use became satisfied of its great utility. I found it worked well in all kinds of grass and would adapt itself to uneven ground, was easy for the team, and easily kept in order. I can cheerfully recommend it to all wanting a good machine.

Taunton, Mass., Jan. 2d, 1860.

DAVID DEAN.

Mr. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—I have used Manny's Mowing Machine for the last four years, and although I have had an eye open to all improvements, I do not hesitate to recommend it to any farmer as *the* machine to buy.

Taunton, Mass., Jan. 2d, 1860.

FRANCIS B. DEAN.

Found it a pleasure to Mow.

Mr. BROWN—*Sir*—I cut my grass the two last seasons with the Manny Mower, and for the first time in my experience found it a pleasure to mow. I was prejudiced against the machine and did not believe it would cut my heavy grass, but am now converted and am ready to recommend it to farmers. It is of easy draft, not liable to get out of repair, and there is not an unnecessary thing about it.

Raynham, Mass., Jan. 2d, 1860.

J. S. KING.

Mr. A. BROWN, Worcester—*Dear Sir*—It is with pleasure that I now express to you the satisfaction with which I used the past season the Manny Mowing Machine manufactured by you. I consider it the best machine of which I have any knowledge for mowing on uneven ground, in all kinds of grass, and for general use under all the varied circumstances in which a machine of that kind is liable to be placed. It will mow bog meadows equal to the hand scythe, is easy of draft, being worked by two ordinary horses with perfect ease.

Bolton, Mass., Jan. 25th, 1860.

Although it has a complicated appearance yet it is easily managed, and not at all liable to get out of repair. It does its work as well as can be desired. I have used a Ketchum Machine for five years and consider it vastly inferior to the Manny Machine; it requires from one fourth to one third more power to accomplish the same work, is not adapted to working on uneven ground, and is managed with much greater difficulty.

Yours respectfully,

JOSEPH WHITNEY.

Mr. ALZIRUS BROWN—*Sir*—After having spent much time and money in examining and testing different Mowing Machines, we had about concluded to stick to the old scythe, but our friend Thompson who is agent for you, came along and after quite an effort persuaded us to try one of your Manny's one-horse mowers. After using it in all kinds of grass, both heavy and light, coarse and fine, with a horse which weighs but 900 lbs., with perfect ease, we would here say to you in behalf of your machine that we would not take \$300 for it, provided another of the same kind could not be had. It does its work well especially in cutting second crops, as it will cut the finest rowen far better than it can be done with a hand scythe.

East Charlemont, Mass., Dec. 22d, 1859.

Yours with respect,

J. W. RIDDLE,
WILLIAM RIDDLE.

Mr. A. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—I am happy to inform you that the Manny Mower and Reaper which I purchased of you last July has far surpassed my expectations. My son, but 17 years of age, cut about eighty acres of grass with it, and it worked admirably. I got my hay quicker and much easier than I could without a machine, and now I should as soon think of being without a horse rake as a Mowing Machine.

Charlton, Mass., Jan. 20th, 1860.

Yours Respectfully,

LEWIS HOLDEN.

South Worcester, Feb. 14th, 1860.

MR. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—It is with much pleasure that I am allowed this opportunity to express my entire satisfaction of my first season's work with your Manny Mowing and Reaping Machine, having used it for both purposes, and am equally pleased with its work in both cases, cutting about fifty acres of grass and ten of oats. I found I could mow upon side-hill with almost equal ease as upon plain land, so that I cut with the machine all the grass upon the farm with the exception of about two acres upon wet, springy land, where it was impossible for the horses to tread. But here I cannot refrain from giving you the result of my first day's experience with your machine. Before I was ready to commence my own haying I was desired by a neighbor to cut a piece of clover for him containing about two acres. I reluctantly consented, and upon arriving at the field about half a mile distant, I found it to be densely lodged, and should not have attempted to cut it if I had seen it before agreeing to do so, but as it was I entered the field with my team of untrained horses, and when once fairly started went around the piece with almost as little difficulty as though it had stood perfectly straight, finishing it in a trifle more than two hours to the perfect satisfaction of my neighbor, and better than my most sanguine expectations. With my last season's experience I shall be enabled to lessen the expense of the ensuing season to about half the amount of former years.

Yours truly,

H. E. BROOKS.

Bradford, Mass., January 5, 1860.

MR. A. BROWN—*Dear Sir* :—The "Manny Mowing Machine" we purchased of you last season is what almost every farmer needs. I say this, because, by the help of a machine, a farmer can secure his hay in a short time, thereby avoiding the bad weather which usually occurs within the time occupied in haying by hand. By the use of this machine we can do our haying in about one half of the usual time, and with one half the labor if rightly managed. This machine works well with either oxen or horses, in light or heavy grass. The horses we used had never before been used abreast, and we had never seen the operation of a machine, but by the practice of an hour or two our horses became perfectly manageable, and we so well acquainted with the machine that we could work it with confidence and satisfaction. The horses we used weigh sixteen hundred pounds.

Respectfully yours,

LAFAYETTE DAY,
ROYAL DAY.

Shaker Village, N. H., Jan 3, 1860.

ESTEEMED FRIEND—On the 5th of July, 1859, we purchased one of Manny's Mowers, and found it on trial to give good satisfaction. The machine was well made, and although our fields, some of them, are quite rough and stony, we succeeded in using it without breaking or injuring it to any extent. It was quite a saving to us in our work and has proved invaluable.

With perfect respect,

DAVID PARKER,

ALZIRUS BROWN, Esq.,
Worcester, Mass.

ROBERT SHEPARD,
Trustees of the Society of Shakers, Canterbury, N. H.

Boscawen, N. H., Jan. 3d, 1860.

MR. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—I tried Mowing Machines of two different patents before I saw the Manny Machine. Upon seeing one of those operate I thought I should like that best, consequently I tried one and was so well pleased with it that I purchased and used one the past season with perfect satisfaction. I have no hesitation in saying that it is the best Mowing Machine I have ever seen.

Yours respectfully,

AMOS WEBBER.

Worked it to a charm, without any Experience or Information.

Lebanon, N. H., Jan. 14, 1859.

MR. ALZIRUS BROWN,—*Sir*—We purchased of your Agent, L. B. Spencer, last season, one of Manny's Mowers, and without any experience at all in the use of any machine or information in regard to operating it, took it into a field of four acres of herdsgrass to try it, and it worked to a charm. We have cut 40 to 50 acres, and cut it better than it could be done with a scythe. The machine is now in better condition for use than at the commencement of the last haying season. It has not cost us 25 cents for repairs, and has saved us more than one half the cost of the machine, and we would not take \$500 for it to-day, if we could not get another.

ZUAR ELDRIDGE.

EDWIN E. ELDRIDGE.

Lebanon, N. H., Jan. 15, 1859.

MR. ALZIRUS BROWN,—*Dear Sir*—We purchased of your Agent, L. B. Spencer, of Windsor, Vt., one of your Manny's Improved Patent Mowing Machines, and have mowed 80 acres with it. We find it to be just the machine we wanted, and in all respects as good as it was recommended by your agent. We think it preferable to any machine which we have ever seen in operation, and can cheerfully recommend it as the best machine for our farmers who have all varieties of grass and grounds to operate in. The Allen Machine has been manufactured for two years past in our village.

Yours respectfully,

H. B. BENTON.
W. P. BENTON.

Lebanon, N. H., Jan. 17, 1859.

MR. A. BROWN,—*Sir*—In 1857 we purchased of your agent, L. B. Spencer, one of Manny's Mowing Machines, manufactured by you at Worcester, Mass. In our purchase of your Machine it shows conclusively that we thought it the best machine out, and after a trial of two seasons we are satisfied that our conclusions were correct. We have used it in all kinds of grass and we must say that it comes fully up to the guarantee, and beyond our expectations both as a Mower and Reaper. For its adaptation to all kinds of grass it has no equal; the ease with which the knives are raised to pass over stones or other obstructions is of great importance; another great advantage it has over other machines is, that it can be started in the thickest grass without the least inconvenience. We can fully recommend the "Manny Machine" to all who may wish to purchase as being the best, and could we not get another we would not part with ours for five times its cost.

WM. BILLINGS.
H. S. BILLINGS.

Canterbury, N. H., Jan., 1860.

A. BROWN, Esq.,—*Dear Sir*—The mowing machine which I purchased of your Agent, Geo. F. Sanborn, more than met my expectations. I mowed over 75 tons of hay, using oxen all of the time, and it did not clog, nor get out of order in any way, but did the work nice and well.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE H. CARTER.

Boscawen, N. H., Dec. 31st, 1859.

MR. BROWN,—*Sir*—I purchased last summer of your agent, G. F. Sanborn, one of Manny's one-horse Mowers with which I cut my grass with good satisfaction. I mowed for several of my neighbors also, and they all acknowledged that it did the work better and cut closer than could be done by the hand scythe. I broke the finger bar to my machine which I think was too small, but the one you sent me being heavier, I apprehend no trouble on that point again.

Yours &c.

C. J. CHADWICK.

Not a screw started in the Machine.

Haverhill, N. H., Jan. 15th, 1859.

MR. A. BROWN,—*Dear Sir*—The Manny Mowing Machine I bought of your agent, W. U. Bailey, has more than met my expectation. I cut, the past season, sixty tons of hay, and ground my knives only once. Not a screw has started in the machine. Have used one quart of oil. Never cut my hay so cheap before.

DAVID MERRILL.

Not liable to get out of Repair.

Newbury, Vt., Jan. 4th, 1859.

MR. A. BROWN—I have used Manny's Improved Mower for the last two years, and am highly pleased with its operation. I have cut with it from 75 to 100 acres of stout grass each season, and have not expended one cent on repairs.

Yours truly,

LUCIUS HAZEN.

East Windsor, Nov. 30th, 1858.

MR. A. BROWN,—*Sir*—I have had the satisfaction of using one of Manny's Mowing Machines, of your manufacture, for the past season, and I take pleasure in recommending it as being the machine that will give the best satisfaction on all kinds of ground. It will adjust itself to the surface, and has facilities over all others for raising the bar over obstacles, also for moving from field to field. It is of easy draft, not liable to get out of repair, and the spring under the driver's seat removes the tremulous motion, which so much annoys drivers of other machines.

Therefore accept my best wishes for your future success.

A. M. ALLEN.

Hartland, Vt., Jan. 17th, 1859.

MR. ALZIRUS BROWN—*Dear Sir*—We purchased of your agent, L. B. Spencer, of Windsor, Vt., one of your Manny's Improved Mowing Machines, and found upon using it that it was equal to what it was recommended to be by your agent. In cutting nearly one hundred acres of grass with it, we have found it to work well in all cases, whatever might be the quality of the grass or the condition of the ground. The machine is now in good condition, and the repairs, so far, have not been fifty cents. We consider that we have saved more than half the cost of the machine, besides getting our hay quicker and much easier than we could without the machine; and could we not get another of the kind we would not part with it for three times its cost.

Yours respectfully,

ELIAS BATES.
J. G. BATES.

Tried them All.

Windsor, Vt., Dec. 14th, 1858.

MR. ALZIRUS BROWN—*Dear Sir*—We purchased last July of your agent, L. B. Spencer, one of your Manny's Improved Mowing Machines, with which we did most of our mowing the past season, and found it to work to our entire satisfaction.

When we purchased our farm last spring on the Connecticut, we thought we would procure a Mowing Machine and get the best, without regard to any particular man or machine. First we tried the Kirby Machine, manufactured at Bellows Falls, by Mr. Clark; finding that did not work to our satisfaction, we next tried the Allen Machine, built at Lebanon, N. H., by Messrs. Buck & Co. That did not suit, and we then turned our attention to the Heath or Eagle Machine as it is sometimes called; this machine we found was not the one for us by any means, so we fell back on the old Manny Machine as the best in use, and we can cheerfully recommend it as such to all our farmers who can use a mowing machine.

Yours, &c.,

D. H. DAVIS.
GEO. F. DAVIS.

One hundred and ninety Tons cut without Repairing the Machine.

South Newbury, Vt., 1858.

MR. WILLIAM U. BAILEY—*Sir*—With regard to the Manny Mower that I bought of you, I can say that I have used it for the two past seasons, and mowed about 95 tons of hay each year. The machine has worked to my satisfaction, and the grass cut better than would have been done with scythes. I have not spent the first cent for repairs. The draft is about the same as common stubble ploughing. My machine is now in good repair.

Yours, &c.,

HORATIO BROOKS.

Read This.

Dracut, January 3d, 1859.

MR. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—Yours, asking my opinion of the Manny Mowing Machine, is at hand, and in reply would say:—The machine that I bought of your predecessor, J. P. Adriance, works well, and to my entire satisfaction. I find it easy to cut one acre per hour, and should not like to part with it for twice what it cost. Quite a number of my neighbors have been to see it operate and have spoken in high terms of it, and say they shall have one as soon as their grounds are prepared, which is the only obstacle to selling quite a number of machines in this section, as the land is very stony. As it is, I think you will have calls for a few next season. Mr. Joseph Marsh says that his machine has more than met his expectations. Cuts his own hay and grain and some for his neighbors. He says the machine is as good now to all appearance, as when new. Capt. M. Fox, who by the way, is one of the greatest farmers in Middlesex county, has generally hired from ten to twelve extra hands for the hay season, last year hired but four, with the machine; says he never had his grass cut so well, and that the machine has more than paid for itself this season, and would cheerfully recommend the Manny Machine as superior to all others.

IRA HALL.

A decided preference for the Manny.

Ferry Hill, Bristol, R. I., Nov. 28th, 1859.

ALZIRUS BROWN, ESQ., Worcester,—*Dear Sir*—The Manny Mower purchased last summer of your agent, Mr. Weaver, cut my grass to my entire satisfaction. I have tried other machines, but give yours a decided preference in every respect.

Yours respectfully,

J. R. GARDNER.

Jamestown, R. I., Nov. 3d, 1859.

MR. GEO. B. WEAVER—*Sir*—Having purchased of you a Manny Mower and used

it to cut from 40 to 50 acres of grass, first on a smooth, and then on a rough surface, thus testing both its cutting qualities and its strength, I find it in all cases and under all circumstances equal to the task, and the grass cut in a better manner than if cut with a hand scythe. I can therefore recommend the Manny Mower as a valuable and labor saving machine.

Truly yours,

PARDON TUCKER.

Middletown, R. I., Jan. 28th, 1860.

MR. A. BROWN: *Dear Sir*—Having used the past season a two-horse Manny Mower manufactured by you, I desire to bear testimony that it proves to be all that I had anticipated of it from being present at some 4 or 5 trials under the direction of the Aquidneck Agricultural Society, the judges invariably giving the Manny the first premium; I have seen it in competition with the Russell, Ketchum, Allen, Kirby, Wood's and the Buckeye machines, and although one said *lo here*, and another *lo there* is the best, yet I trusted the judgement of the committees at the several trials (and also my own, which coincided with theirs,) and now after the experience I have had with my machine the past season, I am satisfied that my conclusions were not only correct but that it proves even better than recommended. I consider it as practical a farm implement as the plow, the harrow or the rake, and I should as soon think of giving up either one of them as my *Manny Mower*. I only regret that I did not purchase one two or three years sooner, thus saving the toilsome labor of hand mowing during that time. I recommend it to farmers as the most reliable, thorough built, durable, and all in all, the best machine that I have ever seen. Its arrangement for elevating the bar to cut even and level at any height from 1-2 inch to a foot, relieves the friction on the ground (which I think is one third the draft of any machine,) and allows to cut high enough to save the ground from the parching sun, and to hasten the second growth by leaving the lower joint on the stubble. I believe it impossible to clog the cutters, which is a great fault with many machines in the market,—and herein lies the secret of the ease of draft of the Manny Machine. I have always regarded the *Reel* as an important part of a Mowing Machine and my experience has confirmed that opinion. I believe it the only machine that does not in any case bear on the horses' necks, being on 3 wheels when the bar is elevated.

Farmers, save your strength and let the horses do the mowing,—they can do it as well as you can.

With respect,

GEO. C. COGGSHALL.

Portsmouth, R. I., 1st Month, 25th, 1860.

FRIEND BROWN,—Thy Rhode Island Agent asked for my opinion of the Manny Mower. In reply, I would say, that when I had decided to procure a machine, I examined the recommendations of different machines, and consulted people better acquainted with them than myself,—the result was that I ordered a Manny Machine. The machine came, but before I tried it, the Buckeye was extolled so very much that I became sick of my choice, laid the Manny aside, and it was suggested that I should soon make fire of it. I thought the best plan was to give it a fair trial, which I have done, and from the first it has given entire satisfaction. We have used it in grass both wet and dry, tall and short, heavy and light, on meadows both rough and smooth; we find it easy for the team, and also for the operator. One of my neighbors has a Buckeye, and from my experience and observation of the different machines in the field, I can say that if any farmer wants the machine that will do the most work with the least fatigue, to both team and operator, and at the same time as well as any other, he need not hesitate to invest in the Manny machine.

With respect,

J. MOTT.

Middletown, R. I., Jan. 23d, 1858.

MR. BROWN,—*Dear Sir*—I own a pair of horses that weighed last spring 1685 lbs. Thomas B. Sherman, one of my neighbors, offered to get a mowing machine if I would cut his grass for him, and then I should have the privilege of cutting for my neighbors and earn what I could for my own pocket, and he wanted me to get such an one as I thought would do the best work. After trying the Allen machine, and looking over the Manny, I concluded that it would be best to get one of yours, and I ordered it, and I do not regret my choice. My friends told me I would use up my horses, they could not stand the work, but I risked that, and have cut 119 acres, some of it two tons, at least, to the acre. I cut five acres in 4 3-4 hours, about 1 1-2 tons to the acre, and I found that my horses weighed, after all, when the mowing was over, 1680 lbs. I think they will recover so as to be ready for next season. Mr. Sherman says he would not part with his Manny Mower for twice the cost, if he could not get another.

JOHN T. BROWN.

Did not make the Horses Poor.

South Portsmouth, R. I., Jan. 25, 1859.

MR. A. BROWN, Worcester, Mass.—*Dear Sir*—I can truthfully testify to the superiority of your Manny Mower above all others, having made a thorough trial of it last July. I mowed in grass yielding about one ton per acre, in six and one-half hours, eight acres. My horses weighed about 1000 lbs. each, and they were in better condition after mowing some 140 acres than when I commenced with them.

Yours truly,

GEO. PERKINS.

Tried others, and Laid them by.

Newport, R. I., Feb. 5, 1859.

MR. BROWN.—*Dear Sir*—I hail with joy the march of improvement in mowing machines, as manifested in the superiority of your Manny Machine as compared with my old Ketchum of 1852, and in fact, as compared with any machine which I have ever used or seen.

I now have a Ketchum machine laid by which has been used but little, and I have tried the Kirby machine; last season I used your Manny on the farm of Mr. Seth Bateman, of Newport, where I cut about 350 tons of very heavy grass with entire satisfaction. I used most of the time a pair of horses four years old, weighing about 800 lbs. each. I last season saw machines of four different patents compete for a premium offered by the Aquidneck Agricultural Society, viz:—the iron-framed Ketchum, the Manny, the Allen, and the Kirby Machine. I myself gave the preference to the Manny, as did the mass of the spectators, and also, as I afterwards learned, did the Judges. Some fifteen of the spectators (myself among them) manifested their preference by ordering a Manny machine, through your agent, Geo. B. Weaver, for the harvest of 1858, and I for one, can say that the machine has proved itself to be all that the manufacturers claim for it.

Yours respectfully,

LUTHER BATEMAN.

Washington, Conn., Dec. 24, 1859.

MR. A. BROWN,—*Sir*—Having purchased of your agent, S. A. Baker, one of Manny's Improved one-horse Mowing Machines, I am prepared to say that it fully answers my expectations in every respect, and I know of no other machine better adapted to every kind of grass, and surface of land.

Respectfully Yours,

RUFUS S. LEAVITT.

Mowed his Pasture.

Washington, Conn., Dec. 26, 1859.

MR. A. BROWN,—*Sir*—I have used one of your two-horse Mowers the past season with one horse, and it does its work to my full satisfaction. With all parts well oiled I can mow one acre per hour in good grass. My ground is no smoother than other farmers have, who would try your machine had they two horses; to such I would say, get a mower, and with one good horse it will more than meet your expectations.

I have also used my machine for mowing weeds in my pasture, without the slightest injury; the facilities for raising and lowering the knives avoids all danger with a careful operator, which gives it a decided preference over most if not all mowers in this vicinity.

Yours truly,

H. H. MOREHOUSE.

Read this—Thick and thin, wet and dry, all the same.

Washington, Dec. 20th, 1858.

MR. A. BROWN,—*Sir*—In compliance with your request to send you my experience with the Manny Mower, which I purchased of Adriance & Co., I would say, that I have used the machine in all kinds of grass, thick and thin, wet and dry, on the hillside, with the wind, and on new stocked land, by raising the knives so as to clear small stones, and in every instance, it performed its work well, and enough of it to satisfy any man. In mowing 75 acres, it has not been out of repair to hinder me one hour, and with the exception of wear of knives, is as good as new. To give the opinion of others, I would state, that when I purchased the Manny, there was one Ketchum's, three Allen's, and one Manny's; at this time, there is one Ketchum's, three Allen's, and eleven Manny's. Does not this show conclusively that the Manny is preferred?

Respectfully yours,

SAM'L A. BAKER.

Changed his Mind,—many have done the same.

Enfield, Conn., Dec. 2d, 1858.

MR. ALZIRUS BROWN,—*Sir*—Being desirous of facilitating my July operation, in

the best possible manner, and hearing the hum of your machine around me, and having some 20 or 30 acres of grass to cut, mostly of heavy burden, and my boys not being possessed of iron constitutions to swing the scythe, I concluded to purchase a machine, not doubting but that Allen's would be the one that would give the best satisfaction. Believing Allen's the best, I received one on trial.

About this time your agent, Mr. H. A. Abbe, introduced Manny's, in competition, side by side. After using them both for a few days, my prejudices in favor of Allen's gave way to the evidence manifest in the trial. Consequently, I purchased one of Manny's machines, and I never have had cause to regret it, and I cheerfully recommend it to my brother farmers, as a great labor-saving machine.

Yours with respect,

LATHROP ALLEN.

Particular Inducements.

Enfield, Hartford Co., Conn., Oct. 30th, 1858.

MR. A. BROWN,—*Sir*—Having for some years past, contemplated purchasing a mowing machine, as we have from fifty to seventy acres of grass to cut, and not being fully satisfied which was the best adapted to all kinds of grass, and after witnessing the operation of both, yours and Allen's, in my field, side by side, Allen's driven by his agent, with horses, and yours with oxen that were never attached to a machine before, and the driver inexperienced. I saw at a glance, that yours possessed advantages over his, that induced me to purchase Manny's instead of Allen's, although strongly importuned by his agent, to purchase his, by holding out *particular inducements*, but I never have seen the moment when I regretted the purchasing of Manny's, as it has done the work to our entire satisfaction. PARSONS HENRY.

Poquonnock, Conn., June 17, 1859.

MR. ALZIRUS BROWN,—*Dear Sir*—Please send me a new dividing board and largest size wrench, for Mowing machine, that I may be ready for haying season of 1859. This is all the bill of repairs I have, after using the machine for cutting, say sixty acres of grass, last season. I can truly say that it worked to my entire satisfaction, and *have no fault to find with it*,—an agreeable contrast to other machines that I have operated the past five years. Yours, &c., DANIEL BUCK, JR.

East Windsor, Hartford Co., Conn., Nov. 30th, 1858.

MR. ALZIRUS BROWN,—*Sir*—Having purchased of your agent, H. A. Abbe, one of Manny's Mowing Machines, and having the past summer used it by the side of Allen's, using one and then the other on the different pieces of ground which compose my mowing, consisting of newly stocked land, where the grass would yield from two to three tons to the acre; also some natural English mowing, somewhat uneven, and perhaps never plowed; also meadow land somewhat interspersed with bogs. I take this opportunity to make known my decision for the benefit of those who have not tested their relative merits, that the Manny Machine stands unrivaled by all the competitors that have been against it, and in most all cases in my vicinity where there has been a test by using both Manny's and Allen's, (as the test has been between them,) Manny's has had the preference, and has been purchased, and Allen's returned. Therefore I have no hesitation in saying, success to the Manny Mower. WM. H. THOMPSON.

East Lyme, December 14th, 1858.

MR. A. BROWN,—*Sir*—One year ago last July, I purchased of your agent, J. D. Otis, Esq., one of Manny's Improved Mowers, having previously owned a Forbush Mower and Reaper combined. I have now used the Manny Mower two seasons, and have given it a pretty fair trial in all kinds of grass and grounds. Some of my field grass, averaging over four feet high, was cut without any difficulty when dry; (I never cut my grass when wet.) In my opinion, your machine has advantages over all others that I have seen. The one of the most importance is the arrangement of the finger bar, before the driving wheel, which on rising, gives the points an elevation, which, with the draft of the horses, enables them to climb any obstacle not quite perpendicular. Another advantage is the friction on the ground, which does not increase like others, in proportion to cutting, but runs as light in heavy as light grass, for the reason that the horses draw at an elevation of some thirty degrees; consequently they are only taxed with extra cutting. These, and the ease in turning and moving from field to field, combined with good workmanship, renders the Manny Mower preferable to any other perhaps ever invented. My mowing is now done very easily, in the best manner, and cheaper than it would be to have the best of mowers work for their board. In ordinary work, one acre per hour is about as much as I do. Respectfully yours, WM. G. GORTON.

South Britain, December 4th, 1858.

MR. ALZIRUS BROWN—*Sir*—Your circular came duly to hand. In reply, would say, that the three machines I purchased last season of your predecessor, Mr. Adriance, have more than met our expectation as mowers. I am acquainted with Allen's and Ketchum's, but for our rough side-hill country, Manny's is the best. Allen's is good enough for level, smooth ground; yet the castor wheel, the reel, and the wheel at the outside of frame, are indispensable for our steep side-hills and windy days. The position of the knife bar (forward of turning wheel,) convenience of transporting from field to field, or across mown grass, and facilities for elevating the knife bar at a moment's warning, give to Manny's Machines for us a decided preference.

— Yours, &c., S. J. STODDARD.

Rather Tough.

Brooklyn, November 10th, 1858.

MR. BROWN—*Sir*—In the summer of 1857, I hired 90 days' extra labor, risking the weather, (which was very bad) to secure my hay and grain, which cost, including board, washing, extra scythes, &c., which I furnished, \$130. This I thought was *rather tough* for one hay season, and to avoid if possible in the future this extra expense, I bought a Manny Mowing Machine of your agent, E. S. Bugbee, of East Woodstock, which proved to be just what I wanted. I worked it with oxen and secured my hay and grain, without one day's extra labor. At one time I mowed a day and a half without grinding. It was no uncommon thing for me to mow three or four times round a four-acre lot without wetting, and when I did, it took but little longer than to whet a common grass scythe. I think the draft in cutting grass about the same as that of a common harrow on old ground. To sum up the whole matter, I would advise all farmers having farms suitable, to try a Manny Mowing Machine, for I think it will soon be of as rare occurrence to see smooth land mowed by hand, as to see wool spun and woven in our kitchens.

Yours truly,

WILLARD DAY.

Stonington, Conn., Feb., 3, 1859.

MESSRS. BACKUS & BARSTOW:—*Gents*—Yours of the 30th of January is at hand, and in reply I will say that I have cut from 50 to 75 acres of grass the past season with Manny's Mowing Machine, and I take pleasure in saying that it far exceeded my expectations, and can cheerfully recommend it to the public as being the best Mowing Machine which I have ever operated. It is of light draft, and can be used with a light pair of horses with ease, and will do more and better work than six men can do with scythes, and it is not liable to get out of repair.

Yours respectfully,
JOSEPH WHEELER.

Lancaster, Mass., Jan. 20th, 1860.

ALZIRUS BROWN, Worcester, Mass.—*Dear Sir*—I have used the combined Manny Machine as a mower and reaper the past three seasons. It is light of draft, easily managed and taken from place to place, works well on uneven surfaces, is not liable to break or get out of order, in a word it combines as many excellencies with as few defects as can be looked for in any one machine. Am satisfied that I cut my grass closer with the machine, than the average of hand mowing.

Respectfully,

S. R. MERRICK.

The best machine for the Mountain Farmer.

Heath, Mass., Nov. 26th, 1859.

MR. A. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—I have used Manny's Mower and Reaper the past season and hesitate not to say I am well satisfied with its operation, especially upon side-hill and stony pieces—also it is surpassed by none for strength and durability, as I have dug stones as large as a man could lift with my machine without injuring it in the least. The reaper attachment works to my entire satisfaction.

Truly yours,

ASAHEL B. HAWKS.

Ashfield, Mass., Jan. 15th, 1860.

MR. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—Being desirous to procure the best one-horse Mowing Machine in use, I tried machines of two different patents and witnessed the trial of others, none of which operated to my satisfaction; but seeing one of yours in operation I was not long in deciding that that was the Machine. I therefore purchased one of your agent, J. T. Thompson, and found it to fully answer my expectations in mowing side-hill and uneven ground: It also works to a charm in cutting mowen. I think with the improvements introduced in making some parts of the machine stronger, that it is a perfect mower. Yours with respect,

R. K. ELDRIDGE.

North Dartmouth, Mass., 7th month, 18th, 1859.

My two-horse Manny Mower works first rate as a one-horse mower. One horse handles it with ease.

Yours Respectfully,

JOHN CUMMINGS.

They like the Manny Machine the Best.

MR. A. BROWN—*Sir*—We have used one of Manny's Mowing Machines for three seasons, and we are perfectly satisfied with it. We have examined three or four different machines, and have seen them work; but we like the work of the Manny the best. We have cut our hay since we have used the machine with about one half of the usual expense. It works first-rate in lodged clover and all other kinds of grass, for we have a number of kinds in our meadows.

Yours with respect,

ISAAC A. BAYLEY,
HARRY C. BAYLEY.

Lyman, Me., Jan. 10, 1860.

MR. A. BROWN—*Sir*—Last summer my neighbor, Mr. Littlefield, and myself were looking for Mowing Machines; we were told by agents of other machines that the one-horse Manny Mower would not work; that it had been tried and was a failure, &c.; but we wished to be independent, to work the machine with our own team, and to form our own opinion of them. We therefore called on Mr. Tibbetts, your agent at Kennebunk, who we found had but one one-horse Mower on hand. The question arose, can one horse mow? A horse was attached and a few swathes mowed, but we were not yet satisfied. We wished for a fair and thorough trial, and Mr. Tibbetts offered to bring one to our place for that purpose. He did so, and the result was that it worked to a charm; it worked far better than I expected. Mr. Littlefield purchased the machine, and as that was the only one that could be had, I was compelled to again take up the old scythe, but hard work it was to swing it after looking into my neighbor's field and seeing him with his machine cutting down his three or four acres in half a day.

Yours, &c.,

KING SMITH.

Lyman, York Co., Me., Jan. 10th, 1860.

MR. A. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—In July last I purchased of your agent, Mr. Tibbetts, of Kennebunk, one of your one-horse Manny Mowers, and I take pleasure in recommending the same to the farmers of York County as a great labor-saving machine; also in forwarding the work by horse power when labor is so scarce and high as it usually is in the haying season. I would most cheerfully recommend it to the farmers of York County also as a machine well adapted to the soil of our county; and as the most of our farmers keep but one horse, therefore the one-horse machine is what they need. I used a horse weighing 900 lbs. in one of your machines, and he would mow and rake as much as three hands could take care of during the season.

Respectfully yours,

ELISHA LITTLEFIELD.

Kennebunk, Me., Jan. 14, 1860.

MR. ALZIRUS BROWN—*Dear Sir*—I had occasion to hire my grass cut the past season, and being in favor of the improvements of the day, and happily free from the prejudices entertained by some against Patent Mowers, Reapers, &c., I obtained the services of a man owning one of Manny's single horse Mowers. The first day he performed the work to my complete satisfaction, cutting the grass more closely and much better than I have ever had it done with the scythe; but on the second morning I noticed that the grass was not cut so well as on the first day, and upon enquiry learned that it was on account of the wind blowing the grass from the knives; the driver told me that if the reel was attached to the machine it would undoubtedly work as well as on the first day; the reel was accordingly put on, and to my surprise all the trouble was obviated, the grass was cut as smoothly as at first, and the work was finished in good style. I would strongly recommend this machine to persons having much grass to cut, and would call their attention particularly to the great utility of the reel, which I consider an almost indispensable attachment, as it clears the knives of the grass, saves the trouble of following the mower with the scythe, and prevents a great loss in the hay.

Yours respectfully,

WM. L. THOMPSON.

Kennebunk, Me., Jan. 13, 1860.

MR. BROWN—*Dear Sir*—Having the past season had occasion to try Manny's Mowing Machines, we take pleasure in stating that it more than met our anticipations in regard to its success, and we consider it a decided improvement in cutting grass. We first tried the two-horse Mower, and then the one-horse. We came to

the conclusion after the trial that, although no particular fault could be found with the former, yet for several reasons we should give our preference to the one-horse machine. Our impression is that with the one-horse machine, and two horses, we can cut more grass by working them alternately than with the double machine, and also make it much easier for the horses.

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN COBBY,
NATHAN N. WIGGIN.

Kennebunk, Me., Dec., 1859.

MR. A. BROWN—*Sir*—By request of your agent, I give you my opinion of the Manny Mower. I agreed to take one last hay season, but owing to your not being able to fill orders as fast as sent in, I could not get one until I had nearly finished haying; I then put it to work just to see it operate, without the least idea of buying until next year, but it worked so much better than I expected, I thought I had got the best one there was in use, and kept it; but I find that the Manny Mowers are all good ones, having lighter draft and making better work than any other kind that I have seen, and there are several other kinds in our place. I have mowed for several of my neighbors, and on most all kinds of land; they all say they shall have a Mower next year, and my opinion is that you can sell ten times as many in this town another year as you did last season. I have mowed with one horse five hours at one time, and do not think it hard work for a good horse to work three or four hours at a time. I have mowed an acre in one hour, and can mow $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres an hour on good bottom.

Respectfully yours,

ROBERT MITCHELL.

Kennebunk, Me., Dec. 10th, 1859.

MR. ALZIRUS BROWN—*Dear Sir*—I am somewhat advanced in years, and have always been quite a large farmer, and among all the improvements of the day there has been but little in the manner of cutting grass until within a few years. Having heard that Manny's one-horse Mowing Machine had been introduced into our place, I at once resolved to try one; but being somewhat unbelieving, I would not buy one without giving it a fair trial. I however soon found that it exceeded my expectations altogether; it did its work neat and rapid, and for me was a great saving in labor. My horse weighs about ten hundred, and I can easily mow an acre in one and a half hours with him.

ADAM McCULLOCK.

Kennebunk, Me., Jan. 11, 1860.

MR. BROWN—*Sir*—In my previous letter I neglected to state the necessity of the reel, in order to make it a perfect Mowing Machine. When I first operated a machine I thought the reel of little or no use, but when I came to mow in thin or salt grass I could do nothing without it; but with the reel attached, the machine was everything desirable.

Yours respectfully,

ADAM McCULLOCK.

Kennebunk, Me., Dec. 10, 1859.

MR. BROWN—*Sir*—Having used the past season a one-horse Manny Mower, I am constrained to say with the multitude that it *works to a charm*. I am not a farmer myself, but bought the machine to mow for others; consequently I have had to mow all kinds of grass, upon even and uneven surfaces. People were strongly prejudiced against the machine, but unbelievers have become believers, and I think by another season they will be perfect in the faith. I use two horses, working one at a time, and by that means keep the machine in motion all the time. I believe it is the machine in preference to all others that I have seen.

JOHN ELWELL.

Kennebunk, Me., Jan. 1860.

In the summer of 1859 I used one of Manny's Patent Mowing Machines intended for one horse. I operated it with two small horses, and with perfect success; they could mow at the rate of one acre per hour, and do the work easily and well; and I hereby recommend the machine to general use.

JOHN W. TREADWELL.

Kennebunk, Me., Dec., 6, 1859.

MR. A. BROWN—*Sir*—Having found the old-fashioned way of cutting grass laborious and hard, I was glad to hear that some easier method had been adopted and introduced. I therefore called upon your agent, Mr. Tibbetts, of this town, and bought one of your one-horse machines, and have found it to fulfill all promises in cutting all kinds of grass. I found it a great saving of labor, and would not be without one even if the price was higher than I paid for this. I do my mowing with a light horse, and with proper management it is not hard work. I would cheer-

fully recommend the Manny Machine to all farmers. Buy one, and try for yourselves.
Yours truly,
DANIEL MADDOX.

Alfred, York Co., Me., Dec. 6th, 1859.

MR. ALZIRUS BROWN—*Sir*—In July last I bought one of your one-horse power Mowers of your agent, Mr. William Tibbetts, of Kennebunk. It is the first Mowing Machine ever used in this town, and I must say it gives me perfect satisfaction. I can mow over stones and rough ground, and it does its work well. I can cheerfully recommend it to any of my townsmen or statesmen to give good satisfaction to the purchaser.
Yours, &c.,
SAMUEL GRANT.

MESSRS. TIBBETTS & Co., Great Falls,—*Gentlemen*—The Manny Mower that I purchased of you, I used with oxen to cut all my grass where my machine and oxen could possibly go, to my entire satisfaction. My man was a youngster that never saw a machine before, and when we began, I used to go to the field with him to see that all was right; but after a little time he managed wholly himself. I think as far as cutting the grass is concerned, it saved me three-fourths the expense, besides the labor of spreading; and this is not all; the hay makes more when it is spread by the machine, than by hand, after the scythe. The labor for a pair of oxen that travel quick is very easy. And I can with confidence recommend the Manny Machine to all that have mowing on suitably smooth ground. And to those who have not, I would say, *make it so*,—for you can't afford to cut your grass with scythes.
Yours truly,
CHAS. MOODY.

Worked well with Oxen.

Fryeburg, Me., Jan. 27, 1859.

MR. J. W. SOUTHER—*Dear Sir*—The Manny's Improved Mowing Machine which I purchased of you two years since, has proved itself to be all that you recommended it. The draft is very light, and it is easy to manage. I have used it with oxen to good advantage, cutting equally as well as when drawn by horses. I mowed four acres of grass in less than four hours with a yoke of oxen that girted 6 feet 3 inches.
JOSEPH S. WALKER.

Fryeburg, Me., Dec. 29, 1858.

MR. A. BROWN.—*Sir*—I have used the past season Manny's Improved two-horse Mower which I bought of your agent, J. W. Souther, and it has far surpassed my expectations. I have usually employed ten or twelve men during the haying season, but this year I have mowed the same amount of ground with half the expense, and in a manner fully as acceptable. On the whole, I would not be without a machine on any account; it is just the thing we need on the Saco River intervalles, and I cheerfully recommend it to all as the best machine in use.

Respectfully yours,
HENRY D. E. HUTCHINS.

BEWARE OF IMPOSITION.

To the farmer it is all important that he should have the best machine. Agents for other patents are making every exertion to sell their inferior machines, and are often willing to sell on almost any terms, but to the farmer the difference of a few dollars is a mere trifle compared with having a machine that has been tested for years, and can be depended upon. The farmer has often been tempted to purchase an inferior machine on the strength of a warranty, but when harvest came, he found to his sorrow, that even though the warranty might possibly save him from paying part of the price, the harvest was spoiling, and he was still without a machine that would work.

Buy Manny's Machine with the Improvements, and you will have one with which you will be pleased.

WHITCOMB'S

METALLIC SPRING-TOOTH

HORSE HAY RAKE.

I also manufacture the above named rake, which is pronounced by those who have used it to be the *best Horse Rake* known.

The rake is mounted on wheels, thereby obviating the objections which have been raised against all spring-tooth rakes where the whole weight of the rake rests on the teeth.

It has a spring seat for the operator,—has metallic spring teeth which pass lightly over the ground, gathering all the hay, but without scraping up the dirt and stubble, as is the case with rakes without wheels where the whole weight rests on the teeth.

The pliability of the teeth is such that stones or other obstructions to the height of 14 inches can be raked over without leaving the hay or injury to the rake. It is well adapted to the roughest meadows, where its greatest excellence will be appreciated. It is also adapted to *gleaning grainfields*, which can be done by adjusting the teeth just above the surface of the ground.

A lad of 12 years, or an infirm man, comfortably seated with feet upon the treadles, can operate it with ease. Some idea of its utility and popularity can be formed from the fact that in Fairfield county, Conn., and Westchester county, N. Y., (the locality of the inventors) over one thousand were in use the past season. They are so constructed that common carriage wheels can be used on them if desired, and they will be furnished either with or without the wheels, as the purchaser may prefer. They are manufactured from the best of stock, thoroughly put together, and with proper care and usage will last a farmer his lifetime.

Price of Rake with Wheels,	-	-	\$
“ “ “ without “	-	-	\$

I insert a few certificates of testimonial as to the merits of the rake, to which I call your attention.

ALZIRUS BROWN.

TESTIMONIALS.

Worcester, Feb. 8, 1860.

MR. ALZIRUS BROWN—*Dear Sir*—I found last summer that as my revolving rake had become worthless, it would be necessary for me to procure a new horse rake,—accordingly I set about making a search for the best kind. I had heard much said in favor of wheel rakes, but had never seen one. I was quite lame at the time, and could do but little about the farm, and thought that if I could find a wheel rake I would give it a trial. I succeeded in getting one, and have been extremely well pleased with its operation, having done all my raking myself, whereas I could not have done it with the revolving rake as I could not operate it on account of my lameness.

The operation of my rake was witnessed by many people during the summer, and they unanimously declared it to be the best rake they had ever seen. The draught is light, its mechanism simple, and it can be operated by any boy of 12 years of age. On account of the length and flexibility of the teeth it does not collect the rubbish of the field, or mix sand with the hay as other steel tooth rakes do. The most uneven ground can be raked with facility, and as neatly as with hand rakes. I understand that you are building a rake this season which is identical with this, and to all who are in want of a good Horse Rake I can cheerfully recommend this as the best of which I have any knowledge.

Yours very truly,

J. A. KENDRICK.

JOHN BROOKS, JR., Princeton, Mass., writes under date of Feb. 11, 1860:—

"The Horse Rake which you are manufacturing I like better than any that I ever used. I have had one of the kind two years; (I do all my mowing and raking myself.) It works easy and well, it rolls the hay together and leaves it in better shape to cock, or to leave in the winrow over night, than any other horse rake."

Nov. 9, 1858.

We are acquainted with Whitcomb's Horse Rake, and know by practical use that it works well, and believe it to be the best Rake ever offered to the public.

EBEN'R WISWALL, Troy, N. Y.
JACOB HENRY, Albany, " "

We fully endorse the above, and have no hesitation in recommending the Rake, as superior to any Machine of the kind we have ever used or seen. It is easily operated, and equally adapted to rough or smooth ground. We find the money expended in one a profitable investment, and would sooner buy one every year than do without it.

ABRAHAM H. CLOSE, Greenwich, Conn.
WM. L. BUSH, Rye, "
GEORGE HUBBARD, Stamford, "
ALFRED HOYT, " "
CHAS. BROWN, " "

Mr. McKNABB, of Wheeling, Ill., writes under date of Sept. 6, 1858:—

"I have let several of my neighbors try the Rake; I never saw any thing work so well in hay."

GEO. WATT & Co., Agricultural Ware Dealers, Richmond, Va., write under date of Aug. 14, 1859:—"The writer used the Rake himself in gleaning his wheat field, and was much pleased with it."

R. CROMWELL, Dealer in Agricultural Implements, Baltimore, writes:—"I had not much faith in the Rake, but it has turned out so well, that next year I will make effort to introduce them."

JOHN A. WAKEMAN, Ballston Spa, July 30, 1859, writes, "The Rakes are a new thing here, and farmers are shy at first look. Some who first saw it pronounced it worthless; but after seeing me use it in a field of heavy Red-top, where the bogs nearly touched each other, they concluded they would not take a revolver as a gift. I have made several trials raking hay and gleaning, and have now no scruples in recommending it."

BROWN'S HORSE HAY FORK.

Pitching hay in a close barn in a hot, sultry July day, is acknowledged by every farmer to be one of the most laborious tasks connected with securing the hay crop.

To avoid this in a measure I have constructed a fork which can be operated by horse power.

With suitable barn room, one man with a boy can unload a ton of hay in less time and far less labor than can be done with the common fork. With a horse well trained one man can operate it without other assistance.

To operate the fork, a rope is attached to it, and thence through a tackle or pulley which is attached to a beam over the place where the hay is to be deposited, thence through a pulley near the floor where it is attached to the horse. The fork is then placed in the hay, and is drawn up with what hay it secures, being steadied in its ascent by the operator who has a line attached to the fork, and when at the required height, by loosing the hold of the line the hay is by its own weight detached from the fork and deposited in the bay.

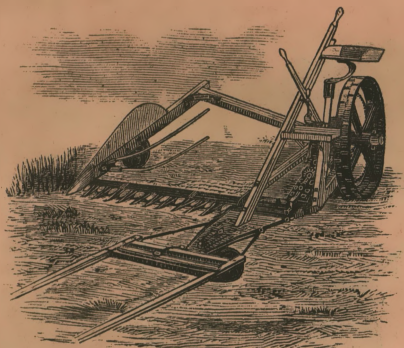
Price of Fork,

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ONE-HORSE MACHINE.

DIRECTIONS FOR USING

Manny's Mower and Reaper.

To have a Machine work well, it must be put together properly. Therefore, see that this is done first.

2d. See that the Bolts are tight.

3d. See that the Knives play easy, and the Sections lay on the face of the guards with an easy motion of gears and wheels.

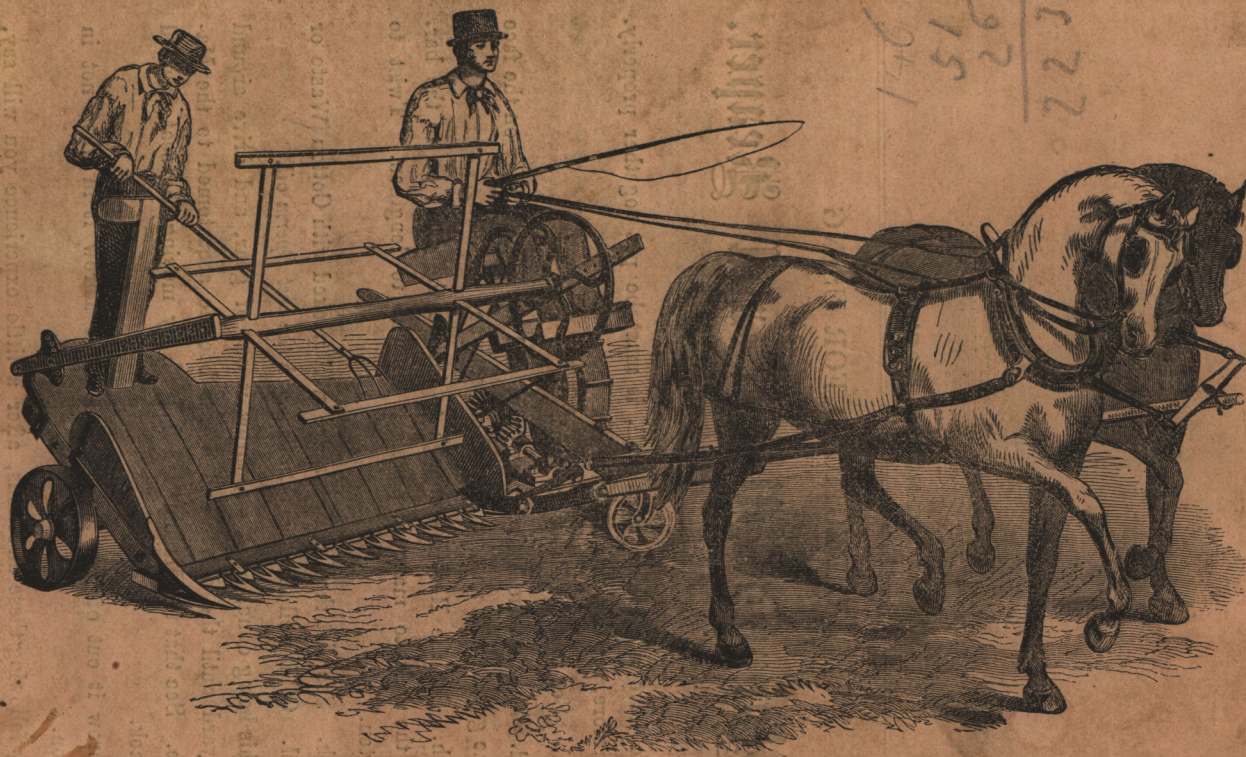
4th. Set the Reel low enough to incline the grass on to the bar. Oil the belt to make it pliable. Untwist to lengthen. Twist to shorten.

5th. See that the Oil Boxes are well packed with Cotton Waste or Wool. Oil it well, and *keep it oiled with the best Sperm oil.*

This being done, hitch on, throw it out of gear, and drive around the yard until the driver and horses become accustomed to the Machine. See that the Machine is balanced, by moving the seat forward or back.

Throw it out of gear when in motion. Throw it in when not in motion.

By following these directions, after a little experience you will say, One Thousand Dollars could not buy the Machine were it the only one to be had.



Manny's Mower, with Reaper Attachment.