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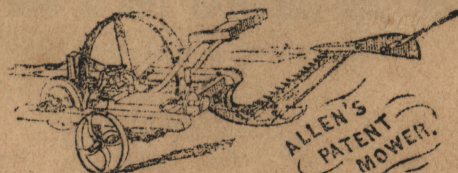
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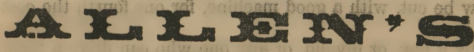
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# MOWING MACHINE,

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# ADVANTAGES

IN THE USE OF

## Mowing and Reaping Machines.

THE high price of agricultural labor, more especially during harvest time, demands from every intelligent farmer the introduction of labor-saving implements to the fullest practicable extent. The invention of new machines, and the improvement in old ones in use, for economizing manual labor in farm work, have been numerous and important within the few past years. In none has this improvement been more conspicuous than in the introduction of Reaping and Mowing Machines. But it is not simply in economizing labor that these machines have proved themselves of such vast benefit to the agricultural community. Some of their benefits may be briefly stated:

1. Grass may now be cut, with a good machine, for one fourth the cost of cutting by hand.
2. It can be cut by a boy, or invalid, or any one who can drive a team.
3. The farmer is independent of a gang of expensive hands, that must be hired at any cost during the harvest, and who, from the great demand for labor at this period of the year, are disposed to be both extortionate and unmanageable.
4. The crops can be cut at the moment they are fit for harvesting, and the means for doing this are always ready if the farmer has the Mowing and Reaping Machines on hand. This will often save a crop in good order, that might otherwise be almost wholly lost.
5. The same advantage holds in bad weather, as the work of the Machine may be suspended at any time; when a number of men, who had commenced mowing or cradling, could not be dismissed in threatening weather without serious inconvenience and loss.

We hold it to be the duty of every farmer emphatically to be this:

1st. *To cultivate and save every article that can be profitably raised on the farm; and*

2nd. *To economize labor by the use of every machine that can be adopted to advantage.*

The use of harvesting machines, including the horse-rake, horse-pitchfork, horse-power and threshing-machines, as well as mowers and reapers, have these peculiar and greatly additional claims upon the farmer, viz: that they are required at a season when labor commands the highest wages, and is the most difficult to be procured; and the crops to be harvested must be secured at just the time they are ready to be cut, or they may be greatly injured or totally lost by delay. This is a work that admits of no postponement. Unlike most mechanical and much other agricultural work, it can not be deferred for a week or a fortnight, and sometimes the delay of a day or two works irreparable injury, by deferring the cutting and securing in favorable weather, which, if omitted, may carry it into a period of protracted rain that may spoil a crop. We have been informed by intelligent southern farmers, that the introduction of the reaping machine has enabled them to raise wheat, oats and barley where they could not before be cultivated, inasmuch as they could not command the amount of labor, at the period required to harvest them, by the old methods: whereas they can now put their machine into the fields, and, with one man, do the same work which, without it, would require the labor of six to eight men.

We do not advocate the indiscriminate purchase of machines, but to use the best judgment in selecting such as are well made, and on the best principles of construction. It is a feasible thing for any half dozen men to combine and get a machine for early trial, and if found to be successful, then engage at once whatever may be required for a neighborhood. Every machine is capable of earning several times its cost in a single season, if it works well and is kept in constant use.

Many have been hitherto deterred from procuring machines, from apprehension that they will not work. But there is no longer serious grounds for objecting, as they are to be found now capable of doing their work in the most satisfactory manner.

**Superiority.**—In all essential points, the ALLEN PATENT IMPROVED MOWER is superior to all others, and it has been still farther improved, in some minor particulars, during the late harvest.

**Materials.**—I have taken especial care that every part of the wood, iron, and steel, of which the ALLEN MOWER is constructed shall be the *very best* of its kind.

**Close Cutting.**—Some will say an iron finger-board is better than wood, and will cut closer. My experience tells me wood is better than iron, and that my Machine cuts close enough for the large majority of farmers, who say it is not well to cut too close. I can furnish an iron finger-board, when desired, at a small extra expense. A wheel, with lever to raise finger-board, for passing over the cut grass or other obstructions, is now adopted.

**Weight of Machine.**—My Mower, in complete working order, weighs about six hundred and eighty pounds.

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| New-York State Agricultural Society, Elmira, . . . . . | 1855. | Diploma.           |
| " " " " Watertown, . . . . .                           | 1856. | Silver Medal.      |
| New-Jersey " " " " . . . . .                           | 1855. | Silver Cup.        |
| " " " " . . . . .                                      | 1856. | 1st Premium.       |
| Connecticut " " " " . . . . .                          | 1856. | 1st Premium, \$25. |

American Institute. Trial of Machines exhibited at the  
Crystal Palace, held at Newark, October,.....1856. 1st Premium, Silver Medal.  
Wayne County Agricultural Society, New-York.....Fair 1855. Premium.

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| Wayne County Agricultural Society, New-York,..... | Fair 1855. | Premium. |
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| Vermont State Fair,..... | " | 1857. | 1st Prize. |
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| Michigan State Fair, Detroit,..... | " | 1857. | Diploma |

Trumbull County, Ohio..... Received a unanimous Premium

Franklin County, Ohio.....Received a unanimous Premium.

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# TESTIMONIALS.

MR. R. L. ALLEN, NEW-YORK:—The subscribers having seen Allen's Patent Mowing Machine in use, both in heavy and light grass, of different sorts, are prepared to speak of its performance with the highest approbation. It was drawn by a pair of light horses with apparent ease, cutting a wide swath perfectly clean, whether the grass were standing or badly lodged, and leaving it spread in the best possible manner. This was done during and immediately after a heavy shower, and without any clogging of the knives.

MARSHALL P. WILDER, President of the U. S. Agricultural Society.

CHARLES C. SEWALL,

AARON D. WELD.

*Boston, Mass., Nov. 26, 1855.*

I am well pleased with your (Allen's) Patent Mowing Machine. Having used and seen others use most of the New-England Mowing Machines, yours, in my opinion, stands No. 1, as far as good work and light draft are concerned.

*Hanover, Grafton Co., N. H., Nov. 21, 1856.*

A. B. CLOSSON.

Having used one of R. L. Allen's Machines on the farm of A. P. Balch, we think it superior to any in use for its easy draft and good cutting, having used two others on the same farm. All persons who saw it operate agree with us in thinking it makes first-rate work. It is, in our opinion, the best kind of Mower in the market, for general use.

*Hanover, Grafton Co., N. H., Nov. 21, 1856.*

ZIBA DURKEE,

JOEL HEMMENWAY.

Allen's Mowing Machine has fully answered my expectations. It operates well in wet or dry grass, heavy, light, or lodged grass, and with much more ease than any other Mower that I have seen in operation. I can recommend it to all Farmers that use Mowers.

*White River Junction, Windsor Co., Vt., Nov. 19, 1856.*

SAMUEL NUTT.

We have used one of R. L. Allen's Mowers the past season. We can not too highly recommend it. We have used it in all kinds of grass—wet, lodged, light, and heavy. It is of light draft, and can be worked with a slow or fast team. It is altogether the best Mower in use.

*Norwich, Orange Co., Vt., Nov. 2, 1856.*

GEO. LOVELAND,

J. LOVELAND.

The Mowing Machine (Allen's Patent) which we purchased last season fully answers its recommendations; and we think it surpassed by none in its easy draft, good cutting, and durability. We would recommend it as the the best Machine we have seen in use.

(Signed)

*Thetford, Orange Co., Vt., 1856.*

E. ABBOTT,

E. E. WILMOT.

MR. ALLEN:—I have used your Mower the past season, and it has more than equalled my expectations. A slender boy, 14 years old, with a span of horses, and very little extra help, has cut all my grass on land suitable for the Mower.

*Hartford, Windsor Co., Vt., Nov. 20, 1856.*

ALLEN HAZEN.

I can highly recommend your Allen Mower. It is easy draught for a pair of horses. I have used it in very heavy and lodged grass; it cut without clogging, and better than could be done with a scythe. It is durable, compact, and easily managed.

*Peekskill, N. Y., Nov. 2, 1855.*

FROST HORTON,

Of the Firm of Minor & Horton.

I regard the Allen Mower as one of the greatest labor-saving inventions of the age. As to its merits, compared with other machines, I can speak somewhat advisedly, as I have taken considerable pains on that point before purchasing. For lightness of draft, I should prefer to have my horses speak, but as they can not, I set it down at from one quarter to one third less than the others that I have tried. The ease and safety of the driver, simplicity of construction, accelerated motion of the knives, enabling the driver to check the motion of the team when there is any danger, and at the same time cut the grass perfectly—the manner of attaching the knives to the cutter-bar, on the upper instead of the under side, having a plain surface for the grass to slide off, and also making them much easier to grind—its adaptation to uneven ground, etc., must be obvious to every one. In summing up, it combines all the advantages with less faults than any machine I know, and I can unhesitatingly recommend it to every one wishing to get the best kind of a mower.

Yours truly,

Williston, Vt., Dec. 18, 1857.

EDMUND WHITNEY.

We have used one of Allen's Improved Mowers the past season on fifty acres of grass—from very *heavy* clover and timothy to very *light* June grass—and are satisfied that it is far superior to any machine we have used or seen used, in its adaptability to *wet* or *dry*, *heavy* or *light* grass, *rough* or *smooth* mowing, being one third *easier draught*, and doing equally as good work at a *slow*, as a *fast* gait. The *small amount of machinery, compactness and ease of management* for both *horses and driver*; also its ease of being thrown in and out of gear, *freedom from side draught* and bearing on horses' necks, perfectly satisfies us with our purchase, and we have no hesitation in saying to our *brother farmers*, "Go thou and do likewise."

West-Pawlet, Vt., Dec. 21, 1857.

ALLEN WHEDON,  
STEPHEN DILLINGHAM.

Having used the Allen Patent Mower the last three summers, and having seen a good many others in this vicinity, and watched their operations through successive seasons, I have become more and more convinced of their advantage to farmers, even in our rough State of small and uneven farms, and also of their great superiority over all other mowers that have yet been brought into the State. There were more of the Allen Mowers sold in this State last season, than of all other patents put together, and I have not yet seen the man who has used one of Allen's, and was not satisfied with it. Several who have used them, have told me that they *saved, by their use, the whole cost of the Machine in one season*. Several were purchased and used last season, on rough and stony upland farms with great satisfaction, where it had been thought that no mower could ever work. We had numerous public trials last season, in which we had to compete with several other machines, conducted by experienced and skillful agents, and in no case did we fail to convince the great majority of farmers present (and there were crowds at every trial) that *Allen's was the best machine*.

Very respectfully,

Waterbury, Vt., Dec. 22, 1857.

GEO. J. COLBY.

Having used one of Allen's Patent Mowing Machines the past season, I take pleasure in saying, it is the best adapted to the New-England States of any now in use, being much less draught than either Manny's or any other.

Yours truly,

Williston, Vt., Dec. 28, 1857.

A. F. HODGES.

I have used Allen's Patent Mowing Machine on my farm the past season, and has it given me entire satisfaction. I have also done considerable work for my neighbors, (in all, something over one hundred tons,) and we all consider it the best machine in use. I have used Allen's Machine in the field with other machines, and in grass that was badly lodged, and while Allen's passed through *easily* and did its work *well*, the others required much strength of team, and did not do its work as well. It has a great advantage over all others I have seen in the shape of the knives, which prevents it from clogging in the worst of mowing.

F. W. STRONG.

Pompanoosuc, Vt., Dec. 25, 1857.

Mr. Strong has used his Machine in my field with perfect success, where others had been tried and could not be used on account of the grass being so thick as to clog the knives.

WM. WATERMAN.

Having purchased and used one of Allen's Patent Mowing Machines the past season, I can truly say that I consider it superior in every respect to any machine in use in this section. Other machines have been used the past season by two of my immediate neighbors, and both of them have abandoned them. Having mowed from thirty-five to forty acres, I was at no expense except for oil. The Machine being strong and compact, is less liable to get out of repair than any others I have seen work. The Machine was worth \$40 to me the past season, (it being wet,) the grass nicely spread as fast as cut, and in this way could be secured much quicker than it could be with the scythe.

Panton, Addison Co., Vt., Dec. 23, 1857.

GEORGE SPENCER.

Allen's Patent Mowing Machine I have used the past season, and am satisfied it is the very article we want for our river farms, especially where intervals are connected therewith. In 1856, I had another patent mower, and tried it upon my interval *faithfully and thoroughly*, without success, in consequence of its clogging; at the same time I considered it a perfect horse-killer. I therefore returned it, perfectly discouraged, and thinking I would never be troubled again with a mower. From what I have seen and what I do know, I prefer Allen's to any other, for the reason that it is drawn with more ease, and does not get out of repair, and *never clogs*. I have put it to the most thorough trial upon my low interval, in grass that was very thick, short, and fine, and had been many times covered with water, which left it very dirty and in the worst condition to cut, but with Allen's Mower it was cut well, and without any impediment whatever. So far as it is a labor-saving machine, I would say that it is invaluable.

Fairlee, Vt., Dec. 28, 1857.

GEO. W. COOKE.

I have used Allen's Mowing Machine the past season. I have seen several other kinds of mowing machines in use. I think Allen's Mowing Machine altogether the best mower I have seen.

Yours respectfully,

Thetford, Orange Co., Vt., Dec. 25, 1857.

SAMUEL STEVENS.

I have used Allen's Patent Mower for two years, and think it the best now in use. It will cut equally well in wet grass as in dry, and in thick grass there is no clogging of knives. It draws light, and has no side draught, and is perfectly easy for a pair of horses. I have seen Manny's, Heath's, and other machines work, and the advantages of Allen's over them, is in throwing out of gear, backing and turning, and ease of transportation, and general excellence of work. It has not cost me one shilling for repairs for two seasons, and I would say to the farmers who wish to purchase a mowing machine, get Allen's.

E. E. WILMOT.

Thetford, Vt., Dec. 26, 1857.

I cut over fifty acres of heavy interval grass with the Allen Mower last season. It did the work complete, and saved me over \$40. I consider it preferable to any I have seen, and can cheerfully recommend it to the farmers as a money and labor-saving machine. The draught for my horses is easy. I cut an acre in an hour by time in heavy grass.

Respectfully yours,

Cambridge, Vt., Dec. 29, 1857.

M. V. PARKE.

I have used Allen's Mowing Machine the past season, and would not be without one. I think it saves one half in cutting the grass. The advantage in Allen's Machine over Manny's and others is, that it will do good work in soft ground and where it is rough, and it is my opinion that it is a better machine than any in use in this section.

Milton, Vt., Dec. 30, 1857.

ALFRED CARPENTER.

I have taken considerable pains the past four years to inform myself practically, in relation to the different machines which have been exhibited in this vicinity, and came to the conclusion that, out of seven machines, yours was the one for a farmer to purchase, and upon a more thorough acquaintance with its work, I have not been disappointed.

Truly yours,

Jonesville, Vt., Jan. 22, 1858.

HENRY GILLET.

I have used the Allen Mower this season, and it gives complete satisfaction. I did my haying with half the labor this year that I did last. I think yours is the greatest labor-saving machine ever invented. It is no harder for a team to mow than to plow on old land—no clogging of knives. I think it is without a rival, and wears the bell in Northern Vermont.

ORVILLE BISHOP.

Fairfax, Vt., Jan. 1, 1858.

I used Allen's Mower through the past season, in all kinds of grass, on hill-sides and on stony land, without the slightest injury to the machine, save the natural wear. I have cut at the rate of one acre in an hour, in very stout grass, and did the work better than can be done with the scythe; I say better, because it cuts more even. I have used Ketchum's and Manny's a very little, and the great advantage which Allen's Machine has over others, is the ease of draft, which is certainly one third less, the cause of which is the shape of the knife. I have used Allen's Machine several days, without sweating the horses at all. It cuts well in wet grass, lodged or unlodged; is made strong, in a good workman-like manner, and of the best material; the knives are equal to any edge tool I ever saw; and I consider it the best machine I have ever seen.

Castleton, Vt., Jan. 1, 1858.

F. A. BARROWS.

I have used Allen's Patent Mowing Machine part of one season. It is a good machine, and does its work well enough for any body, if it has a fair chance. It is superior to any other machine I know. You can mow on rough ground, and there is no side draught as there is to other machines, and the draft is lighter. It saves help and plenty of hard work, and if any one does not believe it, let them mow side by side with one of these Machines, and if he does not give it up, his grit is better than mine.

Waitsfield, Washington Co., Vt., Jan. 3, 1858.

GEORGE B. CARROLL.

I have used for two seasons Allen's Mower—have cut seventy or eighty tons of fodder each season. I have used it in heavy and light grass, over rough and level surface, in wet and dry; it has worked admirably. It is the best and most perfect mower I ever saw, being of easy draft, and requiring no more than ordinary walk of horses or oxen—in fact, I used the latter to do a good part of my mowing, cutting the grass as low and more even than any hand mower. Yours respectfully,

Vergennes, Vt., Jan. 4, 1858.

NELSON RICHARDS.

I have worked the Allen Machine with oxen and horses, in light and heavy grass, and it works to my entire satisfaction. Some of our grass was lodged in all directions, so that it was difficult to get through it with scythe. The Machine would go through with all ease, and get more hay from the same ground than is possible with scythes. We feel confident in saying it will do the work of four men, and will pay for itself in two years. Several of Allen's Machines have been sold in this vicinity this last season. All give good satisfaction. One or two other machines are used here, but Allen's are considered preferable, as the Allen Machine mows wider, is of easier draught, and less liable to get out of order. I consider the Allen Machine the best that has been introduced as yet into this part of New-England, and believe it will be generally used.

Cambridge, Vt., Jan. 4, 1858.

S. H. READ.

Although my farm was not properly prepared, my Allen Mower worked well. I think a farmer that can mow fifty acres, can make it pay for itself in two seasons, and as to advantages over machines—say Manny's and others—Allen's is not as hard for a team, is easier to manage, less liable to get out of repair, and will mow in rougher places, and I think better.

Yours truly,

Moretown, Vt., Jan. 7, 1858.

PETER CRANE.

I have used Allen's Mower for two years, and think it the best labor-saving machine I ever saw. It will mow in wet grass and flooded grass, and is lighter draft and more durable than any other machine that I have seen. I should not be willing to sell my Allen Mower for \$1000, if I could not get another.

Yours respectfully,

Winoski, Vt., Dec. 30, 1857.

HIRAM ROOD.

In regard to Allen's Patent Mower and Reaper, as far as experience and observation will test, I think it surpasses all others in the following ways: 1. Easy management, by throwing out and in of gear; 2. Easy draft and cutting, as well when the grass is wet as when dry; 3. That it does not clog; 4. That it will cut on side-hill as well as on level; 5. That any pair of good working oxen will work it as well as horses; 6. For its ease in transporting from one place to another; 7. That in one minute it is changed from mower to reaper; and also I have had three different trials the present season with other mowers, and each time excelled them in cutting; also, when the grass was wet, it cut the grass well when the others would not mow.

Yours in haste,

South-Vernon, Vt., Dec. 28, 1857.

CHAS. H. TYLER.

I think Allen's Patent Mower the best mowing machine extant for our farmers, for several reasons. It is lighter draft than any machine in use here. It will not clog, and cuts perfectly free in any kind of grass. It is lighter, stronger, and more simple in its construction than any other machine, which renders it a great favorite with all who use it. It will mow in any kind of grass, and under any circumstances, without a reel. I think no farmer, who has fifty acres of meadow land, can afford to cut it without an Allen Mower. As an instance of the profit of a mowing machine, a farmer the past season told me his haying had formerly cost him from three to five hundred dollars a year. He purchased a mower, and did his haying for two hundred dollars—while a near neighbor of his, who did not cut as much grass, paid five hundred dollars for his haying.

Respectfully yours,

Orwell, Vt., Jan. 6, 1858.

HENRY RUST.

Having used one of Allen's Patent Mowers the past season, I hesitate not in giving it, as my opinion, that it is a much better machine for our New-England farmers than either Manny's or Ketchum's, those being the only machines I have ever seen in use. Allen's Machine is lighter of draft, in comparison to the width of swath, than the other machines; it is easier for a team; will not clog in wet grass, where the others will; mows much better on uneven ground than the others can, for the reason that one wheel is hung upon a spring, thereby giving the finger-board a chance to play over bogs, knolls, stone, etc., where the others can not. Allen's Machine can be governed by the teamster's shifting his weight from one side of the machine to the other, in a manner that the others can not; it has no side draft, does away with the reel, etc., etc. I am aware that Manny's agents contend that it will not work when the wind blows; but that is all fudge.

Yours, &c.,

AMOS ROBINSON.

Swanton Centre, Vt., Jan. 20, 1858.

I feel it my duty to inform you with what ease I have cut my hay for the last two years with the Allen Mower, cutting over one hundred tons each year, with a pair of colts that did a good deal of other work at the time, yet gained flesh all the time. I can get more hay from the land than when cut by hand. It is a great labor-saving machine, and can be worked as well with oxen as horses. The grass does not require more than three quarters as much sun to dry it when cut by your machine, as it leaves it very light and evenly spread. Of all the other machines at work near here, none cut so close, or go into hollows and over rough ground, like the Allen. I consider it the best for all classes of farmers for hill-farms or intervals. A great many other patents have been returned to the owners, but I never knew an Allen Machine returned, among all those sold in this neighborhood.

ALLEN WELLS.

Westminster, Vt., Jan. 1858.

Our family (South-farm Shakers) used Allen's Patent Mowing Machine, through the whole of last haying season, with great success. We tested it fully, and are no longer in doubt, and can confidently recommend these Machines as better for our New-England farms, certainly, than any we have seen or heard described. A machine of this kind, with a boy and one pair of horses, is fully equal to five good mowers; performing quite as much, and in an equally neat manner. Yours truly,

Enfield, Conn., Dec. 24, 1857.

JASON KIDDER, Trustee.

I am well satisfied that Allen's Machine is the best in use. I used it on my farm last season. My boy of fifteen did the greater part of the mowing, and it was done well. It is far preferable to Manny's, or any other, the draft is so much lighter. I mowed with one horse for experiment, and it did not tire him much.

Respectfully yours,

Suffield, Conn., Jan. 12, 1858.

MILTON HATHAWAY.

We have used one of Allen's Patent Mowing Machines this season, and are well pleased with its working. We think it preferable to any other machine, having used Manny's and other kinds. We should not be willing to dispense with Allen's Mowing Machine, as we can use it for nearly all our mowing land, and find it saves us much labor and time.

Yours truly,

Thompsonville, Conn., Dec. 22, 1857.

JEFFERSON WHITE.

Allen's Mowing Machine has answered all that it was recommended to do. On smooth land it will cut closer than it can be by the scythe, and a great deal faster than it can be done in any other way, equal to five men. It cuts as well in laid grass as that that is upright. We think it is the best machine in these parts. It has been tried in the same lot with Manny's. Allen's was pronounced the better.

CHARLES K. TRACY & BROTHERS.

Hinsdale, Berkshire Co., Mass., Jan. 4, 1858.

We are happy to give our testimony in favor of the Allen Mowing Machine, which we consider the best machine in use. We have seen many of them the past season in operation. Every machine has given the most perfect satisfaction. We can with confidence recommend them to farmers as the best machine to buy. No other combines so many good qualities: strong and substantial, yet light and easy of draft; with no perceptible side draft; it can be worked with a lighter team, and with greater ease than any other. Its movement is even and regular, and works equally well in all sorts of grass, upland and salt meadows, and without clogging. We have the testimony of many of the best farmers in the country, who have used this machine, and they confirm our own opinion, that it is the best, cheapest, and most desirable mowing machine yet invented.

Yours respectfully,

Boston, Mass., Jan. 4, 1858.

PARKER, WHITE, & GANNETT.

I think that on any land where a machine can work, the saving of labor is one machine to four men; that is, I can accomplish as much with three men and mower, as with seven men and no mower. With regard to Allen's in comparison with others you mention, I am well acquainted with the Manny and others, and I give Allen's the decided preference for the following reasons. It is lighter of draft, will work on uneven surface the best, is more simple of construction, and easier to manage. I have mowed about one hundred acres with one the past season, and am well pleased with the machine. Allen's is the Patent that will sell here the coming season.

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 30, 1857.

HENRY NOBLE.

We are well pleased with the Allen Mower. It does the work well, and I think it does not require more than one half the strength of team to work it that it does Manny's and others, as we have worked several others. We mowed over one hundred acres of hay with it, and we know it to be the best machine that we have seen or used, by all odds. We mowed all sorts of stony land with it, and wet and rough land, and it saved us. I think, at least \$50, and perhaps more.

Yours,

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 27, 1857.

H. W. & A. CLARK.

Having mowed 500 acres with Allen's Mowing Machine, 250 of which was with one pair of horses in one season, without breaking any thing, excepting one knife, we take great pleasure in recommending it to our brother farmers, as the greatest labor-saving machine yet invented. Owing to the *high price of good help*, and from the fact, that haying comes at the hottest and busiest season of the year, every farmer who mows more than ten acres, should own the *whole or part* of one of Allen's Mowing Machines, which, on account of its construction, is the only machine adapted to our New-England surface. We would rather our horses would *mow* than plow the *easiest* plowing at the same season of the year.

Northampton, Mass., Jan. 8, 1858.

Yours, &c.,

J. SMITH PARSONS, & SON.

I have used Allen's Patent Mowing Machine the past season, and can recommend it to the farming community in preference to any with which I am acquainted; it being light of draft, and cutting the grass satisfactorily.

Whitehall, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1857.

S. N. BUSH.

I consider Allen's Mower the best I have ever seen. The Manny and Ketchum Machines have been extensively used in this vicinity, for the last few years, and I have been familiar with their operation, but consider them far in the back ground when compared with Allen's, in many respects. I think, and it is acknowledged by all acquainted with Allen's Machine, in this vicinity, that it can be worked with two thirds the power required to work either of the others. It does its work as well on any ground, and on some better, and can do it quite as fast. It is not so liable to clog, and can be worked and do good business in fine thick-bottomed grass, wet or dry, where the others can not be worked at all. It is not necessary to drive a team faster than their natural walk to do good work, as you have to with the others. They are less liable to get out of repair. Six were sold in this vicinity last season, and they were extensively used, and there was not one shilling expense on them all for repairs, and they are all in good working order to-day. Any common team can work them without being over-taxed, and do the work better than it can be done by hand with common laborers. Grass does not require to be spread as when mown by hand, and does not cost more labor to mow than to spread it when mown by hand, and the work is better done.

Yours respectfully,

Hoosick, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1857.

G. I. HALLENBECK.

I have used Allen's Mower, the two past seasons, and, without any exception, can confidently recommend it as the best machine ever used. The draft to the team is at least one third less than the lightest of the other makers. Small horses or slow oxen can be used, and yet cut as well as a strong, active team. The machine is not liable to wear, or get out of repair. I have not spent a shilling on it, though I have mowed a large quantity. It is safe for the driver; can be made to run up or down, or across a hill; and do good work. It will mow any kind of light or heavy, fine, wet, or dry grass, equally well without clogging. It has saved me at the least one hundred and fifty dollars the past season.

Yours truly,

Charlestown, N. H., Dec. 28, 1857.

P. A. EVANS.

I used the Allen Mowing Machine the past season, and have no hesitation in saying that it far exceeds my expectations in all the qualities of a mowing machine, for ease of draft and beauty of work. I prefer it to any I have seen, without any exception.

Hanover, N. H., Dec. 25, 1857.

CHARLES BENTON.

I had occasion to try Allen's Machine, and have taken some pains to see Manny's, Heath's, and others operate, and I prefer Allen's to either of them, for durability and easy draft.

Yours truly,

Claremont, N. H., Jan. 11, 1858.

SAMUEL H. WALKER.

We have used one of Allen's Mowers for two years. It gave *every satisfaction*, worked well in all kinds of grass and clover. We think it has the advantage over others by cutting *wider and more grass with the same power*. Our machine has not cost us one cent for repairs since we had it, and consider it as good as when we bought it. One of our neighbors used one last year, and cut about 150 acres of all kinds of grass, on smooth and rough ground; did the work well, and without any expense for repairs. Those that have used them consider them the *best*, and a saving of *one half the labor of cutting grass*.

Greenland, N. H., Jan. 4, 1858.

JAMES HILL & SON.

Having used Allen's Patent Mowing Machine through the last haying season, it worked to our entire satisfaction. It saved us from paying out \$50 in getting eighty tons of hay. It will pay for itself on our farm in two or three years. A span of horses, or a yoke of oxen mow with great ease and facility, which can not be said of all mowing machines. We have never found it in fault in any place where we have put it. It will mow to perfection in thin grass, and will do the same in very stout and lodged grass. We bought it in preference to any other.

Yours truly,

Plymouth, N. H., Jan. 1, 1858.

I. & R. B. CLARK.

I have used one of your Allen Mowing Machines, the past season, with complete success, cutting seventy-five acres of grass in the best manner possible, from the worst lodged clover to low meadow grass, which in my opinion is the worst kind of grass to cut with a machine. Its execution in lodged clover was admirable, cutting a clean, smooth swath. It is the decided opinion of those who have seen machines of different patents, that the Allen Machine cuts the closest and best. And I would recommend to all farmers who have twenty-five acres of grass to cut the coming season, to purchase one of the Allen Machines without fail. There is no mistake but what your machine will beat any thing ever invented for mowing lodged clover, and in fact any thing else.

*Oxford, N. H., Dec. 29, 1857.*

H. E. CARR.

I have for the last two years, seen, examined, and tried several mowers now in use, with the intention of purchasing one; but none of them worked in a manner to warrant purchasing. I was induced last June to purchase one of Allen's Mowers, and I must say that I am highly pleased with it. It works admirably. I have used it in cutting most all kinds of grass, and on smooth, rough, and stony ground; and it cuts it well, perfectly clean and smooth, much more so than can be cut with a scythe. In lightness of draft, durability, and simplicity, I think it far surpasses any other machine now in use. It is truly a labor-saving machine. It works well with horses or oxen, with a slow or quick step. And I can cheerfully recommend it to farmers, as the best machine I have ever seen.

*Boscawen, N. H., Jan. 1, 1858.*

D. A. GERRISH.

I used Allen's Mowing Machine the last season, and it gave me perfect satisfaction. I never had my grass cut better with the scythe. I think I could do my haying as quick with the machine and three men as I could without the machine with six men, and do the work as well. The machine did not get out of repair during the whole season, and it is in as good condition to hook on to now as it was the first time that I took it into my field.

Yours truly,

*Campton, N. H., Jan. 8, 1858.*

GEORGE W. KENISTON.

I have used Allen's Patent Mowing Machine with great satisfaction, the past season, and find it to be a great saving, probably one half the price of the machine. I cut 125 tons of hay with it, not only saving the labor in cutting, but I got it in in better condition. The Allen Machine is far superior to any that I have seen and used. Three years ago, I bought another mower, and used it for two years. The first year it cost me twelve dollars to keep in repair, besides the great labor it was to the horses, having some three or four pair of heavy horses, to change, and then use it only half a day at a time, the draft was so horrible. The next year I used it only half the season, and finally laid it aside, and used the scythe. Besides it tore up the land that the Allen Machine passed smoothly over. This year I bought the Allen Machine, and used it on ground that I could not cut at all with the other machine.

Yours, &c.,

*Bradford, Vt., Jan. 7, 1858.*

DR. W. H. M. HOWARD.

I had a trial of several of the most popular mowing machines on my farm last year. I tried them all fairly and impartially for a week, using them alternately in all kinds of grass, and concluded to give Allen's the preference—not only for lightness of draught and ease of management, but also for simplicity of construction and comfort to the driver. A number of farmers that saw it work, expressed themselves entirely satisfied with the Machine.

JESSE BAKER.

*Lebanon, N. H., May 30, 1857.*

We used one of Allen's Mowers the past hay season, and are perfectly satisfied with its operation. We have never seen a mower that does its work so well in all kinds of grass, and upon so uneven a surface, as the Allen. We consider it much superior to any mower yet introduced into this vicinity. It never clogs, is of very light draft, cuts the grass smooth and clean, and is perfectly safe and easily managed. We do not hesitate to recommend it to farmers who wish to get the best machine.

Truly yours, &c.,

W. & W. BURLEIGH.

I bought one of the Allen Machines, and mowed over one hundred acres of grass entirely with one yoke of cattle, which was better done than could have been with the scythe.

*Newington, N. H., Sept. 1857.*

WM. BERRY.

We cut our entire crop of grass with your Mower this season, and then sold it for \$240. It is now in constant use, and gives full satisfaction. It is daily running in such grass and clover as used to be considered impossible to be cut by machines.

*Stockton, California, June 17, 1857.*

C. G. & A. STARKWEATHER.

I bought and used Allen's Patent Mower the past haying season, and am fully content in saying that I consider it the best pattern of a mowing machine every introduced to the farmers in this section, as my grass has been such that I have had a fair opportunity to test its qualities. I had over twenty acres of clover badly lodged, which your machine cut well. As far as the draft of the machine is concerned, I consider it light in comparison to other mowers. Another great advantage it has over other machines is the facility it has for backing, turning, and ease of transportation; also the ease with which the knives are withdrawn.

*Westminster, Vt., Dec. 24 1856*

HENRY W. SABIN.

I bought one of Allen's Patent Mowing Machines, and used it to cut my grass. I can say it did the work well. I can also recommend it to the farmers as a good working machine.

*Putney, Vt., Jan. 1, 1856.*

HIRAM CLARK.

The undersigned having seen the working of Allen's Patent Mowing Machine, do declare, that I am satisfied it is the best mowing machine I have yet seen in operation. It cuts the grass as smoothly and evenly as any other one I have witnessed. It is much easier for the horses, and does its work with much less strain to them than the one I have heretofore used. The tongue of my old machine bore heavily on their necks, and pretty severely galled both draft-horses; but from a different arrangement in Allen's Machine, the weight of the tongue bore lightly on the necks of the horses, and did not injure them more than would that of a common wagon. Allen's Machine possesses also the further advantage of turning the corners without making a stop, and the driver getting off to haul round the machine, as was done in the other; and it cuts the grass faster, and as well, and I think it is deserving the attention of our farmers, who are desirous of benefiting by such a labor-saving machine.

*Weathersfield, Vt., Jan. 28, 1857.*

WM. J. JARVIS.

The Allen's Mower I purchased of your agent at Westminster, Vt., last summer, gave me good satisfaction, doing the work better than can be done with a scythe; and I consider the saving in hiring help, and being able to cut my grass in proper time, nearly sufficient to pay for half the machine this season. It has not cost me twenty-five cents to keep it in repair to cut one hundred tons of hay.

*Walpole, N. H., Dec. 10, 1856.*

ISAAC F. BELLWS.

I have cut about sixty acres of grass, the past season, with one of Allen's Patent Mowers, and am highly pleased with its operation. It works easy for the team, and is easily managed, and is far preferable to any mower I have seen in use; and with confidence I recommend it to the farmers.

*Walpole, N. H., Jan. 5, 1857.*

H. BENNETT.

I have used Allen's Mowing Machine for cutting my grass this season. I can truly say it worked beyond my expectations; and I therefore feel confidence in recommending it above all other machines now in use, as there is no clogging of knives, and no difficulty in working it. It cuts the grass in a workman-like manner. I would say to the farmer who wishes to purchase a mowing machine, get Allen's.

*Springfield, Nov. 20, 1856.*

JOHN P. EATON.

I gave the Allen Mower a fair trial in different kinds of grass, lodged, heavy, light, and fine, all of which it cut well, and without any clogging. Being the first of this patent ever tried in this town, of course it had a great many visitors, among whom were those who had seen many approved mowers in operation at other places. They expressed their preference for your machine as being the best in use.

*Walpole, N. H., Dec. 20, 1856.*

J. A. KATHANE.

I have used your Mower for my last haying, and can say that it works well. As to draft, it is not heavy or hard for a pair of horses. No clogging of knives. I think it is the best machine in use, and would heartily recommend it to my neighbor farmers.

*Walpole, N. H., Dec. 24, 1856.*

THO. HOWARD.

I am perfectly satisfied that the Allen Mower will work to a charm when properly used. The best and handsomest mowing I have ever seen was done with your Machine. The increased motion of the knives and their peculiar shape enables us to cut in heavy lodged wet grass and clover. The draft, moreover, is light, and there is no perceptible side-draft. Its simplicity, its compactness, its strength and durability, render the Allen Mower the best machine in use.

*Windsor, Vt., Sept. 15, 1856.*

• WILLIAM DANA.

We would say, from seeing Allen's Mower in use, that we consider it the best mowing machine, as to ease for team, doing the work well, not liable to break, no clogging of knives, and therefore would recommend it to the farmers.

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| JONATHAN M. BUTTERFIELD, | W. B. STEARNS,     |
| DANIEL K. BARRY,         | EDWIN W. EVANS,    |
| MARK W. ADAMS,           | JESSE EVANS,       |
| LEVI RICE,               | ISAAC D. STARK,    |
| GILBERT GRANT,           | CHARLES J. ALBEER. |

*Rockingham, Vt., Dec. 15, 1856.*

We purchased and used Allen's Improved Patent Mower during the last season, and are well pleased with its operation. We mowed considerable with it, and found it the very thing we wanted. We consider it a well made, compact, and light machine, working at a slower gait, and much easier for the team than any other machine we have seen. It is not liable to clog. We therefore think it is the best machine in use.

*Springfield, Vt., Nov. 27, 1856.*

JAMES E. WHITE.

I believe Allen's Patent Mowing Machine to be the best machine for the farmers of this valley I have yet seen. In simplicity of construction, and neatness of doing work, lightness of draft, with the advantage of the side-wheel, we consider it superior to any machine we have yet had among us; and we believe it to be the only machine adapted to all kinds of grass, doing its work perfectly well.

*Weathersfield Bow, Vt., Jan. 1, 1857.*

BARNABAS DEANE.

I purchased one of Allen's Mowing Machines, with the understanding that if it did not perform the work to my entire satisfaction I was to return it, and the money to be refunded. I have given it a fair trial, and am perfectly satisfied that it is the best machine now in use.

*Charlestown, N. H., Dec. 12, 1856.*

PETER A. EVANS.

We have seen Allen's Patent Mowing Machine at work, and are of the opinion that it is just the machine for the farmers—easy of draft, light, compact, and thoroughly built, easily managed, works equally well in heavy and light grass, either wet or dry. It is also free from clogging of the knives.

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| CHARLES C. SABIN, | BENJ. L. SHAW,   |
| GEO. P. SABIN,    | PRESTON W. TAFT, |
|                   | WM. PARKER.      |

*Putney, Vt., Dec. 15, 1856.*

I have used one of Allen's Mowers this season, with constantly increasing satisfaction. The work was better done than with scythes. The draft is light for a pair of horses, and the motion is easy for the rider. There is no difficulty in its management, that common sense and a little patience at first, will not overcome. I anticipate no further trouble in getting my grass cut as fast as I can cure and cart it. I cheerfully recommend Allen's Mower to all who wish greatly to lighten and facilitate the business of haymaking.

*Springfield, Vt., Nov. 25, 1856.*

DANIEL A. GILL.

We, the undersigned farmers, of Charlestown, N. H., have seen in operation Allen's Patent Mowing Machine, and have no hesitation in recommending it to our brother farmers, in preference to any other we have seen, as we believe it possesses some most important advantages—such as ease of draft, closeness of cutting, and doing good work with a slower motion of team—also its simplicity of construction, not being likely to get out of repair.

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| L. KNAPP,  | SIDNEY WILEY,      |
| T. HARLOW, | RUSSELL ROBERTSON, |
|            | D. P. DARRAH.      |

*Charlestown, N. H., Jan. 25, 1857.*

## 65

I cut part of my grass, the past season, with Allen's Mower. To compare with others, I must say, it is decidedly preferable. *It runs easier, cuts smoother*, and is much *handier* to manage in every way. I believe my horses can do *one third more work* with it in a day than any other. I put yours together in a few minutes, oiled, and started without any trouble, and worked right along.

Stonington, Conn., Nov. 8, 1855.

JAMES J. DAY.

## 66

We, the undersigned, having used Mr. Allen's Mower, the past season, found it to work well, and of easy draught, and to answer our expectations.

Stanwick, Conn., Oct. 28, 1855.

JAMES B. RUNDLE,  
CHARLES BRUSH.

## 67

I have cut all my grass with one of your Mowing Machines, during the late harvest. I have great satisfaction in bearing testimony to its being an excellent tool, doing clean, good work, and the knives do not clog up as other mowers do. It is easy for the horses, and they need not travel quick. The machine is well made, and needed no repairs whatever.

Waterford, Conn., Oct. 20, 1855.

HENRY GARDINER.

## 68

I have used Allen's Mower for two seasons, and have cut 70 to 80 tons fodder each season. We have used it in *light and heavy grass, over rough and level surface*, in wet and dry. The machine has succeeded admirably. It has not cost me \$2 for repairs in two years. It is the best and most perfect mower I ever saw work, being of *easy draught*, and requiring no more than ordinary walk of horses to do the work well, cutting the grass as low and more level than any hand-mowing. I can cut with ease 12 acres in a day; and, with our two horses, weighing 2100 pounds, (the two,) can follow it day after day. I should like to see any improvement that may come along; but if I could not get such another as Allen's, I would not part with it for \$1000—indeed, for any money. I have had numbers of farmers see my mower work, and they all admit it is the best they ever saw work.

Woodstock, Conn., Oct. 25, 1855.

JOHN GILES.

## 69

We were present at a trial of Allen's Patent Improved Mower this day, on the farm of Geo. I. Colby, and are much pleased with its successful operation. It cuts clean, and without clogging, and is a light draught for a two-horse team. We can recommend it, with confidence, as a well-made, good machine.

Bolton, Vt., Aug. 28, 1855.

SAFFORD COLBY,  
ASA GILET.

## 70

The undersigned were present at a trial of Allen's Patent Mower, on the farm of Jesse Jewell, Esq., and were much gratified with its operation. It *cuts close, no clogging*, and is light for a span of horses in ordinary mowing. It is a strongly-made and excellent machine.

LEE TAFT, IRA BUSHNELL,  
C. M. H. FERGUSON, A. M. HAWKINS.  
Starksboro', Vt., Aug. 22, 1855. ANSON WENTWORTH,

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I gave the Allen's Mower a fair trial in different kinds of grass—*lodged, heavy, light, and fine*—all of which it cut well, and without any clogging. Being the first of this patent tried in this town, of course it had a great many visitors, among whom were those who had seen various approved mowers in operation at other places. They expressed their preference for yours, as being of *lighter draught*, and less liable to get out of order, as well as *not clogging*, like others.

Starksboro', Vt., Oct. 15, 1855.

J. JEWELL.

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I have made trial of *Allen's Mower*, and find it perfect in every respect—the very thing I wanted. It slides along like grease, cutting down every kind of grass; and in rough or stoney ground, it makes no difference. I would not do without your Mower for \$500.

*Easton, Penn., June 23, 1856.*

ANDREW HERSTIE.

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I have used *Allen's Mowing Machine* for cutting about thirty acres of grass, and consider it an excellent machine, working easily for the team, and with safety for the driver, and doing its work in first-rate style, both as to cutting and spreading.

*Newport, R. I., 11 mo. 12, 1856.*

THOS. B. BUFFUM.

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We have used *Allen's Patent Mower* to cut upwards of seventy acres, including the different-qualities of grass, from half a ton to two tons per acre, with a pair of horses weighing only 1800 pounds. It cuts equal to the best hand-mowing, and spreads much better. The machine is now in as good order as the day we commenced. We used it at all times, wet and dry, and could see no difference. It never choked nor clogged.

*Middletown, R. I., Nov. 10, 1856.*

W. B. & R. S. CHASE, JR.

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I would not purchase a mower of any kind until I had given it a thorough trial; and after trying two other kinds, which claimed to be the best, until I was satisfied that they were not what I wanted, I got one of your *Allen's Patent*. I have given it a fair and thorough trial, and have determined to keep it. The more I use it the better I like it.

*Winooski, Chittenden Co., Vt., Oct. 10, 1856.*

HIRAM ROOD.

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Having used your *Allen's Mower* for my last haying to cut seventy or eighty acres, I can say that it works well, and the draft is not heavy on the team. One man who bought another patent last year came to see mine work. We put it into wet, heavy grass, and it went through without clogging. He said that his machine would not go at all in such grass. I think your mower preferable to any I have ever seen.

*Fairfax Co., Vt., Oct. 1, 1856.*

AARON DREW.

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We, the undersigned, having used and seen used, your *Allen's Mower*, the past season, can say that we believe it to be the best machine in use. We are satisfied that it must come into general use, being, as it is, a *simple, durable* machine, that works right along without any trouble, in any kind of grass, and makes light work of mowing for both team and driver.

RAMSON JONES,  
H. McDONALD,  
J. A. WHITOME,

J. V. BRADLEY,  
J. D. ROBINSON.

*Jonesville, Chittenden, Co., Vt.  
Nov. 12, 1856.*

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I have used your Mower during the summer, and it has far surpassed my expectation. It has done all that your Circular promised it would do. I have used on my place three other most approved patent mowers, but give the most decided preference to yours. It does not clog, draws light, and has no side-draft; and, what is a very great desideratum with a practical farmer, it does not get out of order in using. I have just finished cutting my rowen, and it did it perfectly. I unhesitatingly pronounce it all that a farmer could wish, in the way of a mower.

*Long View, Enfield, Conn., Oct. 1, 1856.*

H. O. GRANT, M.D.

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The undersigned have used Allen's Patent Mowing Machine during the past harvest, and can recommend it with confidence to their fellow-farmers, as a reliable mower—doing all it professes to do, and excelling any other mower known in these parts; and we believe we have seen all the most improved patterns. It does not clog, and will cut grass under water, if needed.

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| T. P. HUNTINGTON, | JOHN BELL,    | CHAS. WHEELER       |
| CHESTER SMITH,    | GEO. GAYLORD, | T. GRANGER,         |
| WM. DICKINSON,    | H. RUSSELL,   | T. SMITH,           |
|                   |               | of Hadley, Mass.    |
| E. WILLIAMS,      | C. LYMAN,     | } of Amherst, Mass. |
| ESEK BAKER,       | E. MERRICK,   |                     |

*Hampshire Co., Mass., Dec. 1, 1856.*

I was told Allen's Mower would not mow rowen; but after seeing the work done by J. S. Parsons & Son, I let them cut for me some eight acres of flooded rowen, which they did to my entire satisfaction.

*Northampton, Mass., Dec. 1, 1856.*

WILLIAM STRONG.

## 170

I cut over 85 acres with Allen's Mower last harvest, and being posted as to mowers, I can say that it exceeds any I have ever seen, in easy, close cutting. It works with perfect success in either wet or dry grass, hill-side or level. I consider I have saved an expenditure of 60 to 70 dollars, and it only cost me 6½ cents for repairs. It is now in good order, ready for next harvest

*Hinesburgh, Chittendon Co., Vt., Nov. 28, 1856.*

H. A. POST.

## 171

We, the undersigned, each own one of Allen's Patent Mowing Machines, and have used them the last harvest. The Mower has given us entire satisfaction. It has less side-draft, less weight on the horse's neck, and can be worked at slower speed and lighter draft than any mower we have ever seen.

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| HENRY WILLETS,  | S. H. PURDY,  |
| THOS. FLEMING,  | JAMES BARNES, |
| ROBERT BUSH,    | FRANCIS KING, |
| DANIEL STENBLE, | S. MITCHELL.  |

*Ithaca, Tompkins Co., N. Y., Dec. 1, 1856.*

## 172

The Allen Mowing Machine has much exceeded my expectation. The complete and perfect manner it performs its work cannot, I think, be excelled by any other machine, and I have examined quite a number, and taken considerable pains to test their respective merits. Allen's Patent possesses more of the requisite qualities to constitute a perfect mower than any I have seen. The lightness of its draft, and perfect freedom from clogging, together with the facility of throwing out of gear, are great advantages; so is the looseness of the pole, which prevents bearing on the horse's neck. The Allen Mower can, I think, court comparison without fear. It will be more appreciated the more it is compared with others.

*Unadilla, Otsego Co., N. Y., Nov. 29, 1856.*

M. B. LUTHER.

## 173

I cut about 75 acres of grass with Allen's Patent Mower, using the same team. I found it to cut well, both in bottom and upland, without clogging, and without distressing the horses. I had no trouble in cutting lodged or tangled grass, or thistles.

*Little Falls, Herkimer Co., N. Y., Nov. 30, 1856.*

JOHN M. RETRIE.

I might add largely to the foregoing testimonials, having, in numerous instances, been compelled from want of space, to curtail the eulogies of my correspondents, or omit them altogether.

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