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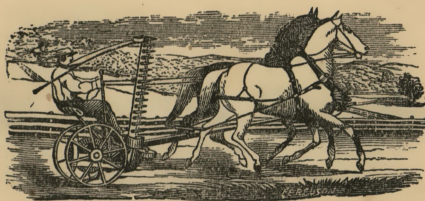
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The Meadow King Mower.

We present to the farmers of the United States, our fourth Annual Circular of the MEADOW KING MOWER, hoping to attract their attention to its superior construction, durability and working qualities.

It has been in use four seasons, sufficiently long to enable us to correct all imperfections incident to the construction of a new machine; and we now offer it to farmers as the cheapest, most simple and practicable machine for mowing grass or spring grain, while it is also stronger, more durable, and of lighter draught, than any other mower now made.

It is composed wholly of wrought iron, cast iron and steel—except the lever, whiffletrees, tongue and neck-yoke.

It has no useless boxes or bearings.

It has no side-draught.

The Finger Bar is without hinges or joints. When in operation, it can be raised by the lever to any required height, even to a perpendicular. The Knife is always in line with the Pitman, and will run in any position of the Finger Bar. This novel invention, used upon this machine only, makes the only really flexible Finger Bar yet invented.

To avoid friction and to regulate the height of the cut, an adjustable wheel is placed at each end of the Finger Bar. These, together with the flexibility of the Bar, enable it to conform perfectly to the surface of uneven ground.



The Finger Bar is made of patent cold-rolled iron, which has been proved to be stronger than steel for use

in mowers. It is placed in front of the Drive-wheels, thus enabling the driver to see the cutting, as well as obviating the danger of an accident in case he should be thrown from his seat.

It is drawn by a loose tongue disconnected from the cutting apparatus, which rests upon the adjustable wheels before described.

A comfortable spring seat is fixed midway between the Drive-wheels, and behind the axle, so that the weight of the driver shall relieve the team from the weight of the tongue.

The Fingers or Guards are made of malleable iron; and steel plates are so fixed in them as to form a shear edge with the sections.

The knife has a quick motion and a short stroke, enabling the machine to do good work when it moves as slowly as horses or oxen usually walk.

The gearing is arranged in the centre of the machine so as to exclude dirt and grit.

The Mower has double nuts wherever we think them necessary.

We do not claim to have performed a miracle in the construction of the MEADOW KING MOWER; but we do claim to build a machine that, with careful handling, will serve for years without repairs.

It is composed of but few pieces. These will be kept constantly on hand by our agents, and will be supplied at the lowest possible rates.

We furnish with the Mower two Knives, two extra Guards, two extra Sections with Rivets, a Screw-wrench and an Oil Can; also a Neck-yoke and Whiffletrees.

We have received a large number of recommendations from farmers who used the Mower during the seasons of 1868 and 1869. We subjoin a few of these to show the manner in which it performed its work under the many varied tests to which it was subjected.

It differs so radically in its appearance, from any other Mower, and in the principles involved in its construction, that it has met with much opposition, and has consequently been put through more trials and experiments than any other mower in the market. That it has come through triumphant, will be seen by a perusal of the recommendations.

Yours Very Truly,

GREGG, PLYER & CO.

GUARANTY.

The MEADOW KING MOWER is guaranteed to be capable of cutting, in a workmanlike manner, from ten to twelve acres of grass per day. The purchaser will be allowed to use it one half day upon trial. If from any cause it fails to work well, notice must be given to the Agent, and proper time allowed him to put it in order. If it again fails to work well, it will be taken back and the money returned, or another machine given in its place, at the option of the purchaser. Continued possession of the machine will be deemed as evidence of satisfaction.



DIRECTIONS FOR SETTING UP.

Attach the seat to one end of the flat steel spring, slip the other end into the groove upon the frame, and bolt it firmly.

Attach the tool-box to the left of the frame by a nut and bolt.

Attach the lifting lever to the right of the frame by a bolt with double nuts.

Attach the finger bar to the main shoe by two bolts, each double nutted.

Attach the track cleaver to the dividing shoe.

Keep the Bearings well oiled and the Knives sharp.

In order to move the Mower upon the road, raise the finger bar until the wrought iron pin, which is fastened to the main shoe, will rest upon the projection on the right of the foot-rest; then fasten the hook over the pin. This will hold the finger-bar firmly, so that it can be carried over any kind of ground.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

MIDDLETOWN, Vt., January 1st, 1869.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

Dear Sirs :—We, the undersigned, residents of the county of Rutland, State of Vermont, take pleasure in informing you that, in the season of 1868, we each purchased of your General Agent, Walter Scott, a MEADOW KING MOWER. After giving it a fair trial, we unhesitatingly say that we think its draught the lightest; it is the easiest handled over uneven ground; it is the most durable, as it never binds in any place, and it is just the thing for meeting obstructions, such as fast stones and stumps, as the Pitman is entirely protected. We wish you success.

Yours Truly,

ROLLINS THRALL, West Rutland.

JAMES NOBLE, Timmouath.

JAY NOBLE, “

DON BAXTER, “

WM. POTTER, “

A. J. NEWTON, Clarendon.

D. P. EDDY, }
W. S. EDDY, } Clarendon.

ALBERT A. RANSOM, Castleton.

ALBERT SPENCER, }
CHARLES SPENCER, } Castleton,

CARVER LEACH, Pawlet.

WM. W. FULLER, Poultney.

AUSTIN WHITCOMB, Pawlet.

WEST RUTLAND, Vt., September 29th, 1869.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

I began my haying on the 5th of July, using the MEADOW KING MOWER. It has done the work formerly done by two machines, at about one-half the expense of labor, and to my entire satisfaction. I cut 200 acres of grass in 35 consecutive days. I have ordered of your General Agent, Mr. Scott, another machine for an adjoining farm of 300 acres. In my opinion, your machine is the best in the market.

Yours Truly,

WM. F. BARNES.

DANBY FOUR CORNERS, Vt., December 1, 1869.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

I hired one of your MEADOW KING MOWERS for a few days during last haying season.

I own the Buckeye, and W. A. Wood's, heretofore the standard Mowers in this vicinity, and good ones too ; but I must say that your Mower far outstrips any and all that I have ever seen or used.

I have ordered one for my own use for next season.

Your Truly,

WILLIAM OTIS.

MIDDLETOWN, Vt., December 6th, 1869.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

We think the principles embodied in the MEADOW KING MOWER are superior to anything we have ever seen in the Mowing Machine line. For simplicity, durability, and capabilities on stony Vermont farms, and in lightness of draught it has no equal. Its only enemies in this vicinity are the blacksmiths, as it very much decreases their custom during harvest.

Yours very truly,

A. W. GRAY & SONS.

Will work over Stones or Knolly Ground.

NORTH COLESVILLE, Broome Co., N. Y., Nov. 29, 1868.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

Dear Sirs :—I bought the MEADOW KING MOWER of your Agent, Mr. Harper, last July. It is the best working machine I ever rode or saw worked. I have mowed where the * * * dared not make the attempt. I mowed for Mr. Wylie, he having the above named, and he allowed it worked easier and better than any machine he had seen work. It will work over stones and knolly ground to a charm. O. R. Beardsley rode this machine one afternoon and he had used the Buckeye two seasons. He also allowed it far surpassed that in draught and working qualities.

Ever Yours,

T. C. KASSON.

Found it the nearest perfection.

COLESVILLE, Broome Co., N. Y., Dec. 6, 1868.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

Dear Sirs :—We, the undersigned, certify that we bought a MEADOW KING MOWER of your Agent, Mr. Edward Harper. It is the nearest

perfection of any we have ever used. We have mowed on as rough ground as can be mowed with any machine running. We used it one whole season and did not pay one cent for repairs. The draught is lighter than any we have ever seen. If we ever want to get a new one, we would get another of the same kind.

Yours Truly,

ELI CHRISTIAN.
JOSIAH STEVENS.

WINDSOR, Broome Co., N. Y., Dec. 10, 1868.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

Dear Sirs:—I am well pleased with the MEADOW KING MOWER I bought of your Agent, Mr. Edward Harper. I have given it a good trial, and would not give it for any other mower that I have seen.

Yours Truly,

J. E. VAN BARIGER.

Ahead of any Machine.

BUSTI, N. Y., December 18, 1868.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

Dear Sirs:—Having a Buckeye Mower I undertook to do my haying with it last season, but having a light pair of colts I found it was too much for them on my side-hill meadows. I was persuaded by your agent, Mr. A. Bullock, to try one of the MEADOW KING MOWERS, and I found that I could mow any of my meadows without difficulty. I think it ahead of any machine I have ever seen.

Yours Truly,

S. WOODEN.

Cuts with one Horse.

MERCHANTVILLE, N. Y., Aug. 5, 1868.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

Dear Sirs:—I bought one of your MEADOW KING MOWERS of J. W. Curtis, of Bath, put a pair of thrills to it, and have mowed 25 acres with a horse weighing less than 1000 lbs., and cutting thirty (30) tons of hay at the rate of nine acres in twelve hours, and on account of this, have sold one to one of my neighbors. I think this shows great ease of draught. I can put a machine in my wagon, draw it to a farm and try it, all with one horse.

Yours Truly,

J. W. COLLSON.

Superior in Many Points.

BUSTI, N. Y., October 5th, 1868.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

Dear Sirs :—Last summer, your Agent, Mr. A. Bullock, hearing that I wanted to buy a machine, brought me one of your MEADOW KING MOWERS and wanted me to test it. I told him it would be of no use as I intended to buy a Hubbard, being prejudiced in favor of that machine. But he insisted that I should test it. So I consented, and tested it thoroughly with the Hubbard and other machines, and found it superior to them in many points. I have yet to find the machine that I think can compete with it.

Yours Truly,

D. ANDREWS.

SUGAR GROVE, Warren Co., Pa., Dec. 12, 1868.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

Dear Sirs :—I purchased a MEADOW KING MOWER of your Agent, Mr. Bullock, and have used it two seasons ; I have also used four other machines, but I think this ahead of any mower I have seen ; doing its work better and being more easily handled than any of the others.

Yours Truly,

JOHN McLANE.

SULLIVAN, Pa., August 10th, 1869.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

I have used your MEADOW KING MOWER this season ; and I can pronounce it decidedly superior to any mowing machine that I have heretofore used. I have tried it to-day with the " Buckeye and Ohio Mower Combined," in heavy grass on a thick bottom meadow, and the owner of the " Buckeye and Ohio " and other parties who were present, freely admitted that my machine did altogether the best work.

Yours Truly,

OSCAR LARISON.

Perfect Mower.

TRIANGLE, Broome Co., N. Y., Nov. 24, 1868.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

Dear Sirs :—Having purchased a MEADOW KING MOWER last July of your Agents, Saxton & Johnson, and having cut about 80 acres of grass with the same, I can cheerfully recommend it to all who wish a perfect mower. Having used my machine on all kinds of grounds

and in all kinds of grass, and on meadows which had never been picked up, it worked tip top in every place. In fact I consider it A No. 1.

EARL CARTWRIGHT.

After using one of your machines through the last season, we fully concur in the above.

DAVID BROWN.

SMITH MITCHELL.

TRIANGLE, Broome Co., N. Y., Nov. 25, 1868.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

Dear Sirs:—In June, 1867, I purchased one of your MEADOW KING MOWERS, and during the past two seasons have mowed over 100 acres of grass with it on all kinds of ground, part being a steep side hill. I would say that it is all that the most fastidious could desire. I would recommend it as the ne-plus-ultra of Mowers.

Yours Truly,

HENRY H. SAXTON.

We hereby certify that we each purchased of C. H. Green, Glenville, N. Y., a MEADOW KING MOWER. We do not hesitate to give it the preference over any other mower for ease of draught, simplicity of construction, cheapness and durability.

JOHN O'BRIEN, ANDREW BARTLETT, WM. H. BROWN, J. W. WATKINS, S. A. SMITH, TIMOTHY CRANE, W. H. MEAD, J. C. SMITH, PIERSON CRANE, Saratoga County, N. Y.

We hereby certify that we have used one of the MEADOW KING MOWERS, for the harvest of 1868, and are highly pleased with it. It will work over rougher ground than any other machine we have ever seen used, performing its work in the most perfect manner, readily passing inequalities that other machines could not.

JACOB STALEY,

J. M. LAWSON,

P. Y. VANDERVEER.

WM. STALEY,

JOHN MARLETT.

Schenectady Co., N. Y.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, N. Y., April, 1867.

This is to certify that I purchased of F. Whitcomb, of Comstock's Landing, a MEADOW KING MOWER last summer, and cut nearly one hundred acres of grass with it. I have used Manny's, Hubbard's and the Buckeye mower, and have attended a great many trials of mow

ing machines, where the different kinds of machines are used and tested, and I do not hesitate to give it the preference over any and all I have used or seen used. One great excellence consists in the simplicity of its construction, rendering it very unlikely to get out of repair. It can be relied upon for service day after day alike. Another excellence consists in the construction of the gearing of the cutting bar, which is so arranged as to avoid cramping, enabling the bar to work equally well in a horizontal or inclined position ; it is also very easy of draft. I cheerfully recommend it to all desiring a complete and serviceable machine.

GEORGE KINGSLEY.

This is to certify that we are personally acquainted with George Kingsley, who has signed the foregoing certificate, and know him to be a large and successful farmer ; a man of honesty and integrity, and perfectly competent to give an intelligent opinion on the subject of the above certificate. It is entitled to great respect and confidence

JOSEPH POTTER,

County Judge of Washington County.

WM. H. LEFFT,

Publisher of the Washington Co. Chronicle.

TESTIMONIALS
TO
S. L. SHELDON & BRO.,

Madison, Wis.,

General Agents for the North-West.

ALSO, AGENTS FOR

J. J. CASE & CO'S AND BUFFALO PITTS
THRESHERS; NEW YORKER SELF-RAKING
REAPER AND MOWER COMBINED,
AND SINGLE SELF-RAKER; BUCK-
EYE GRAIN DRILL AND GRASS
SEED SOWER, AND ALL
OTHER KINDS OF AG-
RICULTURAL IM-
PLEMENTS AND
TOOLS.

TESTIMONIALS.

The nicest thing I ever saw.

NORTHFIELD, Wis., Nov. 20, 1868.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO., Madison, Wis—

Dear Sirs:—The MEADOW KING MOWER I bought of you, is the nicest thing in the shape of a grass cutting machine I ever saw. It will mow on the roughest ground. Where other Mowers failed it did the work right. It is of very light draught, and I think it will be durable.

Yours,

HANS HANSON RINE.

Has done more than was recommended.

HAMILTON STATION, Scott Co., Minn., July 24, 1868.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & Bro—

Dear Sirs:—The MEADOW KING MOWER which I bought of you, is a complete Machine. My contract with your agent was that I should take the Mower if it beat the * * * and the * * * machines. I am perfectly satisfied with my machine that it has done more than was recommended.

Yours Truly,

O. H. PRITCHER.

ROOT RIVER, Minn., Dec. 14, 1868.

Messrs. VEDDER & DUTTON, Rochester, Minn—

Dear Sirs:—I am willing to say almost anything about the MEADOW KING MOWER which I bought of you, as I think it far ahead of any thing I have ever seen in the shape of a Mower. I tried a number of the best mowers before buying, but found nothing to compare with the Meadow King. It suits me to a T.

Yours Truly,

JOHN ROWLES.

Cuts everything it comes to.

BELVILLE, Wis., Nov. 14, 1868.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO., Madison, Wis—

Dear Sirs:—I think the MEADOW KING MOWER ahead of anything in use in the shape of a grass-cutter. I formerly owned a *
* * * mower which I thought did as good work as could be done, and which would cut through when a * * *
mower clogged up, but I find the Meadow King altogether superior to it. It runs lighter, is much steadier, and cuts everything it comes to. It is very simple, has but few pieces, and is not likely to get out of order.

Yours,

L. F. MUNSELL.

OXFORDVILLE, Wis., October 30, 1868.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO—

The MEADOW KING MOWER which I bought of your agent Eric Oleson, is a good and successful Mower. It draws easy and cuts the grass remarkably well. It is the best Mower I have ever used.

Respectfully Yours,

ERIC TRULSON.

Draws very light

CHATFIELD, Minn., Nov. 23, 1868.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

It is with pleasure I inform you that the Iron Mower, MEADOW KING, I bought of Mr. N. N. Pike, of St. Charles, and manufactured by you, gives me perfect satisfaction. While it cuts through everything it comes to, it draws very light for a team. I intended to have purchased a * * * * * mower, but am very glad I obtained this one.

Yours Truly,

JOHN KEIFE.

Failed to be suited.

ROCHESTER, Minnesota, Nov. 16, 1868.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

The MEADOW KING IRON MOWER sent to us by Messrs. S. L. Sheldon & Bro., of Madison, Wis., and manufactured by you, gave the best satisfaction. We sold it to a man who had tried a number of other popular mowers, and failed to be suited with any of them until he tried the Meadow King, which pleased him very much and gave perfect satisfaction. We think it ahead of any mower in the market.

Respectfully Yours,

VEDDER & DUTTON.

More than filled the bill.

FITCHBURG, Wis., Nov. 1868.

Messrs. GREGG, PLYER & Co—

With pleasure I send you my testimonial respecting the Iron Mower, MEADOW KING, manufactured by you, and which I purchased of Messrs. S. L. Sheldon & Bro., of Madison. It more than filled the bill, and is in every respect a perfect machine. I can suggest no improvement in it. It never clogs; will work in more uneven ground than any mower I have ever seen. It runs easier and is easier to ride upon than any other mower. I am a mechanic as well as a farmer, and I will say that the Meadow King Mower contains principles superior to any other.

With Respect,

B. B. BAKER.

Does better work than any other Mower.

OXFORDVILLE, Wis., Nov., 1868.

GENTS:

I freely certify that the Iron Mower, MEADOW KING, purchased of Mr. Eric Oleson, agent for Messrs. S. L. Sheldon & Bro, fully answers the recommendations given it. I can say it draws easier and does better work than any mower I have seen in use.

Truly Yours,

JOHN WORKMAN.

Would advise farmers to buy the Meadow King Iron Mower.

SAUK RAPIDS, Sept., 1868.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO—

Gents:—The MEADOW KING IRON MOWER we purchased of Grover & Co., of St. Cloud, this season, gives perfect satisfaction. We are satisfied that we can mow on rough ground where the other kinds can't. We know that this light Iron Mower is the lightest, strongest, and most durable mower in the market, and would advise all farmers wanting mowers next season, to purchase the Meadow King Iron Mower. We say this from our own experience in the use of it.

Truly Yours,

R. B. SAWYER,
J. W. ROUTS.

Is always in good running order.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO—

MADISON, Wis., Nov., 1868.

I am desirous of adding my testimonial to that of others respecting the Iron Mower, MEADOW KING, which I bought of you. It is all right and gives the best of satisfaction. It is always in good running order, and will do all that can be expected of it to do. I am glad you induced me to buy it.

Respectfully Yours,

DANIEL GALAGHER.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO—

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 6, 1869.

I am more than satisfied with the MEADOW KING MOWER bought of you the past season. It is so simple that it cannot get out of order. It is so perfect in construction that it runs very light. It has a good motion and never clogs. In consequence of the sickle running in any position of the cutter-bar, all friction is avoided, and there is no danger of breaking knives. One of my horses could draw it with ease, at work. All in all, it has much more than answered my expectations. I have loaned it to my neighbors, who think just as highly of it as I do.

Yours Respectfully,

H. D. GOODNOW.

From the Supt. of Public Property in Wisconsin.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO—

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 1st, 1869.

The MEADOW KING MOWER I bought of you last season, has more than filled the bill in every respect, for durability, good work, and lightness of draught. It seems to me very near perfection. I can suggest no improvement in it. The working of the sickle freely in any position of the cutter bar is a very great advantage over ordinary mowers.

Yours Truly,

A. A. MEREDITH.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO—

LODI, Wis., Aug. 6th, 1869.

The "MEADOW KING" is all right; runs very light for a team, and does the best kind of work. I have cut about seventy-five tons of hay with it, and there is no perceptible wear. I have had some of the worst tangled and lodged grass, and we have cut it under all circumstances. It will not clog under any circumstances. I am confident you can sell more in my neighborhood.

Yours Truly,

SAMUEL STAHL.

DARLINGTON, Wis., July 21, 1869.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO—

The MEADOW KING is giving splendid satisfaction. We delivered one at Darlington to a man who took out a Wood, Hubbard, and a McCormick Mower, and after trying them all, kept the Meadow King. He made nine rounds with it while the Wood Mower got but half round the piece once. The man says it draws easier and does the work better than the others.

Yours Truly,

ELI CLAYTON.

OWATONNA, Minn., Sept. 15, 1869.

S. L. SHELDON & BRO., Madison, Wis—

Gentlemen:—We have this season received and sold some fifty of the MEADOW KING MOWERS, and they have given unusual satisfaction. We are confident we can sell at least one hundred of them the coming season.

Yours, &c.

BUXTON & CHASE.

PARKERSBURGH, Ia., August 25, 1869.

Dear Sirs:—You ask my opinion in regard to the MEADOW KING MOWER I purchased of you. I must confess that I am not a very good judge of two-wheeled mowers, and hence cannot speak in comparison with others. But I must say it is a good clean cutter of easy draught, and works well in light or heavy grass. Some of my neighbors who are practical farmers, and who have used several kinds of mowers, claim it to be a very superior machine. I am well pleased with it.

W. T. MANLY.

Having used Mr. Manly's Mower, I fully concur in the above. It is a splendid mower.

ARTEMUS ROLLOW.

LANCASTER, Grant Co., Wis., Aug. 4th, 1869.

S. L. SHELDON & BRO., Madison, Wis—

Gents:—I have bought a MEADOW KING MOWER of Mr. Eli Clayton, and I have given it a fair trial in several kinds of grass growing on different kinds of land, and found it to work well in all places. It makes my grass cutting an easy job. I took it on trial, and have cheerfully paid Mr. Clayton for it as per agreement. I consider it a strong and durable machine and easy to manage.

I remain, Yours, &c.,

H. AUSTIN, SEN

DARIEN, July 16th, 1869.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO., Madison, Wis—

Gentlemen :—With regard to the two MEADOW KING MOWERS you sent me, I used one of them myself, and the other Mr. Mead has taken. They work very well indeed. I have run mine on several farms about here, and every one who has seen it in operation declares it the best mowing machine he has ever seen used. We will send you the pay for them the fore part of August. I would like the agency in this section another season.

Yours Truly,

WM. BLAKELY.

OCONOMOWOC, Sept. 3d, 1869.

S. L. SHELDON & BRO., Madison, Wis—

Gentlemen :—Without going into all the details I would say, I have tried a good many mowers, and have never found anything to compare with the MEADOW KING. No clogging in wet or heavy grass, no stopping to throw out of gear when meeting obstructions, of very light draught of team, nothing has broken or gotten out of order. A good many of them will be wanted in this section another season.

Yours Truly,

PETER DAVEY.

HASTINGS, Minn., Oct. 5, 1869.

S. L. SHELDON & BRO—

Gents :—The MEADOW KING MOWERS that I have sold, have given perfect satisfaction. Many who own and use Wood's and McCormick's mowers have been to see the Meadow King work, and freely acknowledge the latter the best, and say that they shall sell their mowers for what they can get, and buy Meadow Kings for another year. There is no breakage and no clogging, and they run very light.

Yours Truly,

H. D. SEELEY.

LODI, Col. Co., Wis., November 23, 1869.

S. L. SHELDON & BRO—

You wish to know how I like the Mower purchased of you last season. I found the draught very light for my team; in fact the lightest of any mower I have ever seen. In cutting lodged grass it works admirably, and we have had no trouble in cutting on rough and boggy land. It is not liable to get out of repair, being very simple in construction. The finish and material are good, and the

knife running freely in all positions of the cutter bar, is a great improvement. The long boxes are much preferable to the short ones used on other mowers, and take all things together, I consider this the most perfect mower I ever saw.

Yours,

JOHN PAGE.

HUDSON, Wis., November 30, 1869.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO—

I take pleasure in saying to you, and the public that the mower, "MEADOW KING," that I purchased of you last season, gave perfect satisfaction; being durable, doing its work well, and the lightest draught of any machine that I have ever seen in the field.

Yours, &c.,

GEORGE MARTIN.

HONEY CREEK, Wis., July 5, 1869.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO—

The grass being unusually heavy this year, and as there are so many poor mowers offered for sale, I take pleasure in recommending to my neighbors the MEADOW KING; which, from my own experience, I can say is the best in the market.

FREDERIC ROSE.

I agree with the above statement.

HENRICH OSCHNER.

GRAND MEADOW, Minn., Oct. 15, 1869.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO—

I have been using the MEADOW KING MOWER this season (bought of Vedder & Dutton, of Rochester, Minn.), and can say most emphatically, that it is the very best mower I have ever used or seen. The draught is very light. It will not clog; and it is very easily adjusted on rough and uneven land. It works admirably on any ground where a light team can go. Simplicity could not be more complete. The gearing in the centre of the machine I like much the best, and the mechanical construction suits me exactly. And the perfect freedom with which the knife works in any position of the cutter bar I think is an improvement seldom seen in this part of the country. And the long boxes are preferable to the short ones. I have cut over fifty acres of hay with it this season for myself and neighbors.

With respect, I am Yours Truly,

B. F. LANGWORTHY.

LAKEVILLE, Dakota Co., Minn.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO., St. Paul, Minn—

I take pleasure in sending you my testimonial to publish, for the MEADOW KING MOWER has given me great satisfaction, and is the lightest draught machine I have ever used, and also the sweetest cutting machine I have ever seen. It is all right in every respect.

Yours Truly,

W. H. WATSON.

ROCK DELL, Minn. Oct. 27, 1869.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO., Madison, Wis—

I bought one of the MEADOW KING IRON MOWERS of you this season, and can say it is in every respect the best mower I have yet seen. The draught is very light, and it will do the best work on rough ground, of any mower in this section of the country. I would cheerfully recommend this machine to any and all who may be in want of a first-class machine to cut their hay.

Yours Very Respectfully,

GILBERT JOHNSON.

ELGIN, Minn., Nov. 1, 1869.

S. L. SHELDON & BRO., Madison, Wis—

Dear Sirs :—The Mower we purchased of you last season, runs very light, and is not liable to clog in any kind of grass and will cut any where a team can be driven. It is the most simple in construction of any mower I ever saw. The gearing in the centre of the machine instead of the wheels is a great improvement. I think no other machine has the sickle free while the cutter bar is in all positions, and this is one of the most valuable points in the mower.

I have cut some 100 acres of grass of different kinds, and can testify that it is much superior to any mower I have ever used.

Yours Truly,

JOHN Q. RICHARDSON.

DODGE TOWNSHIP, Dubuque Co., Iowa, Dec. 14, 1869.

Messrs. S. L. SHELDON & BRO—

I purchased a MEADOW KING MOWER of Messrs. Chesterman & Trick, of Dyersville, and after using it the past season on the roughest slough ground and smooth meadow with a pair of ponies, would gladly recommend it as the lightest and best running mower I have ever seen, and it is so judged by all who have seen it at work.

Yours, &c.,

JOHN WALL.

RICHMOND, Stearns Co., Minn., Sept. 1, 1869.

Messrs. GROVENOR & Co., St. Cloud—

Gents:—The MEADOW KING MOWER I purchased of you this season gives entire satisfaction. I must say it more than fills the bill for lightness of draught. The working of the sickle freely in any position of the cutter bar makes it a perfect mower and far ahead of any mower made. I would advise farmers of Stearns County in want of mowers next season to purchase the Meadow King, as it is the best in use.

Truly Yours,

JOHN SHINBOERN.

OSAKIS, Douglass Co., Minn., Sept. 25, 1869.

Messrs. GROVENOR & Co., St. Cloud—

Gents:—The MEADOW KING MOWER I purchased of you this season is far ahead of any mower made. I have used the McCormick and Woods, but they are nowhere compared with the Meadow King. I have cut this season over 300 (three hundred) tons of hay without a dollars expense on the machine. In fact it is more than you recommended. Every farmer throughout the northwest wanting mowing machines should purchase the Meadow King, as it is what it is recommended to be, viz.: *the perfection of Mowing Machines.*

Truly Yours,

DONALD STEVENSON.