

THE
“Standard”

MOWERS

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SPECIAL FEATURES

OF THE

"Standard" 6-foot Mower.

We invite the attention of farmers who have a large amount of grass to cut to this machine. It possesses all the valuable features of our regular "Standard" Mower (a full description of which will be found in this circular), and has other points of superior excellence, not to be found in another machine. Please note the following :

It has no side draft, and draws as easy when at work as an ordinary 4-foot-cut machine. With one man and one team it **will do nearly as much work in a day as can be done with two ordinary mowers**, which require two men and two teams to operate them.

It will cut more grass in two swaths than the ordinary mower will cut in three, as it passes the margin of the standing grass but twice, instead of three times, and so much less space is lost by crooked driving.

It leaves the cut grass in better shape to cure, as it makes but two partings to the ordinary machine's three, and consequently the track-clearer does not bunch up the grass as much.

It has more cutting power, because nearly the whole weight of the cutter-bar and the inside and outside shoes is carried on the drive-wheels, thereby increasing the "*Traction*" more than enough to make up for the additional length of the knife.

The cutter-bar is lifted to pass obstructions much easier than in the ordinary mower, by use of the lifting spring and compensating lever, and it is raised with the same ease at all heights from the ground, for with the compensating lever the spring lifts the same number of pounds in one position as in another.

The cutter-bar tilts easier, because the inner and outer shoes do not press so heavily on the ground, and there is so much less friction to overcome.

The cutter-bar floats over rough ground more freely, as there is less dead weight on the ground.

The lifting spring is easily graduated to lift more or less, as circumstances may require.

The machine is so perfectly balanced, that there is no weight on the horses' necks.

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We briefly call attention to some points of excellence.

Front Cut.—The Finger-Bar is in *front* of the driving-wheel, and the driver's seat is in the rear, giving the driver a full view of the knife and the horses at the same time. Should the driver be thrown from his seat, the danger of falling in front of the knives is entirely avoided.

The Finger-Bar is made of the best cold-rolled iron, and can be folded for traveling without detaching any parts. *It has no nuts or obstructions on the top*, to catch grass or fine stuff. It will lay the grass the smoothest in the swath of any mower in the world.

The Guards are malleable iron, and steel lined. They are bolted to the finger-bar, and can be readily removed by the use of a wrench. They are obliquely recessed under the knife-back, in such a way that no loose material can get hard between them, and cause needless friction.

The Caps or Guides are also bolted on, and can be removed, when worn, without the trouble of cutting out rivets, which is a great annoyance in the field. They, too, are obliquely recessed over the sections, so that any loose material, which gets under the points, will work back into these recesses, and be thrown out by the action of the knife.

The Steel Guard Plates can be easily sharpened, or readily removed and replaced when worn out.

The Main Frame is *cast in one piece*, and is very compact and strong, and will not warp or bend and throw the shafts out of line, as is the case when made out of wrought iron. Cast iron is far superior to wrought for this purpose, as the latter naturally lacks the rigidity of the former, which is absolutely necessary to hold the shafting in perfect line.

The Gearing is simple in construction, but powerful and very durable, and is enclosed in a cast iron case, and thoroughly pro-

tected from rain, mud or dust. The teeth being cast from *cut gear* patterns, are perfectly uniform in thickness and size. This insures a perfect wear the whole length of each tooth.

The **Shipping-Lever**, for throwing in and out of gear, is in the center of the machine, and convenient for the driver to operate, either with his hand or foot.

The **Axle Bearings** being cast separate from the main frame, are secured to it by bolts. They are lined with composition metal, and can be readily and cheaply renewed or replaced when worn. This relieves the frame proper from any wear or friction whatever. Please compare this feature with the solid boxes made by casting round holes in the main frame, used on many other machines, and which cannot be replaced, except at the expense of a new frame.

The **Crank-Shaft Box** is what is generally termed a *pipe-box*, and protects the crank-shaft from dust; but, unlike that part of many other mowers, is not a part of the main frame of the machine, but is so attached to it, that the shaft-box can be easily removed when worn out, and replaced by a new one at a trifling expense.

The **Pitman** is fitted to a ball-shaped crank, and the box is so arranged that any slack can be taken up; thus securing continually free and easy motion. It is made of the very best anti-friction metal; will never heat if kept properly oiled.

The **Drive-Wheels** are high, and have a 4-inch face; the extra height making draft lighter, and the broad face giving the wheels more traction than narrow ones, and prevents them from miring easily in soft ground. They are interchangeable, the same wheel fitting either side of the machine. The drive-wheels on other mowers are *right* and *left-hand* wheels, and ours were previous to 1883.

The **Drive-Wheel Clutches** are on the *outside* of the drive-wheels, and, in case it should be necessary to replace a pawl or pawl-spring, the clutch can be removed without taking off the drive-wheel. Other mowers are constructed with the clutches on the inner side of the drive-wheels, and the wheels must be removed to take off the clutches.

The **Track-Clearer** is adjustable for tall or short grass.

The **Tilting-Lever** enables the driver, without stopping his horses, to throw the points of the guards down to take up lodged grass, or to raise them so as to pass over bogs or stony ground; this being done without changing the position of the bed, or frame of the machine

With the Lifting-Lever, the finger-bar can be quickly and easily raised or lowered ; thus, by the aid of the two levers, the cutting apparatus is entirely under the control of the driver, and may be readily changed to suit the necessities of grass or ground, as occasion may demand.

The Push-Bar is connected to the main frame at a point back of, and below, the center of both the frame and drive-wheels; the point of connection being so low, as to prevent the machine from "buckling," should the cutter-bar come in contact with an obstruction. This is also a valuable feature in heavy cutting, as the tendency is to *pull down* on the main frame and drive-wheels, giving the drive-wheels more traction the time when it is most needed.

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The Clover Divider, which can be attached to the point of the outer shoe with a set-screw, will *prevent the very worst tangled clover from clogging* on the outer end of the finger-bar, and will leave as clean a margin as if it was cut with a hay knife.

Duplicate Parts.—We maintain a perfect system of duplication, and keep constantly on hand, at our works, and with our agents in all parts of the country, a large stock of duplicate parts for all machines ever made by us. Each casting is plainly marked, so that the farmer need not be at a loss to know how to order repairs.



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