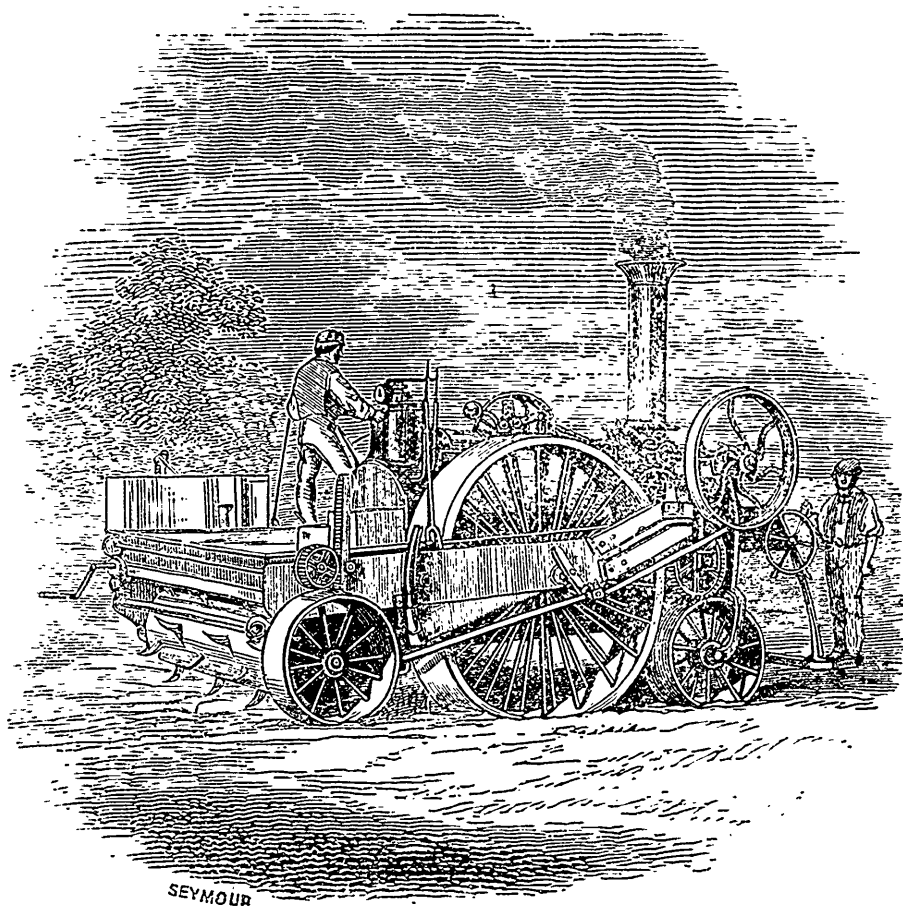


Our attention has been turned to this subject by the appearance in the *London Illustrated News*, of an engraving and brief description of Mr. Romaine's Steam Cultivator, as improved by Messrs. Crosskill, the celebrated Implement manufacturers. We copy the description and engraving, not because we have much faith in its success as a cultivator of the soil, especially in this county, but because it is alleged to be the invention of a Canadian, has made some noise in Europe, and has received aid and encouragement from the Canadian Government. It ought, therefore, to be a matter of interest to the people of this country. The following is the description which appears in the *News* :—



ROMAINE'S CULTIVATOR.

"Crosskill's Romaine steam cultivator differs from all others hitherto brought before the public, in entirely dispensing with ropes and in effecting its work without dragging ploughs or other implements. It is not a plough; it is a rotatory diggi. g-machine. It consists of a fourteen horse locomotive machine, mounted on a pair of very high broad wheels, with a pair of small wheels on the principle of chair-casters in front, which are used only for steering; a fifth wheel on the near side, behind, is used for setting the depth of cultivation. The cultivating part of the machine consists of a hollow iron cylinder, six feet six inches in length and two feet six inches in diameter, armed with curved iron knives, or hoes or claws. As the machine travels very slowly over the land—about a mile an hour—the toothed cylinder, which projects several inches on each side