

being so completely protected from dirt or grass, that they run with much less than the usual amount of friction; the Wheels and Gears are so correctly timed, and work in unison with such a perfectly constructed Cutting apparatus, that the amount of power used and required to cut the grass, is reduced to the smallest possible limit.

16. The Sprague Mower is the most durable machine offered to the public. In order to be satisfied on this point, so important to the success of the Mower, the Sprague Mowing Machine Company had one of their Machines, which had cut four hundred tons of hay, (equal to the ordinary work on a farm in four years) brought to their works and taken entirely apart, to ascertain the parts most worn. The Scythes were worn entirely out, but the working parts of the Machine, were nearly or quite as good as new. Below we give the statement of the Farmer who used the Machine, and who has charge of the largest farm in that State:—

“During the season of 1870, the Sprague Mower, No. 328, was used under my direction and supervision to cut at least four hundred tons of hay.

(Signed :)

GEO. WELLMAN.”

PREMIUMS AWARDED TO THE SPRAGUE MOWER 1870.

A DIPLOMA from the *Agricultural and Mechanical International State Fair of Pennsylvania*, held at Pittsburgh, awarded as a Special Premium to the

SPRAGUE MOWER,

In competition with “Champion,” “Climax,” “Wood,” “World,” “Etna,” “Russell,” “Acme,” “Buckeye,” “Kirby,” “Clipper,” “Quaker,” and ten other mowers, the same being

THE HIGHEST PREMIUM AWARDED.

CASH PREMIUM at Lancaster County Fair,	-	-	Pennsylvania.
FIRST PREMIUM at Bellefonte Centre County,	-	-	“
FIRST PREMIUM at Lock Haven, Clinton County,	-	-	“
FIRST PREMIUM at Huntington, Huntington County,	-	-	“
FIRST PREMIUM at Camden County Fair	-	-	“

FIRST PREMIUM AT THE VERMONT STATE FAIR.

TEN MACHINES COMPETING FOR THE PREMIUM.

The Sprague Mower was exhibited in competition with ten or twelve of the best Mowing Machines of the country at the Vermont State Fair, held at Burlington, September, 1870, and received an Award seldom if ever granted to a new machine. The very able and intelligent Committee reported as follows: