

Grinding Apples, Sawing Wood.

BEDFORD, N.H., Dec. 2, 1885.

Shipman Engine Co., 55 Franklin St., Boston.

GENTLEMEN:—I purchased one of your 2 H. P. Shipman engines early in the Autumn, to grind apples for cider. It has done the work to my entire satisfaction.

Heretofore I have ground with two good horses on sweep power, but it was more than they could stand, and they could not run my mill with much more than one-half the speed as the engine.

I have ground with the engine this fall, about 9 thousand bushels of apples, and on an average it grinds about three bushels per minute, and could grind faster than that with a better cutter. Mine is old style.

After I finished making cider, I purchased one of Gray's circular saws and went to sawing wood, and must say it beats all the power I ever saw for that business, and will saw as fast as men can handle the wood. You cannot check it. The saw is 21 inches with 150 pound balance wheel.

You can refer any one to me and I will tell it just as it is.

Yours very truly, W. C. PARKER.

Cutting Sorghum, Grinding and Shelling Corn.

WOODBVILLE, MISS., Dec. 18, 1885.

Shipman Engine Co., 55 Franklin St., Boston.

GENTLEMEN:—Some time ago I promised to write you what the Shipman 2 H. P. would do, after I had tried it sufficiently to know whether it was a permanent success or not. I give you a few results as a fair sample of work that it can be relied on to do constantly.

A SAMPLE MORNING'S WORK.

In 18 minutes I had, from cold water, 60 pounds steam pressure as indicated on the steam gauge. I loaded up and cut 30 bushels of sorghum (well packed from one to two inches on cutter 9 inch blade) in 27 minutes.

Belts shifted, mill oiled (12 inch French Buhr stone) and 27 pecks of first-class meal ground, and shelled 3 bushels of grain in the meantime without stopping the mill in 2 hours and 8 minutes.

Yesterday I tried it, 115 pounds steam, to see what it could do, and cut 4 bushels of first-class meal per hour. It drives a thresher with a 11 x 25 inch iron cylinder 1,150 revolutions per minute, as fast as a man can feed it carefully.

The "Shipman" is like every other engine the more work, the more fuel. It requires very little fuel to cut sorghum. It is like an ordinary lamp, not at all dangerous if carefully handled, but not as dangerous as a lamp if foolishly used. I would say that it was thoroughly safe in any careful person's hands, and I can hardly see how harm could be done.

I refer to Hon. H. S. Van Eaton, Member of Congress, Hon. T. C. Noland and many others, as to the correctness of my statements.

Truly your friend, J. STUART MCGEEHEE.

NOTE.—We wish to say that Mr. McGeehee furnished us the above facts without our solicitation. He has used the engine for several months, and he has made his own tests in his own way, with such machinery and doing such work as he had to do with the engine.

SHIPMAN ENGINE CO.