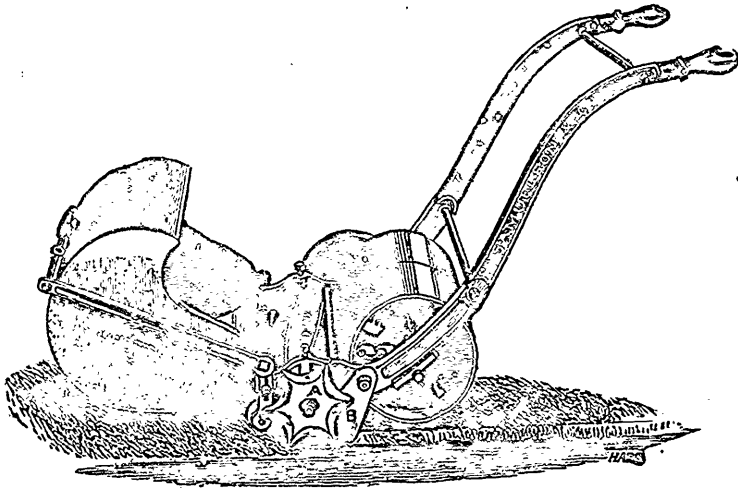


The Garden.

LAWN MOWING MACHINE.

Constant mowing is essential to the preparation and preservation of a good lawn. To mow a lawn closely and evenly with a scythe is very difficult, as every one knows who has tried to do it, or seen anybody else try. The best mower will, in spite of himself, leave ridges here and there. An absolutely even surface, pleasing to the eye at any time, and the great desideratum in a lawn, now that croquet is so universally

played, is impossible with so primitive an implement as the scythe. Besides all this, close shaving, without injury to the crowns and roots of the grasses is very desirable, and neither the closeness nor the harmlessness can be ensured with the scythe. There has, therefore, sprung up a demand for a machine that shall banish the scythe from the lawn, as the mower has banished it from the meadow. This demand is fully met in such machines as that which is represented in the engraving below, of which there are several styles now made, both in Britain and the United States. Two patterns are on sale in this city.



One is the Shank's machine, for which Messrs. J. Fleming & Co. are agents. The other, and the particular machine figured above, is the Samuelson Lawn Mower, which is now manufactured by Messrs. Rice Lewis & Son, of this city, and offered by them at greatly reduced prices. The Samuelson machine is the best we have yet seen. It is simple in principle, strong in construction, efficient in working, light in weight, and cheap in price. To all which may be added, it is noiseless, being free from the unpleasant "click, click," of most other machines of the kind. For further particulars, we refer our readers to our advertising columns, and to Rice Lewis & Son's catalogue.

WEeping MOUNTAIN ASH.

(*Sorbus Aucuparia Pendulea*). This is a very long growing tree, covers a larger area than any other weeping tree in the same time. It is, however, a little wayward, and requires some

training while young. Set stout uprights around it as directed for the willow, with cross pieces on top, to which tie the branches in such manner as to be evenly distributed round the circle formed by itself. Change the position of the uprights as the growth of the tree requires. Should be grafted on the upright mountain ash. Select clean straight stems, and to have a really good specimen work at least ten feet high. This is, or should be, the most popular of all weeping trees. By its exceedingly rapid growth, and a little timely training, it will in five or six years cover a circle of fifteen to twenty feet diameter; its outer branches sweeping the ground. When covered in the fall with beautiful orange berries in bunches, it is really an object of surpassing beauty.—*Rural American*.

TO PRESERVE A BOUQUET.

When a bouquet is received, at once sprinkle it lightly with fresh water, and then put it in a vessel containing soap suds. This will keep the flowers as freshly as if just gathered. Then every morning take the bouquet out of the suds, and lay it sideways—the stock entering first—into clean water, keep it there a minute or two, then take