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## To the Editor of the Canadian Agriculturist.

SIR,- Not finding among the many interesting accounts of machinery contained in your valuable periodical, any description of a really good chaff-cutter, adapted to the use of a man keeping several horses, and feeding them all chopped stuff. I am induced to trouble you with this, requesting you to inform me if you know of any really efficient machine to be worked by horse-power (say one or two horses) and which will cut up a large quantity of stuff in the least time and with the least manual labour. With most of the common ones worked by hand I believe I am acquainted, and have found them generally inefficient, requiring too much *time* and *labour* to be used on a large scale. I am fully convinced by experience of the great advantage of chopping feed, to both horse and owner, but manifestly to the latter; as all waste is prevented, and from onethird to one-half good clean wheat or oat straw may be used with benefit, and by mixing a little bran, a few oats, brused or boiled, (according to circumstances) a little salt, a mess will be produced which horses will eat greedily, and fatten upon too; mine will at any time leave the best timothy hay to eat chopped stuff consisting of half straw. Now is the time, when prices are unprecedentedly high, that it behoves every farmer