

INTRODUCTION.

The writer of this pamphlet from his earliest days has lived upon a farm, and is conversant with all the work thereof, in its minutest details. He has also had abundant opportunity of observing the methods adopted by the most advanced agriculturists of the age, and has studied this great science in its scientific aspects, and should therefore be in a position to say something from a farmer's standpoint as to the probable merits of this invention, and its adaptability to the work which it claims to perform.

He has no hesitation in expressing the conviction that the principles sought by Mr. Romaine in the construction of THE MODERN STEAM FARMER, namely, cultivating the soil by means of *rotatory* traction, and stirring it without *foot* of man or beast treading upon it, will eventually revolutionize the present processes of agriculture.

All this is claimed by the invention herein described, and although the writer can say nothing from the standpoint of a machinist, (that is said by competent authorities elsewhere), he sees no obstacle in the line of agriculture that should hinder the successful working of this machine on all large farms where the land is not broken or very uneven.