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Dear Sir:—

Referring to demonstration which was given by you of your breaking plow, a few days ago, I noted the following conditions which recommended it to me very strongly.

The undercut share or fin on the landside, which prepared the next furrow for turning, would leave no possibility of any portion of the next furrow being turned without being cut loose from the adjacent sod. There seemed to be very little friction on the share and moldboard, it having so small an angle with the landside and the long sweep of the arms or rods back of the moldboard seemed to turn the sod with perfect ease and little friction, although turning the sod 20 inches in width, and a depth of not less than 4 inches, the draft was so light that it would appear one good team could handle it without very great effort. The coulter set at an angle and attached to the point of the share seemed to be a very good device, as it not only stiffened the coulter and kept it in exact position, but also cut the sod at an angle so it could less easily stand on edge. This assisted turning very much.

Owing to the soil which we have in the irrigation block, I believe you will find it to your advantage instead of cutting a furrow 20 inches in width to cut two furrows 12 inches in width. This will have a tendency to join the edges so as to leave flat the surface and where the sod varies as to its toughness, as it does here, it will turn the sod unbroken and leave a surface best suited for cultivating and would require less discing than it would if turned in wider furrows and not laid as regular.

If a few details are worked out I consider you have a plow that will eclipse anything that is now on the market and will work a revolution in breaking sod on this Western prairie. With these few suggestions permit me to say, that any assistance I can give you in working out this point, I will gladly do at any time, and when a plow turning 12-inch furrows, such as can be evolved from the plow sh

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