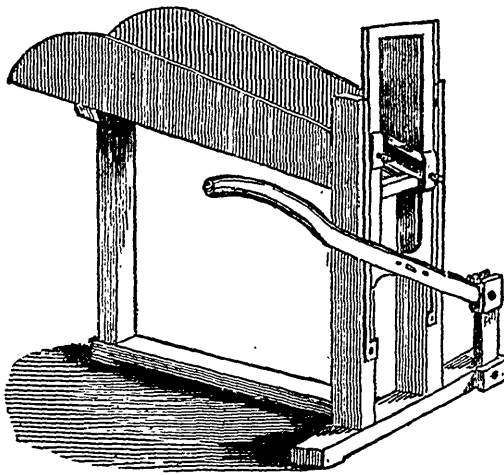


of his mud house. This he did with his own hands, and a three-tined dung fork. A person chopped straw with an axe, mixed it with the mud dug from the cellar, while he laid the wall, which, when sufficiently dry, he hewed in shape with a broad-axe. This he said cost in the whole, 113 days' work for one man; he being the principal operator. It was afterwards covered with small stones and lime mortar, giving it the appearance of stone. His orchard was planted and grafted by his own hands, which had the appearance of a very thrifty growth; therefore he enjoys the sweet sleep of industry.

The Messrs. Miller abound in large Clydesdale mares and colts, quite an acquisition to the country, in my opinion, and Canadians will find it to their advantage to cultivate such animals.

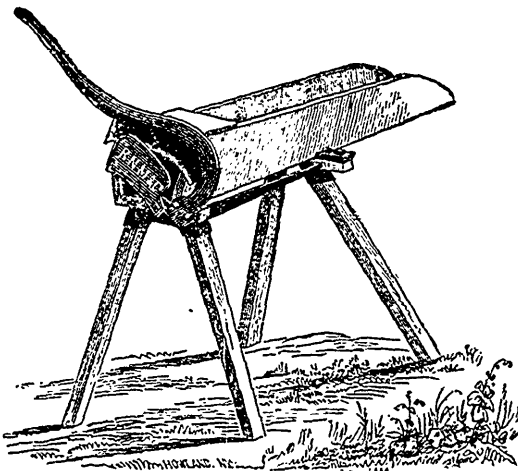
I am, Dear Sir, yours sincerely,

WM. HY. SOTHAM.



HAND STRAW CUTTER.

We have given descriptions of various kinds of Straw Cutters in previous numbers of the *Agriculturist*. The above cut represents one in common use in some parts of the country. When well made they answer a good purpose. The straw is moved by the hand. It is simple and cheap, but not, in our opinion, so good as the cylinder machine.



SMITH'S PATENT LEVER CUTTER.

This is a strong machine, well adapted for corn stalks and coarse fodder. It is not easily injured in inexperienced hands, or from exposure to weather, &c. We are not aware that any of this kind are manufactured in Canada. It is an American machine.