

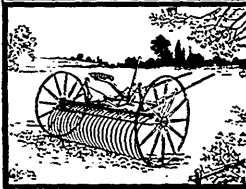
MASSEY-HARRIS
NO. 8 ONE-HORSE MOWER.



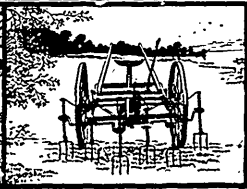
OLD SINGLE-TOOTH
CRADLE.

into common use. The first step in the development of the cradle was the placing of a gathering peg or finger in the lower end of the scythe snath. In cutting with this implement the operator struck toward the field, as shown in the illustration, the scythe swinging around rearward, the finger gathering the cut stalks and leaving them (as the scythe was withdrawn for the next stroke) somewhat bunched, leaning against, and supported by, the standing grain. The mower or cradler was followed by a boy or woman who with a hook, shaped like a land sickle, in one hand, gathered the swath and laid it upon the ground in gavels for the binders.

Such scythes or one-finger cradles still do considerable grain cutting in some parts of Europe and in the way described, though the famous Massey-Harris Implements



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