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Working on an Engine Hitch.

I cannot give you a very good report of my work done last year as I did not get my outfit until the middle of July, 1910. I have an American-Abell engine 26 horse power and use the Emerson plow. I am using eight bottoms but believe I could use ten, as eight do not seem to bother my engine at all. I cut ten feet wide. My plow has some fine points and it is so easy to hitch a harrow or disc to it.

I used straw last season for fuel, but expect to use coal most of this season as straw is scarce. I use from 5 to 6 tanks of water per day and employ engineer, fireman, plowman, one tankman and team and one straw man and team. We use one load of straw to plow two miles long and ten feet wide.

I cannot give you much of an estimate on the cost per acre for I did not keep a record last year. I do not think that plowing is any harder than threshing on the engine, unless a man overloads his machine.

I am now getting out my plans for an engine hitch, which is not like anything I have ever seen. If it proves successful I will send you a cut of it.

Yours respectfully,
Charles H. Barker,
Gledhow, Sask.

Repair Bill Very Light.

I am pleased to learn that you are to issue another Traction Plowing number of the Thresherman. Those numbers of the past have been of decided interest to traction plowmen, giving us a chance to compare notes and profit by the experience of our brother plowmen.

I have had a trial of steam traction plowing, covering a period of four years on a farm of 960 acres. We use a Reeves & Co. 25 h. p. cross compound engine and an Emerson disc plow, fourteen bottoms and a two-furrow horse plow, making a total of sixteen discs which makes a fair load in the heavy gumbo soil.

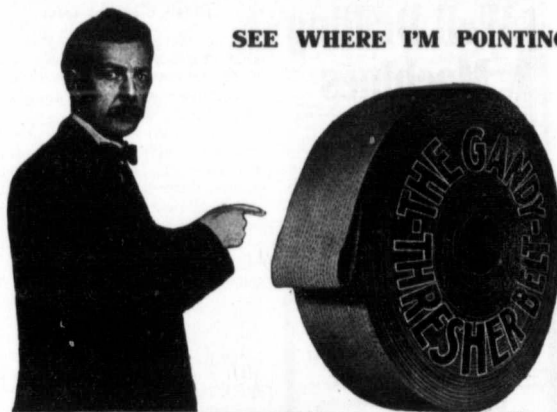
Coal costs us \$5.85 per ton and in stubble plowing we use about 100 pounds per acre.

We employ four men, two on the engine, one to operate the plows and a man and team on water tank. Under favorable conditions we plow from 25 to 30 acres per day at a cost of about 80c. per acre.

Our engine is standing up well and our repair bill has been very light. In fact we have had no breaks excepting one or two cap screws, which cost a few cents each. The gear shows some wear, but is apparently good for several seasons yet. I am well satisfied with the steam. I have no desire to knock the gasoline outfits, but I could not be persuaded to exchange the steam engine for gasoline for plowing.

Yours respectfully,
A. W. Wallace,
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