

hindered the harvest. The crop was ruined by over-ripeness and storms. The area that it was possible to till was limited. Before the invention of the reaper, the average size of the farms in America was about 25 acres, and now it is nearly 150 acres. This tells the story of how the McCormick strengthened the farmer on his farm.

The reaper not merely lessened human toil, but it increased the value of every tillable acre. It led in the grand march of progress. It gallantly pioneered the way for both railroad and steamship, and then made them profitable by its output, which taxed their utmost carrying capacities.

The three great achievements of the century are, the railroad, the steamship, and the reaper.

The Steel Horse and the Steel Ship have done much, but the Steel McCormick has done more.

For when Cyrus McCormick designed, constructed, and put on the market the first practical reaper known to the world, he made the pivot upon which swung the progressive nineteenth century, showing more marvelous achievements in human progress than in all the sixty centuries — the 6,000 years — preceding.

The McCormick for the first time in history made bread cheap in the temperate regions — cheap and constant. The McCormick banished the fear of our fathers — famine times — the fear of the failure of the harvest. This glorious invention has doubled the food resources of all nations. It has made possible The Agricultural Capture of the World's Grain and Grass.

From the moment when the first McCormick machine ensured the regular food supply of man, the nations have leapt and bounded forward on the road of progress.

The inventions of Edison may replenish the world's treasuries with gold wrenched from the fastnesses of the mountains; the discoveries of Tesla may place within our very hand the long-wasted forces of the sun, the winds, and the rivers; but the fruitful genius of Cyrus Hall McCormick can never be surpassed in its effects upon the well-being of mankind.

To Cyrus McCormick is due the enlargement of the results from the world's agriculture. To him is due the enormous growth in wheat raising, and the creating of the hay harvest as the most valuable of all the crops our land produces. To him is due the glory of emancipating the agriculturists of the entire earth from the cramping, back-breaking, uncheered toil of the sickle. It was a great deed!

McCormick Harvesting Machine Company.

Chicago, January 1, 1899.



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