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John Deere Plows.

The Gilpin Sulky

The First Successful Sulky Plow.

The Gilpin is the only sulky plow that has stood the test of time and shown itself equal to all requirements put upon this kind of a plow. It was the first and only successful sulky plow made, and all of its former competitors have been consigned to oblivion, while the Gilpin still holds its place in the trade as the foremost riding plow of the age. All changes of depth, throwing in and out of the ground, etc., are made with one lever, and the multiplicity of levers, which other manufacturers have been compelled to use in order to accomplish similar work, have had the effect of weakening their machines so that a few years' wear has unfitted them for service.

Power-Lift.

One simple fact serves to show the durability of the Gilpin. In 1881 we added what is known as the Power-Lift, by which, with the simple pressure of the hand on a catch, the plow is thrown out of the ground by one revolution of the wheel. We are still altering clouds that were in use prior to that time, and which are in such good condition that farmers prefer to pay the cost of adding the Power-Lift rather than throw aside the old plow and buy a new one. A sulky plow that has been run twelve to fourteen years, and is still in good condition, is a novelty, and we venture to say that no sulky, other than the Gilpin, will stand such wear.

Strong Wheels.

Among the most important parts of a riding plow are the wheels by which the plow is carried. They are subjected to severe strains, and these strains are liable to come from sudden and unexpected directions.

Unbreakable.

Therefore, the general construction of the wheel must be such that it is practically unbreakable, whilst the wearing parts must be capable of being simply and cheaply renewed.

Make Our Own Wheels.

We make our own wheels for Gilpin and Deere Gang Plows, and they are made as shown in the above cut. They embody the essential features named to a degree not possessed by any other wheels in the market.

Sufficient stock is put into spokes and rim to ensure strength. The spokes are dodged so as to act as a truss-bracing between rim and hub. Around the outside of the rim is shrunk a heavy wrought tire that binds the parts together with a firmness that makes the completed structure practically indestructible. If this tire should ever wear out a new one can be put on, and the framework of the wheel will be completely restored to its original condition.

Boxes Can Be Renewed.

A renewable boxing, shown in the cut, completes the outfit. All wear of wheel hub can, by this means, be provided for indefinitely, so there is no reason why these wheels, with renewals as above, should not last forever.

Simple, Durable and Strong.

We have been this particular in explaining our wheel construction, not only to show its merits, but because the entire mechanical construction of the Gilpin Sulky possesses the same Simplicity, durability and strength, so that this plow can be handed down from father to son and be a faithful servant as long as it is taken care of.

Gilpin is Self-Leveling.

The Gilpin is self-leveling, operated by a single lever; is of lighter draft than a hand plow cutting the same furrow, and of as light draft as any riding plowed made, and will do better work than any other plow of the same class.

Made only by Deere & Company, Moline, Illinois.