

Transcribed Excerpts from "Wakefield's Hand Corn Planter" Newspaper Article, 1855

Wakefield's Hand Corn Planter

Patented July 25th, 1854, CHAS. A.

Wakefield, Plainfield, Mass.

This impliment [sic] is designed for planting Corn, broom-corn, beans and similar seeds. It is carried and used as a cane or walking-stick; requiring no delay and no additional motion or effort. Is adapted for planting in rocky and uneven ground, and in all kinds of soil. Is easily adjusted to plant at any required depth, and to drop any required number of seeds in a hill.

The method or mode by which the seed is planted with this Planter, is new, and it is believed possesses advantages over every other, not only in facility of use, but in hastening germination. The seed is forced by pressure obliquely from the surface of the ground to the required depth, thus ensuring the immediate absorption of moisture, by bringing it into perfect and hard contact with the soil under and around it, while the earth falling loosely over, cannot obstruct the coming up and growth of the blade.

The Planter is simply in construction-not liable to get out of repair. Weighs about seven pounds. Costs the farmer only five dollars, which price he can afford to pay, if used only for planting in a common garden. With this impliment, one acre of corn can be planted in the most perfect manner in one hour.

The attention of the farming community is solicited to a careful and critical examination of this improvement, as its advantages are apparent, obviating every objection hitherto made to the introduction of Planters into common use.

Any person desirous of securing rights, or wishing further information respecting the Planter, may address the patentee: or A. B. VINING, Plainfield Mass . . .

Having used Wakefield's hand corn planter the past Spring for planting corn, and have observed the evenness and uniformity with which the corn thus planted comes up, we are prepared to say that the Planter does the work better than is usually done with a hoe.

B. A. Farnsworth, Elias Upton, Charlemont.

Wm. M. Maxwell, J P. White, Jos. White Heath.

Horatio A. Shaw, S, W. Streeter, Josiah Shaw, Jr.,

Freeman Shaw, Minot vining, N.C. Clapp, L. Campbell, Henry shaw, Wm. J. Shattuck, Plainfield.

Wm. Gallup, N. Adams. June 1854

... We, the undersigned, had corn planted with Wakefield's hand corn planter in our fields last Spring as an experiment, side by side with that planted in the common manner. The corn was planted very much faster with the planter and quite as well.

Freeman Hamlin, Orson S. White, Lorenzo W. Joy, Levi Cook, Joshua F. Rude. Plainfield, July 1854.

We planted our corn last spring with Wakefield's Hand Corn Planter. Although barn-yard manure was first placed in the hill and covered to the required depth with a hoe, the Planter saved one-half n[sic] time and labor, and our corn was never planted more to our satisfaction.

William Robinson, Daniel McCoy, and Arvin Nash. Plainfield, Aug. 26 1854 ...

Wakefield's Hand Corn Planter was used last Spring for planting several rows of corn in my field. The corn thus planted came up more evenly, and two days before that planted with care, by its side the same day with a hoe.

Plainfield, Aug. 25 1854 Jacob Pratt ...

I have planted ten acres of the Wakefield's Hand Planter; it has also been used by several others in this vicinity. I have heard but one opinion expressed concerning it, either by those who have used it or seen the corn-fields planted with it, namely, that it plants in the most desirable and perfect manner.

Milwaukie [sic], Wis., Aug. 15 1854. Abr'm. Phillips.

Any person infringing on the above patent, will be held to answer according to law. No Machines are Manufactured except to order.

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