

Mr. Bergen made several improvements on his first plow, which dates back to 1819. After his death, which occurred in 1845,

#### A FULL SIZE WOODEN MODEL.

of his *last* improvement of the Self-Sharpening Plow was found in the possession of parties in New York City, where he had probably placed it to be manufactured. The heirs, after several ineffectual attempts to obtain any satisfactory information concerning it, demanded the Model, which they secured, but without the drawings and specifications.

The model shows an entirely different construction of the point and share, this being a combination of the two pieces being cast in *one solid* piece, and still *reversible*, thereby retaining the important feature of being *Self-Sharpening*, instead of each piece separately, as shown in the drawings and specifications of his former plows. These papers also show the peculiar construction of his mould board, combining the *increased twist* and *wedge*, being cut out after mechanical calculations in steps from a solid block of wood. It was very long, and farmers say that it turned the sod more perfectly than any other plow ever used. Apparently, that mould board is used at the present day.

These plows were extensively used, and Mr. Bergen received the highest awards of gold and silver medals, silver cups, etc., from many Agricultural Exhibitions for the best plow. This, among other personal testimonials, is highly valued.

Miss Rebecca T. Bergen, during the Civil War, had the pleasure of being introduced to President Abraham Lincoln. Upon hearing her name and address, he at once remarked: "Why, I have a plow called the Bergen *Self-Sharpening* Plow; it is the very best plow that I have ever used, or have ever seen! Do you know that gentleman? He was a Long Islander!" When informed that he was her father, he expressed much pleasure at meeting her, and emphatically reiterated his appreciation of the plow.

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