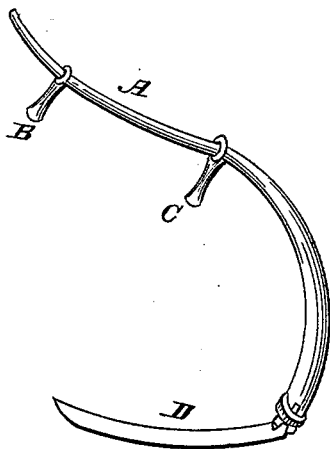


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IMPROVEMENT IN SCYTHE-SNATHS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUTHER COLE, of Lafayette, in the county of Onondaga and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Scythe-Snath; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view.

The nature of my invention consists in curving forward that portion of the scythe-snath below the right nib or thole to such an extent as to form an obtuse angle between the scythe and snath at the point where they are joined, and also in such a manner as to equalize the labor between the right and left hands, whereas in snaths now in use the greatest amount of labor falls upon the right arm.

Construct the snath A in the usual manner, well known to those skilled in the art. Attach the tholes B and C, and also the scythe D, to the snath in the usual manner. Curve forward that portion of the snath between the lower thole, C, and the attachment of the

scythe, until, by placing the scythe in its right position, an obtuse angle will be formed between the scythe and the lower extremity of the snath.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

Curving forward that portion of the snath between the right-hand nib or thole and the extremity to which the scythe is attached in such manner as to form an obtuse angle between the scythe and snath at the point where they are joined, by which device the left hand and arm are extended forward, (previous to the scythe's entering the grass,) so that the labor of cutting is performed as much by drawing in the left arm as by forcing around the right; at the same time the position given the scythe allows it to cut the whole length, and is more easily sharpened at the heel with the rub-stone than scythes hung on ordinary snaths.

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