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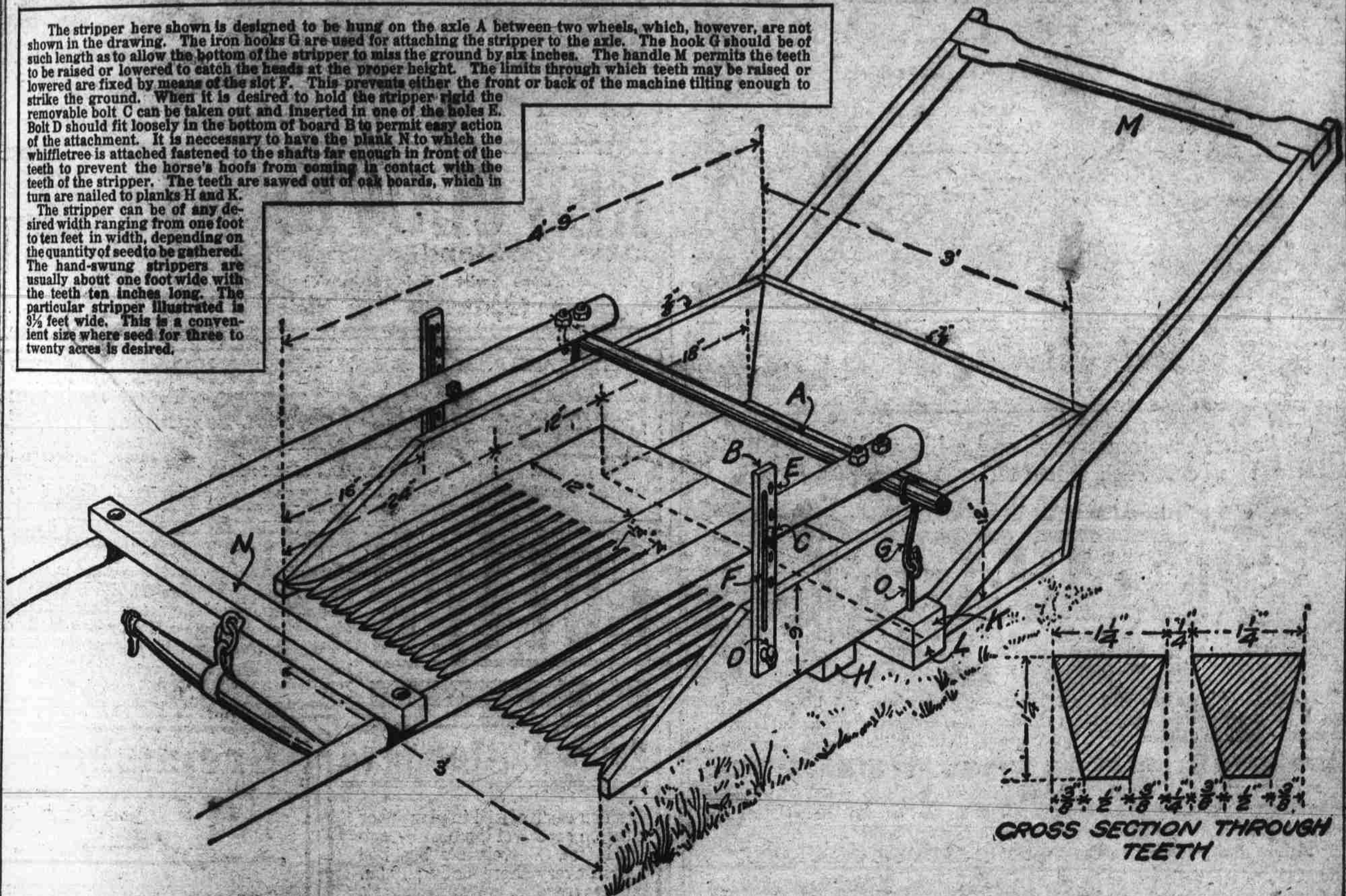
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GET READY NOW TO SAVE THE CLOVER SEED

The stripper here shown is designed to be hung on the axle A between two wheels, which, however, are not shown in the drawing. The iron hooks G are used for attaching the stripper to the axle. The hook G should be of such length as to allow the bottom of the stripper to miss the ground by six inches. The handle M permits the teeth to be raised or lowered to catch the heads at the proper height. The limits through which teeth may be raised or lowered are fixed by means of the slot F. This prevents either the front or back of the machine tilting enough to strike the ground. When it is desired to hold the stripper rigid the removable bolt C can be taken out and inserted in one of the holes E. Bolt D should fit loosely in the bottom of board B to permit easy action of the attachment. It is necessary to have the plank N to which the whiffletree is attached fastened to the shafts far enough in front of the teeth to prevent the horse's hoofs from coming in contact with the teeth of the stripper. The teeth are sawed out of oak boards, which in turn are nailed to planks H and K.

The stripper can be of any desired width ranging from one foot to ten feet in width, depending on the quantity of seed to be gathered. The hand-awung strippers are usually about one foot wide with the teeth ten inches long. The particular stripper illustrated is 3 1/2 feet wide. This is a convenient size where seed for three to twenty acres is desired.



DRAWING OF CRIMSON CLOVER SEED STRIPPER DESIGNED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

IT IS not a minute too early to begin planning to save a record crop of clover seed this spring, for the man who does not save seed will probably have to go without or pay a very dear price for what he sows next fall. Particularly is this true of crimson clover, for the bulk of these seed planted in the United States have hitherto come from the European nations now at war. That these nations, with all their able-bodied men engaged in pursuits quite different from planting and harvesting, can supply us with any considerable quantity of seed this summer and fall seems quite improbable.

The South has made too fine a start in growing winter legumes to let the good work be checked; but checked and seriously set back the work surely will be unless we begin now to make plans for saving at least enough clover seed for planting our own farms. In many cases there is

not only no reason why our own farms should not be amply supplied, but there is a fine field indeed for supplying seed for the open market.

In this year when only a live-at-home policy is to win, saving our own clover seed will mean a very material step in the right direction, and we are glad to reproduce herewith a drawing of a clover seed stripper designed by the United States Department of Agriculture. We believe the accompanying drawing and description will enable the average farmer to make this stripper without any difficulty, but in case further information is desired we will be glad to supply it, or it may be obtained from your county demonstration agent or the United States Department of Agriculture direct.

Next week we shall further discuss this subject of saving clover seed, and we trust that during the next few weeks our Progressive Farmer friends will give this matter their serious consideration.

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