NOTES

A PORTABLE SMALL GRAIN THRESHER

The Soils Section of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station for several years threshed the grain from the over-state experimental fields with a machine consisting of little more than a cylinder and concave. The machine was carried from place to place on a trailer and was driven by a belt from the rear wheel of a Ford car. A change from the practice of harvesting a few small areas from each plat to that of harvesting a large portion of each plat, leaving only a few border rows to be discarded, necessitated the use of a machine large enough to thresh fairly large amounts of grain and yet small and light enough to be transported readily from one field to another.

In the winter of 1927, the writer corresponded with representatives of the experiment stations of several states in an effort to get information which would aid in the purchase or construction of a thresher suitable for our work. The replies indicated that, although there were a large number of different types of threshing machines used at the various stations, there were very few of any one particular type. None of the machines described appeared to meet our requirements.

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