



## *In The News*

### *Compton Chamberlayne*

#### **STEAM CULTIVATION**

*To the Editor of the Salisbury and Winchester Journal*

SIR, - The farmers of your district will soon have an opportunity of forming an opinion of our New Patent Steam Cultivating Apparatus.

Immediately after harvest we shall start two or three sets in your neighbourhood, one for Mr Galpin, of Compton Chamberlain, who is well-known to many of your readers, and who, with the other purchasers, came here to see the different systems in operation before adopting ours.

That it possesses some merit, and is not just what your correspondent represents, we think will appear obvious when we state that since its introduction, hardly three months since, more than sixty sets have been purchased by practical farmers throughout England.

We will only add one other fact, which will still further show how far the statements of your correspondent are correct.

Mr Pike, whose name is familiar to many in your neighbourhood, and who is one of the most enterprising farmers in this county, was the first in this locality to adopt Mr Smith's system.

As soon as our system was introduced Mr Pike had many opportunities of seeing it thoroughly tested, and was about the first to adopt it, selling his other set of apparatus for about half its cost.

Mr Pike is a man whose judgment is respected by all who know him, and we think many of your readers will be glad to hear that he has this day been presented by the Duke of Bedford with a piece of plate, in testimony of his having been the first tenant on the Bedford Estate, who has successfully proved the ability and practicability of cultivating a strong clay land farm by steam power.

We have the honour to be,

Your faithful servants,

JAMES & FREDERICK HOWARD.

Britannia Iron Works, Bedford, July 25, 1861

*(Salisbury and Winchester Journal – 27 July, 1861)*

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*To the Editor of the Salisbury and Winchester Journal*

SIR, - A few weeks since some correspondence was admitted into your *Journal* condemnatory of our new Steam Cultivating Apparatus.

Your readers will perhaps remember that we then ventured to ask them to suspend their judgment until some sets we had on order from your district had been started.

On Tuesday, September 10, the first set was put to work by Mr Lancashire, a gentleman who has lately taken a farm at Mitcheldever, and who informs is that by the following Saturday evening our Cultivator had broken up to his entire satisfaction, and without a single breakage, 40 acres.

Part of one day was lost in consequence of wet weather, and as all Mr Lancashire's men were strange to the apparatus, we think your readers will say that a very good beginning was made.

At the end of this week we shall start a similar set for Mr Galpin, of Compton Chamberlain.

In the correspondence referred to, an invidious comparison was made between our apparatus and Mr Smith's, of Woolston; we will therefore, just add, that the first and only time Mr Smith's apparatus and our own have come into public competition, was at the meeting of the Sparkenhoe Farmers' Club last week, when the Judges unanimously awarded the first and only prize of 50l. to our apparatus.

We have the honour to be, your faithful servants,

JAMES & FRED. HOWARD.

Britannia Iron Works, Bedford, Sept. 19, 1861

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