

INVENTS SHOCK

LOADER

ELMER PITCHER OF VERONA HAS PRACTICAL INVENTION WHICH WILL BE GREAT LABOR-SAVER.

The Chronicle's attention has been called to a photograph of a shock loader invented by Elmer Pitcher of Verona. Having a pretty clear idea of the principle he wanted to evolve, Mr. Pitcher spent about six weeks in a manufacturing establishment in Minneapolis last summer, and put together one of his machines. It was given a thorough trial on his farm in September and 'worked like a charm.' The loader is propelled by four horses, the machine running ahead of the teams, as in the case of a header. By a simple contrivance the shocks of grain are forced onto a carrier and run up an elevator and into the rack alongside. It is said that this machine will load bundles as rapidly as thirty or forty men could do the same amount of work. Mr. Pitcher has secured patents on every detail of the machine in the United States and Canada, and has already had some very flattering offers for his patent rights. It looks good to him about twenty-five thousand dollars worth, and there is but little doubt that he can practically name his own figures. Every device that simplifies farm work and tends to solve the problem of "hired help" is hailed with joy by the farmers. There are self-binders, self-feeders, and so on, and now Mr. Pitcher offers his automatic shock loader. It's a cinch that his offer will be accepted with alacrity.—LaMoure Chronicle.