

MC CORMICK, Cyrus Hall, 1809-1884. Va. Farm born. Of excellent
~~Scotch~~
Scotch-Irish ancestry. Emancipator of farmer from back-breaking
toil of harvesting/ by hand. Inventor of the reaper. First reaper sale
in history, 1840. 50 sold from home farm workshop in 1844. Went west.
Year of his death, 54,841 reapers sold world-wide. Originated deferred
payment system, because he trusted practical farmers. Will to succeed,
indomitable. "From the crude reaper of 1831 has come the modern har-
vester-thresher which cuts fifty acres a day, threshes the grain,
cleans it, and delivers it ready for the granary. From the simple
little log forge shop in Walnut Grove, Virginia, has developed the
International Harvester Company -- one of the greatest/^{.....}manufacturing, and
advertising,~~and-selling-organizations~~ in the world." Fuller details
about this great/^{inventor,}manufacturer, advertiser, salesman, and gratefully
remembered philanthropist in A. M. Field article, above, p.

-- R. W. Stimson.

McCormick, C.H.