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14" Ransomes Lightweight Mk4, No T8320 C: Terence Munns T: 01933 681839 E: fiorello@cruiser2.orangehome.co.uk (Finedon)#

Suffolk Pony. C: Terence Fitzmaurice T: 020 8577 6588 E: fitzmauricet@blueyonder.co.uk (London)#

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24" Dennis, 1935, c/w box. Runs and cuts but needs TLC. Offers in region on £250. C: Simon Bishop T: 01342 835850 E: sbishop52@hotmail.co.uk (Lingfield, Surrey)#

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Qualcast Suffolk Commodore, c/w box. C: Mike Pepper T: 01843 848211 E: kezia_806@hotmail.com (Thanet)#

14" Atco kick start, 1930s model, no box. C: McCall T: 01909 722481 Mjimsfarm@aol.com (Worksop)#

Ransomes Ajax Mk3. C: Paul Syer M: 07774 197489 E: paul.syer@agfa.com (Unknown)#

Webb Miniature, c/w box, vgc. C: Peter Batty T 01207 280424 M: 07828 277570 E: pmglbat@aol.com (Consett)#

Eight Atco mowers, 1930s to 1960s, all two strokes. C: Richard Cruddas T: 01642 700106 E: richard.cruddas@homecall.co.uk (Middlesbrough)#

Ransomes Lightweight, £20. C: Lisa Stewart T: 01483 486366 E: listew@ntlworld.com (Woking)#

Webb electric mower, unknown model. C: Michael Charman E: mcharman@hotmail.com (Fishguard)#

Ransomes Minor Mk4 motor mower, c/w box. C: Bill Bormond T: 01626 206141 E: billbormond@blueyonder.co.uk (Newton Abbot)#

JP Minimower, £50. C: Fred Streeter T: 01903 817040 M: 07788 774507 E: fredstreeter@uwclub.net (Steyping)#

Webb Electric, Model 12/219, c/w box. C: Brendan Davies T: 0113 2403140 E: brendan.davies@virgin.net (Leeds)#

Dennis SR1, Type MkIIA 8 62, 42387D, c/w box and trailing seat. C: Dave Burstow M: 07967 905671 E: daveandmaggieb@waitrose.com (Dorchester)#

Suffolk Colt. C: Julie Freeman T: 01432 359067 E: dtm2free@tiscali.co.uk (Hereford)#

Shay rotary mower. C: Dick Davidson T: 01366 388930 E: dick.davidson@ic24.net (Downham Market)#

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Hayter 26, c/w roller drive gearbox, 1966-9; 18" Hayterette, c/w B&S engine, c1967. C: Wiffen T: 01255 676482 E: member@cwiffen.wanadoo.co.uk (Frinton on Sea)#

12" Ransomes Atlas, c/w box. C: John Davis M: 07968 736288 E: harleydavis@blueyonder.co.uk (Unknown)#

24" Dennis, 1950s, c/w box and trailer seat; 14" Atco kick start, c/w box. C: David Kemp T: 01980 620353 (Amesbury)#

Greens mower. C: Mr Hooton T: 01908 665239 (Milton Keynes)#

Atco motor mowers. C: Colin Charge T: 01908 551811 (Milton Keynes)#

Suffolk Pony, c/w box, 1950s. C: Rev Leslie Allaway T: 01298 70270 (Buxton)#

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Barford Atom Grasscutter. C: Mrs PJ Baxter T: 01763 272592 (Buntingford)#

Ransomes Ajax, 1964, c/w box. C: David Gyton T: 01327 353233 (Towcester)#

14" Greens Master. C: GB Toft T: 01829 751511 (Chester)#

48" Ransomes Mastiff ride-on, c/w box. C: Geoff Barker T: 07966 403448 (Adderbury)#

12" Ransomes Certes, no box. C: John Oldbrechts T: 01474 323977 (Gravesend)#

Trojan Power Unit. C: Mark Adams T: 0115 309252 (Derby)#

Ransomes mower, unknown model, 1930s, in pieces. C: Edwin Arblaster T: 01558 685431 (South Wales)#

Ransomes Motor Mower, c/w box and transport wheels. C: Mr Miller T: 01258 857652 (Blandford)#

12" JP mower, unknown model, c/w box. C: Coulson T: 01707 884595 (Potters Bar)#

12" JP Super, c/w box. C: Gordon Dark T: 01473 890674 E: gfdx@onetel.com (Ipswich)#

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Paper air filter for Dennis Paragon (Villiers engine), believed identical to 1960 Premier filter, possibly AC Delco PC55 or equivalent. C: Jack Frost T: 01747 870690 (Shaftesbury)

Pre 1940 lawn mowers. Anything considered except Atco including individual machines and whole collections. Write to Michael Duck, 1 Belmont Terrace, Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset TA19 0JX.

To add to my collection: Drummond Willing Worker motor mower; Shanks Jehu; 1920s Greens motor mower; John Shaw Governor water cooled mower; unusual Victorian hand mowers. Good prices paid. Distance no object. Could part exchange 1927 30" square tank motor mower. C: Dusty Miller T: 023 92632620 E: dusty@pmiller7.fsnet.co.uk (Waterlooville)

Grass box for 18" Ransomes Auto Certes Mk8, c1971; Ransomes Certes hand push. mowers, any models. C: David Bolland T: 0161 427 5669 (Manchester)

Suffolk Auto Swift, willing to pay sensible amount anywhere in the UK. C: Paul Halley E: p.halley@ntlworld.com (Leicester)

JAP twin cylinder engine for medium sized rotavator (unknown model). C: Richard Wray T: 07921 461542 E: richard.wray@mkcollege.ac.uk (Milton Keynes)#

Note: C: = Name; T: = Telephone; M: = Mobile; E: = Email; F: = Fax; # = Non-Member; Nearest Main Town (In Brackets)

When submitting adverts for Grassbox please use the following format: size and name of machine, supporting details inc presence of grass box, contact name, telephone number, email address, location.

Specific "wants" are included once unless repeats are requested. General "wants" (eg "I want mowers for my collection") will be included without request unless space is very tight.

HALL & DUCK INFORMATION SERVICE

The Hall & Duck Trust can provide information on almost any make and model of lawn mower. For just £6 per machine they will search their extensive information archive and provide copies of documents found, dates of manufacture and more. Special rates for multiple queries. Please make cheques payable to "The Hall & Duck Trust". Send queries with cheques to: Andrew Hall, Archivist, The Hall & Duck Trust, 16 Malcolm Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 4AS
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TRANSFERS

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PART No	ITEM	DETAILS	PRICE
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AT03	Atco Motor Mower Individual	For 1920s Atco Motor Mower	£3.00
AT04	Atco CHP Round Individual	Round CHP Ltd for 1920s Atco Motor Mower	£3.00
AT05	Atco (162x41mm)	Normal ATCO logo	£4.00
AT06	Atco (133x34mm)	Normal ATCO logo	£4.00
AT07	Atco (75x19mm)	Normal ATCO logo	£4.00
AT08	Atco George VI Crest		£10.00
AT09	Atco Cutter Release		£2.00
AU01	Automower (149x97mm)		£6.00
FOL01	Folbate (163x27mm)		£3.00
JP01	JP Super Lawnmowers	75x123mm oval with wording around edge	£3.00
JP02	JP Normal	52x103mm without wording	£3.00
JP03	JP Minimower Version 1	73x44mm oval with straight lettering	£3.00
JP04	JP Minimower Version 2	80x45mm oval with italic lettering	£3.00
JP05	JP Maxees Version 1	115x55mm oval with Maxees than JP	£3.00
JP06	JP Maxees Version 2	110x63mm oval with JP larger than Maxees	£3.00
JP07	JP Maxees Mk3 Scraper	122x41mm	£3.00
JP08	JP Maxees Sideplate	123x60mm	£3.00
JP09	JP Minor Version 1	Oval	£3.00
Q01	Qualcast Panther	Chain cover 254x126mm	£7.00
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R01	Ransomes Scroll	130mm	£2.00
R01a	Ransomes Script	To go with R01 included in price	
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R02a	Ransomes Script	To go with R02 included in price	
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R03a	Ransomes Script	To go with R03 included in price	
R05	Ransomes	Grey Crest 70x90mm rectangular for later models	£4.00
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SU01	Suffolk Super Punch	17" Dual Drive, 202x190mm for grass box	£10.00
SU02	Suffolk Punch	Dual Drive Mark 7, 228x223mm for grass box	£10.00
SU03	Suffolk Super Punch	14" Super Punch, 35x170mm modern design	£6.00
SU04	Suffolk Super Colt	Super Colt, 135x170mm modern design	£6.00
SU05	Suffolk Punch	Punch, 86x95mm modern design	£3.00
W01	Webb Wizard	197x62mm	£3.00
Z01	Pull Fast Return Slow		£1.50
Z02	King George VI Crest	Plain without wording underneath	£10.00
Z03	QE2 Plain Crest 6147	135 x 140mm	£10.00
Z04	QE2 Plain Crest 6146	180 x 185mm	£10.00

Members can view colour versions of transfer on the Club website at: www.oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk/transfers/transfer.htm

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

It will be nearly the end of the year when this Grassbox hits the doormats so I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the committee to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and successful New Year. 2007 has been something of a transition year for the club and while this will continue into 2008 I would hope that in the future we will look back on this period and see that it marked the beginning of an exciting new chapter in our ongoing story.

PUBLICATIONS

Directory of Lawnmower Models	£6.00
& Manufacturers (can be supplied on 3.5in PC disk on request)	
Set of seven old black and white photographs	£10.00

ORDERING ITEMS

Send **all** orders to Bernard Robinson, Old Lawnmower Club, 10 Burchester Avenue, Headington, Oxford OX3 9NA. **Cheques payable to: 'The Old Lawnmower Club'. PayPal and Nochex accepted (send email for details). Please allow plenty of time for delivery.**

On a personal note I should like to thank the committee for all their help and support during the past 12 months. Despite our best efforts to see him off, and a change of roles, Robbie has continued to do an excellent job and I know that the new people who have become involved with the running of the club are very excited about their contributions. Their willingness to step forward when asked has been much appreciated. Hoping to see you all next year, Keith.

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Membership Renewals

Currently vacant. This is a once a year job that is vital for the future of the club.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All membership renewal notices were sent out during June. Members who joined the club for the first time between 1 January and 31 May 2007 do not need to renew this year and will not have received a letter.

Membership runs from 1 June to 31 May each year and lapses for those who do not rejoin by the end of July.

You can check the status of your membership on the bottom right hand corner of the address label on the envelope containing the current Grassbox. This number indicates the year to which your membership runs. For example, 8 indicates that you are a member until May 2008. If the number is 7 you should renew your membership now otherwise you will receive no more editions of Grassbox and your membership will cease.

If you did not receive a renewal notice and your membership ends this year (ie if there is a 7 on your address label) please contact Keith Wootton at the usual address.

GARFITTS SPARES

If you need a bottom blade for a mower why not order it through the Club? We have a special trade account with Garfitt's of Sheffield which means we can buy spare parts, especially bottom blades, from their extensive catalogue at very reasonable prices. Garfitt's claim to be able to supply bottom blades to fit almost any mower and so far we haven't caught them out! Club members have already bought blades for 9" Ransomes Lion, 10" and 12" Ransomes Patent Chain Automaton, 8" Greens Silens Messor, 12" Shanks Ivanhoe, and 28" Shanks Pony Mower. Prices are extremely reasonable, broadly £1 to £1.50 an inch for a blank blade which you would need to drill and fit yourself. The company can also supply ready-to-fit bottom blades and cutting cylinders for more recent machines from main manufacturers. We can also supply screws in a variety of sizes. To take advantage of these special terms you must order items through the Club. To find out more contact Richard Jones by telephone on 023 92598601 or email at richard.jones@oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk. Richard will also be able to offer general advice on removal and replacement of the blades.

ANNUAL DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS

The Annual Directory of Members is sent out with this Grassbox. All members that consented to be included when joining or last renewing their membership are included. If you are not included this is because you have either not consented or, for a few members, you did not supply a telephone number or email address (we would include a consenting member who supplied an email address but no telephone number). As you might imagine this directory contains a lot of information and while we do try to be as accurate as possible there may be one or two errors. We will, of course, be happy to correct any mistakes in future editions.

CLUB CHANGES

We have made some progress in recruiting more members to help run the Club since the previous Grassbox, the most significant being the new editor. Some members have also volunteered to help distribute Grassbox and this is very welcome. In the last edition we provided a list of tasks that need doing and this is repeated below in a slightly modified form to show which areas still need to be covered.

Roles where volunteers have stepped up:

Grassbox Editor (four times a year)
Secretary*
Treasurer*
New Member Enrolment*

Roles where we have volunteers but still need more:

Grassbox Distribution (four times a year)

Roles that still need to be filled:

Membership Renewals (once a year)
Leaflet Production (eg Annual Members Booklet)
Website
Answering Emails (see "Expert Advice Team" below)
Publicity
Organising Events

By far the most serious are those in the third section because if nobody volunteers these could well disappear or be severely disrupted from May 2008. Many are "once a year" jobs that are quite easy and will not take too much time. Once you've done it, it's done so there is no open ended commitment.

I know that people are reluctant to step forward and offer their time but I was serious with the incentives mentioned in the last edition. For example, we could offer free membership for a year to anyone that offers to organise the sending out of a single issue of Grassbox (which takes one evening once you get stuck in). We would provide everything you need and get it delivered so all you need to do is put the papers in the envelopes. It really is that easy. Hope to hear from some of you soon. Thanks. Keith Wootton.

EXPERT ADVICE TEAM

As part of our ongoing efforts to share the workload I am trying to establish a team of mower experts who can help to answer emails and telephone queries about machines made by specific manufacturers, especially the major companies. I have approached a few members already but there are still lots of opportunities for people to help. Here's how it could work:

- You make a commitment to answering all queries about one (and only one) make of mower. The emphasis here is all enquiries
- Enquiries about your chosen manufacturer are forwarded or referred to you by email or (if you prefer) telephone. If you use email we can set this up so that many of these enquiries come straight to you without passing through "club central".
- You provide a response within a reasonable time frame or forward the enquiry to someone else in the club who might be able to help instead. For example, you could send details of where to buy spares (John Cruse for general items or Christopher Saunders-Davies for Dennis, for example), transfers (Robbie) or bottom blades (Richard) and so on. Often the enquiry can be answered in one email and/or by referring the person to the club (or some other) website.
- If you cannot help you still send a reply to the enquirer telling them so. This is important because you will be representing the club and all enquiries should receive a reply as a common courtesy.
- You would also ensure that any mowers for sale are recorded and submitted to Grassbox. We already have an online system to make this easy.

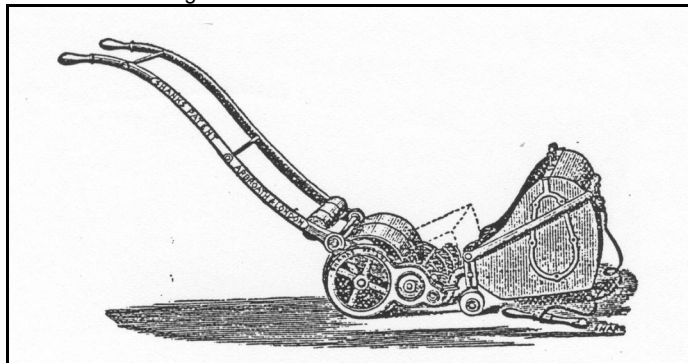
This is pretty much what I do at the moment but in the future we can share this out a lot more. Most enquiries received are very basic ("How old is it?" is the most common) and although having a detailed knowledge of a particular make or model is useful it is not absolutely essential. What is more useful, most times, is to know where to find or refer people for more information. The more devious readers out there will realise that helping in this way may have some useful side benefits. I hope that is incentive enough for you. Anyone interested in helping with this can contact me on keith.wootton@oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk or by telephone on 01327 830675.

HOME GARDENING

GARDEN IMPLEMENTS-LAWN-MOWERS

Reproduced from *Cassell's Household Guide*, published 1870

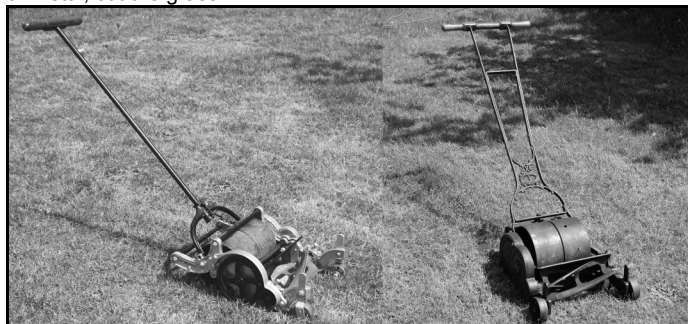
In order that lawns may present that close, fine, and velvety appearance in their grass which is most beautiful to the eye and pleasant to tread upon, it is necessary that they should be mown evenly and regularly. If at any period of the year the grass be left unmown for too great a length of time; if the first mowing be delayed too long in the spring; or, still more, if cutting be discontinued too early in the autumn, the stronger and coarser kinds of grass will overpower and kill the weaker and finer varieties. Consequently, a lawn which has been neglected will require constant care for a considerable length of time before it recovers its original beauty, and, indeed, sometimes it will never be able to regain it.



The old-fashioned method of mowing by the scythe is attended with various disadvantages. The use of it, for so delicate an operation as mowing requires considerable skill, for it is not easy to shave the whole surface closely without leaving unsightly ridges or occasionally cutting off portions of the turf, nor, except where a gardener is regularly employed; is it always possible to procure the services of a qualified person at the precise time when it is necessary that the lawn should be mowed. The introduction of machine-mowers has, therefore, been attended with very great advantages, and has generally been received with favour by the public; as they can be used by any person, they enable lawns to be mown with greater regularity than formerly, and the benefit of this is seen in the great improvement which invariably takes place in a lawn when the machine-mower is brought into use. Often the use of this instrument, when it is a small one, forms an agreeable exercise for the members of a family, and thus all expense of lawn-mowing is avoided; whilst, in extensive gardens, it is estimated that a machine of the largest size will save the labour of ten men.

When these machines were first brought before the public, the cleanly manner in which they removed the whole of the grass cut by them was looked upon as a great advantage. Since that time, however, it has been questioned, and with some show of reason, whether depriving the turf of the whole of the crop produced by it was desirable. So doing, must, it is certain, tend to impoverish the soil, and it is to poverty that a serious defect in some old lawns, that of becoming mossy, is to be attributed. Some of the lawn-mowers, as now made, cut up the grass finely, and leave it scattered over the ground; this system of mowing is, however, one which is not successful unless the mowing be done very frequently and regularly.

A great number of machines, slightly differing in some minor details, are at present before the public. In principle and general construction, they are, however, much alike. An iron roller, which bears the principal part of the weight of the instrument, is connected by cog-wheels, a chain, or band, to a revolving frame fitted with knives, to which it gives motion; and these knives, working against a projecting ledger or edge of metal, cut the grass.



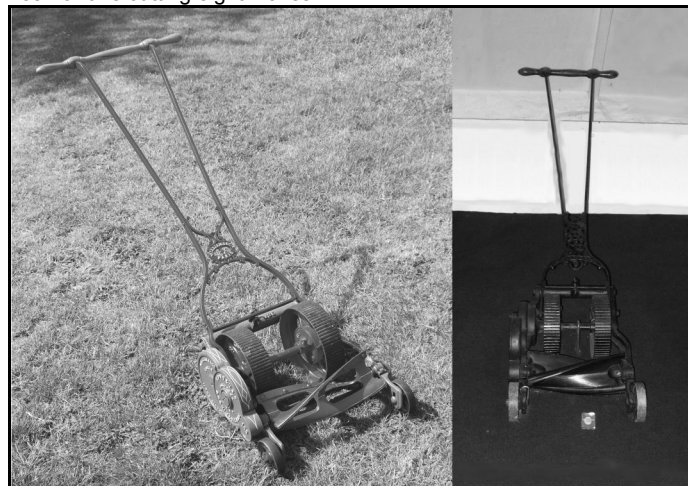
In those machines which collect, an iron box or tray is fixed in front of the knife frame, to receive the cut grass when flung up by the knives. There are also, generally, rollers in front of the knife-frame, which serve to guide the machine, and also to press down the grass into that position in which it can be most easily severed by the knives.

In the space at our command it would be scarcely possible for us to speak separately of all the different machines which are now offered to the public; we shall, however, mention several of those which are generally considered the more important, or which offer any more especial features to our notice.

The Patent Mower of Messrs. Shanks and Son presents two peculiar features of value. The ledger or sole plate, against which the knives act; has a double edge, and whenever that part becomes worn, it can again be made to do its work properly by reversing the ledger; endurance for twice the usual time is thus secured for that portion of the implement. The second peculiarity is a "wind-guard," which prevents a high wind interrupting the proper delivery of grass into the box.

An illustration of this mower is given in Fig. 1. The price is about the same as that of the other implements we have mentioned. The box can be removed, if desired, so that the grass can be left spread on the ground. This is a silent, excellent, and deservedly popular implement.

The "Automaton" lawn-mower, of Messrs. Ransomes, Sims, and Head, shown in Fig. 2, has the connection between its drum and knives kept up by means of cogwheels, which is advocated by them on the ground of its greater strength, and the remote possibility which arises from it of the machine getting out of order. The handles of the "Automaton" fold backwards in such a manner as to admit of its occupying a very small space when not in use. The grass-box is removable at pleasure, so that the cut up grass may, if preferred, be left scattered on the lawn. This is a good implement, and largely used; prices range upwards from £2 15s. for one cutting eight inches.



The "Archimedean" Mower, as supplied by Messrs Walter Carson and Sons, is wholly based on the newer principle of lawn-mowing, and leaves the whole of the grass scattered on the turf, chopped up, and in a finely divided state. This machine is an American invention, and differs in several respects from those of the common form. As shown in our illustration, Fig. 3, it is pushed by a single long handle, the knife is in the form of a simple one Archimedean screw, and, instead of guiding-rollers in front, the "Archimedean" slides upon a flat iron sole upon either side; the grass is, therefore, not pressed down before meeting the knives. The advantages of this arrangement are, that the grass being taken in its natural position, all bents can be cut, and a somewhat greater length is no material objection; that the machine can be used with equal efficiency when the grass is wet; and that it is not liable to clog. A ten inch "Archimedean" costs £3, and larger ones proportionate prices.

...to be continued

Editors' Note: This article was originally published in 1870 and is one of the earliest of its type. The "figure" references are retained but the original illustrations cannot be included because they are not easily copied from the original. The images that have been included are as follows:

Top Left: Shanks Patent Lawn Mower, shown in Shanks catalogue of 1871, the year after the article was written. The faint dotted line that can be seen between the rear roller and grass box is presumably to illustrate the position of the "Wind Guard" mentioned in the article (and catalogue). Another unusual feature of this mower is the bracket for holding the wooden front rollers between the lower section of the handles when they have been removed from the usual position to allow long grass mowing. Prices of this model in 1871 ranged from £2-10-0 for the 8" up to £9-0-0 for the 23".

The other two images show four different "Archimedean" mowers, all slightly different. Three of these, shown on grass, were seen at this year's Annual Rally at Milton Keynes. The fourth, on the dark background, is located at Trevice in Cornwall. Although none of these is identical to the mower described in the article, all of them are similar.