

HUBBELL, Myron Rodney

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Myron R. HUBBELL, of Wolcott [Lamoille County, Vermont], was born 06 April 1835, son of Seth and Sylvia (SPAULDING) HUBBELL. His grandfather was the first settler of the town of Wolcott. Coming there in 1789, he endured privations and hardships, carrying his corn on his back twelve miles to mill for several years. Under such conditions he reared a family of seventeen children. Seth, the father of the subject of the present sketch, was a lifelong resident of the town, and Myron R. was brought up among the usual surroundings of a New England farm.

Completing his education in the common schools, when he arrived at man's estate he went to the Northwest on a tour of observation, but soon returned to the paternal homestead, devoting himself to the care of his parents during their declining years. At their death he sold the farm and removed to the village. Mr. HUBBELL has a decided talent for invention, and for twenty years has devoted himself to this pursuit, constructing his own models and patterns, and has obtained in all fifteen patents. He has devoted much time and thought to improving reversible plows, and is the originator of the theory that the draught attachment of a reversible plow should be adjusted to the right and left furrows, alternately, at each turn of the mouldboard. To accomplish this object he devised and patented the shifting lever clevis now so generally used on reversible plows, and also patented the rod running lengthwise of and swiveled to the team for the same purpose. It is unnecessary to say more in reference to this matter, as the great value of his improvements in reversible plows are generally and widely known.

He has also invented and patented a car coupler, which those who are conversant with this subject unhesitatingly declare to be in advance of all others they have ever examined. Mr. HUBBELL and W. W. CATE, of Wolcott, are joint investors in a spiral rotary cylinder for planers, which is now in operation and is doing superior work. He has always been attached to the Republican party but has never cared for or accepted official positions. Member of Mineral Lodge No. 93, Free & Accepted Masons, of Wolcott. On 02 April 1862 [Myron R. HUBBELL] married Miss Mary, daughter of Ralph and Sybil (POWERS) MARTIN, of Wolcott [Lamoille County, Vermont]; their only living child is Ralph M., of Wolcott.

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