



**THE PATTISSON ROTARY SIFTER**  
*(The driving gear is covered in, but exposed for illustration)*

H. Patisson & Co., Ltd. are reinstating a machine which was very popular with golf clubs and councils until they stopped making it a few years ago. It is the Patisson Rotary Sifter, for screening compost, ashes, etc., which has been a popular item for at least 30 years.

Having improved the design for economical production, they reckon to have them available for sale commencing in April this year.

For further details write to Messrs H. Patisson & Co., Ltd., Stanmore, Middlesex.

least the cultivator leaves the soil it damages on the surface for winter frosts to put right, and chemicals may be used to kill weeds previously checked by deep ploughing. This treatment can provide some sort of answer, except in the exceptional season when ruts cut deep in the soil.

Slow moving trends in farming are very difficult to discern. A series of dry harvests and autumns can sweep the problem under the carpet until the next crisis when it may be found that the situation has deteriorated even further. Monoculture of cereals in Britain is nothing new. Two generations ago Farmer and Bayliss made their fortunes

growing barley exclusively, but they chose their soils and their crops were under-sown with trefoil. New methods must be tried, but in the meantime some of the unlucky ones may pay dearly. Agricultural economists study graphs and trends of the last decade and are apt to project them into the future. In the sixties new varieties kept the graphs rising steeply: in the seventies, the incidence of plant disease together with the problems concerning soil structure, could balance out the increased yields we have come to expect.

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