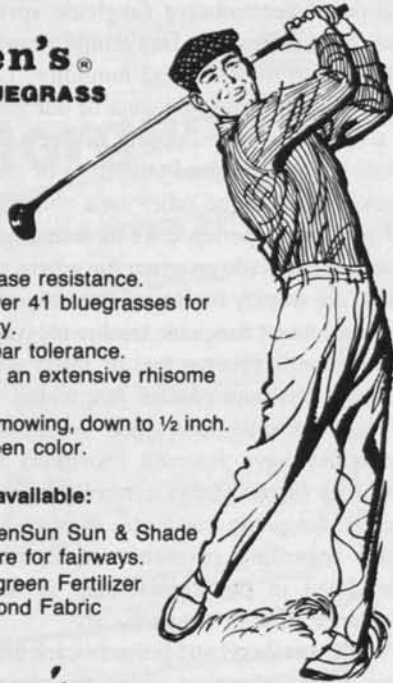


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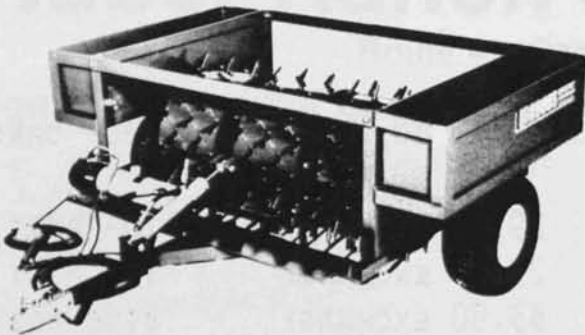
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**Trying to Do the Job Alone**

(Response to Insurance Company)

Submitted by Paul Voykin

I am writing in response to your request for additional information. In block number 8 of the accident form, I put "trying to do the job alone" as the cause of my accident.

You said in your letter that I should explain more fully, and I trust the following details will be sufficient.

I am a brick layer by trade. On the day of the accident I was working alone on the roof of a new 6-story building. When I completed my work, I found that I had about 500 pounds of bricks left over. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley which fortunately was attached to the side of the building at the 6th floor. Securing the rope at the ground level, I went up to the roof, swung the barrel out, and loaded the bricks into it. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it lightly to insure a slow descent of 500 pounds of bricks.

You will note in block number 11 of the accident report that I weigh 135 pounds. Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate up the side of the building. In the vicinity of the 3rd floor, I met the barrel coming down. This explains the fractured skull, and broken collar bone. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles into the pulley. Fortunately, by this time I had regained my presence of mind, I was able to hold tightly to the rope, in spite of my pain.

At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of bricks, the barrel then weighed approximately 50 pounds. I refer you again to my weight in block 11.

As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the building. In the vicinity of the 3rd floor, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for my 2 fractured ankles, and the laceration of my legs, and lower body area. The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of bricks, and fortunately only 3 vertebrae were cracked.

I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the bricks in pain, unable to stand in watching the empty barrel 6 stories above me ... I again lost my presence of mind and let go of the rope. The empty barrel weighed more than the rope, so it came back down on me, and broke both my legs.

I hope I have furnished the information you have requested.

(1983/84 Weather Cont'd.)

I hope that all of you in the Chicago area will come through with flying colors this summer with respect to the trees and ornaments on your properties. At this point in time, there is very little that can be done to change the situation. However, on those plants that are somewhat marginal in health, a light fertilization (from 1/2 - 3/4 pound nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of canopy area) as soon as possible, plus close attention to maintaining adequate soil moisture, may pull them through.

Good Luck!