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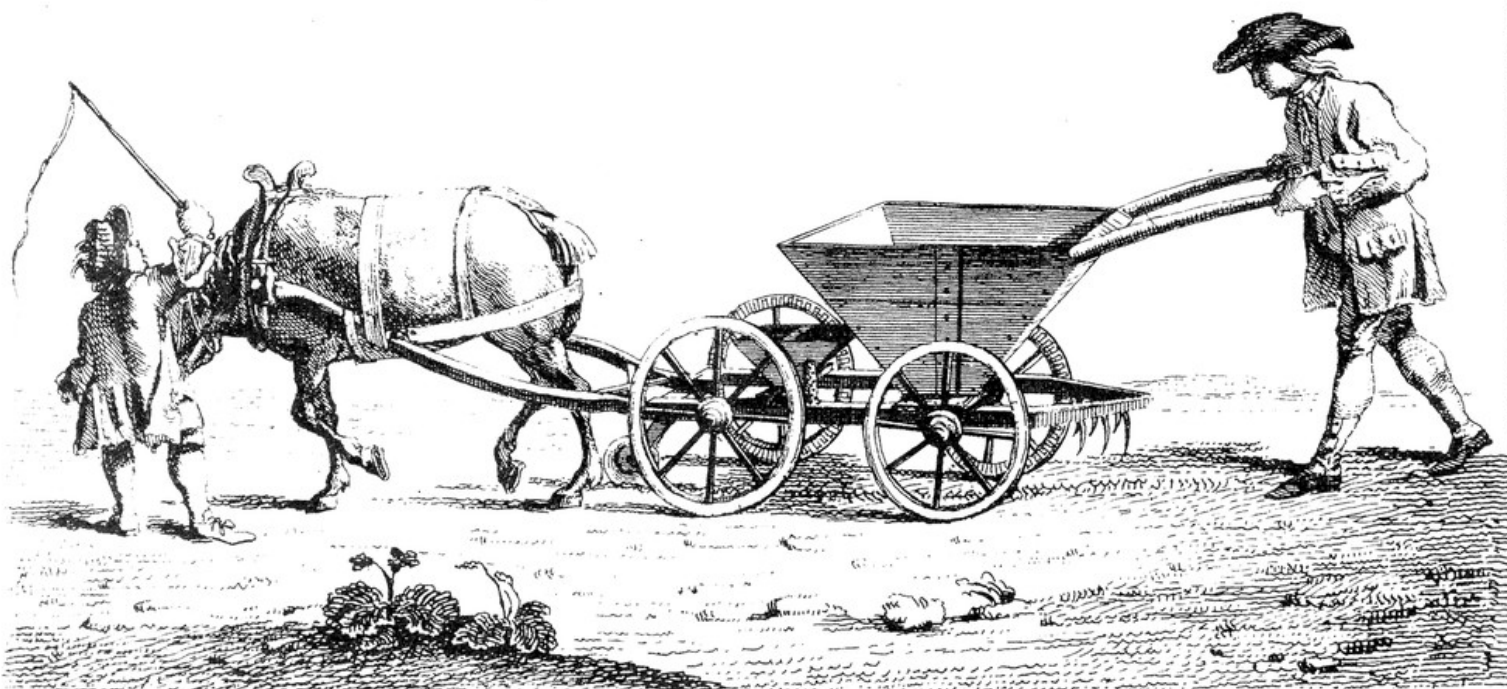
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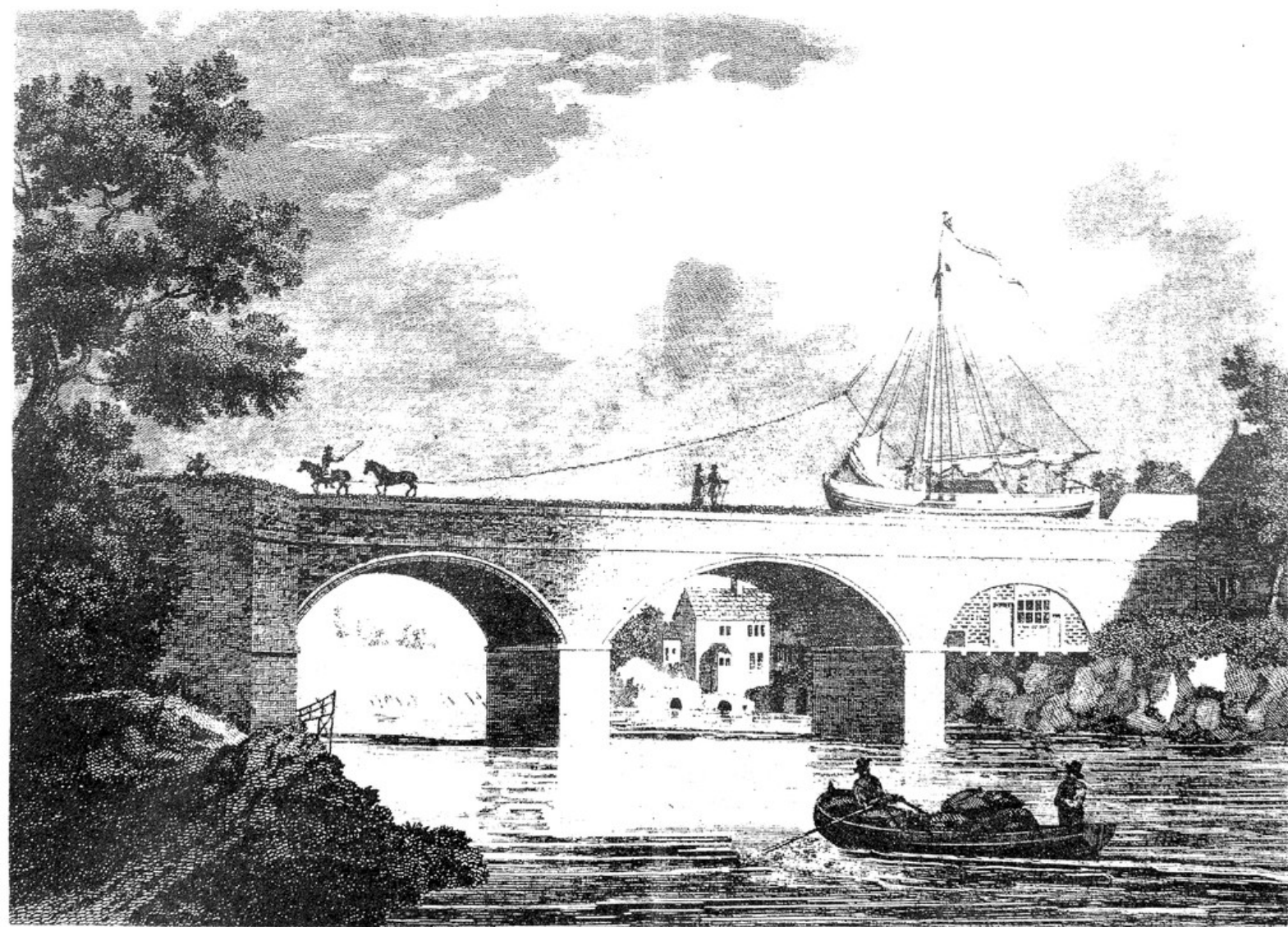


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This four Wheel Drill Plow, with a Seed and a Manure Hopper, was first Invented in the Year 1745. and is now in Use with W.^m Ellis at Little Gaddesden near Hempstead in Hertfordshire. where any person may View the same. It is so light that a Man may Draw it, but Generally drawn by a pony or little Horse.

From *The Farmer's Instructor*, by S. Trowell, 1747. Farming progress in the 18th century was shown in improved implements and methods of tillage, new rotations of crops that eliminated the year of fallow and substituted the field cultivation of turnips and other roots, the resulting maintenance of larger herds of cattle with consequent increase of manure resources, and the improved breeds of cattle and sheep. Depicted is one of the new implements, from which sprang economy of seed, and better cultivation with less expenditure on labour and increased yield. The high ridges of the older farming have given place to more thorough tillage. The cheap labour of women and children was a regular feature.



VIEW OF BARTON BRIDGE.

From J. Aikin, "Description of the country round Manchester, 1795." This aqueduct was regarded as the greatest engineering feat of the day. The Bridgewater Canal ended the winter isolation of Manchester, enlarged the prosperity of the city and of the Bridgewater collieries, provided far cheaper communications than the uncertain and costly river navigation, and became the parent of the British Canal System.