



Edged tools are apt to be dangerous. An adze or a hand grubber is very liable to glance and cause serious injury if carelessly handled.

Left.—Asking for trouble. Right.—A safe stance.

the additional strain imposed when climbing a steep incline is liable to result in a sudden fracture, particularly if the driver is of more than average weight. For this reason many farmers prefer to play safe by fitting an additional spring leaf as a reinforcement.

### Tractor Accidents

It will be noted that the number of fatal accidents resulting from the use of tractors is high. Many such accidents no doubt result from errors of

judgment in working uneven ground, and are due very largely to the personal element. Some, admittedly, are due to rearing of the machine—a combination of the personal element with faulty design of the draw-bar mechanism. Another common cause of injury, though usually not so serious, is being jolted from the seat through hitting an obstruction or uneven

ground. Some drivers on this account favour a back rest for the seat. This gives additional security to the operator, but may prevent him from jumping clear in the event of a mishap. So, also, the practice of erecting a cab to give protection from the weather is apt to prove a serious danger to the operator if the machine is working under difficult conditions, and cannot altogether be safely recommended. Careless holding of the cranking handle with the thumb clasped round it is a fruitful source of injury in the event of a backfire, and frequently results in a bad sprain or a broken arm.

Like the tractor, the discs can be dangerous on a steep slope. The risk of overturning can, however, be readily overcome by fixing a length of stout timber transversely across the frame with the ends projecting well out on each side of the machine.

### Beware of the Bull

Traditional experience, coupled with an occasional reminder in the shape of an obituary paragraph in the newspaper, does much to reduce the accident rate from goring. Farmers with long experience agree that even the most docile of bulls, irrespective of breed, should be labelled "dangerous." In fact, it is almost invariably the hitherto "quiet" bull which does the mischief. The bull which is known



Many bad accidents are caused by slipping on a steep, smooth concrete path in wet weather, particularly to anyone wearing muddy boots. It is a simple matter to impress a barred pattern before the concrete sets.

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