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**If I Could Invent Something New**

If I could invent something new, it would be a simple manual hand tiller. Why a simple hand tiller of all inventions? That exactly is the question my essay aims to answer.

The Manuel Hand Tiller which I dream of is a simple hand-operated farm equipment with a strong handle to enable the user to stand while using it. It will have strong spikes and an oval disc. The spikes would loosen the earthcrust while the disc would make the ridges by gathering the soil to both sides. When the user pierces farmland with it and drags it, these two activities would be performed consecutively. It would require no special skill to operate. It is not motorised and women can efficiently operate it.

I come from the suburb of Calabar. The major occupation of the people here is farming. My mother is a farmer and through farming she takes care of the family. Many other women here do nothing else but farm and only rest in the farming season when it rains heavily. Each planting season comes with its challenges but the main one is the disappointment of farmers by the young men who till the farm and this often leaves much land uncultivated after clearing.

If I invent a Manual Hand Tiller, farmers, more especially women would use it to cultivate crops like corn, yam, beans, cassava, potato, etc. This will ensure that the arable farmland is fully used for farming. The discouragement to farming would be reduced. Women will no longer overdepend on the men to till the ground for them before planting.

Secondly, the disappointment my mother and other farmers face in the hands of workers will be reduced. When the lands are not tilled early, it leads to late planting and some pests attack crops due to late planting. The government often provides improved seedlings, herbicides, insecticides, fertilisers and other farm aids to farmers but hardly provides tillers. This will support the efforts of the government in enhancing food production in Nigeria.

The three basic needs of man are food, clothing and shelter but the greatest is food. It is no news that the prices of food commodities in the country have increased highly. Many people can’t afford three square meals a day. Anyone you ask, ‘How are you?’ the person will reply, ‘There is hunger o.’ With my Manual Hand Tiller, everyone who has a piece of land either at home or a distance will like to farm. With the help of the long handle, even the aged will not need to bend to avoid waist pain which my mother usually complains about each time she comes back from the farm.

In conclusion, I won’t go for the invention of money printing machine because we cannot eat money. I will not go for big farm machines because petroleum products are costly and there may be no operators. Nevertheless, I will invent, Manual Hand Tiller for farming and this will be a tool to fighting high inflation in Nigeria.