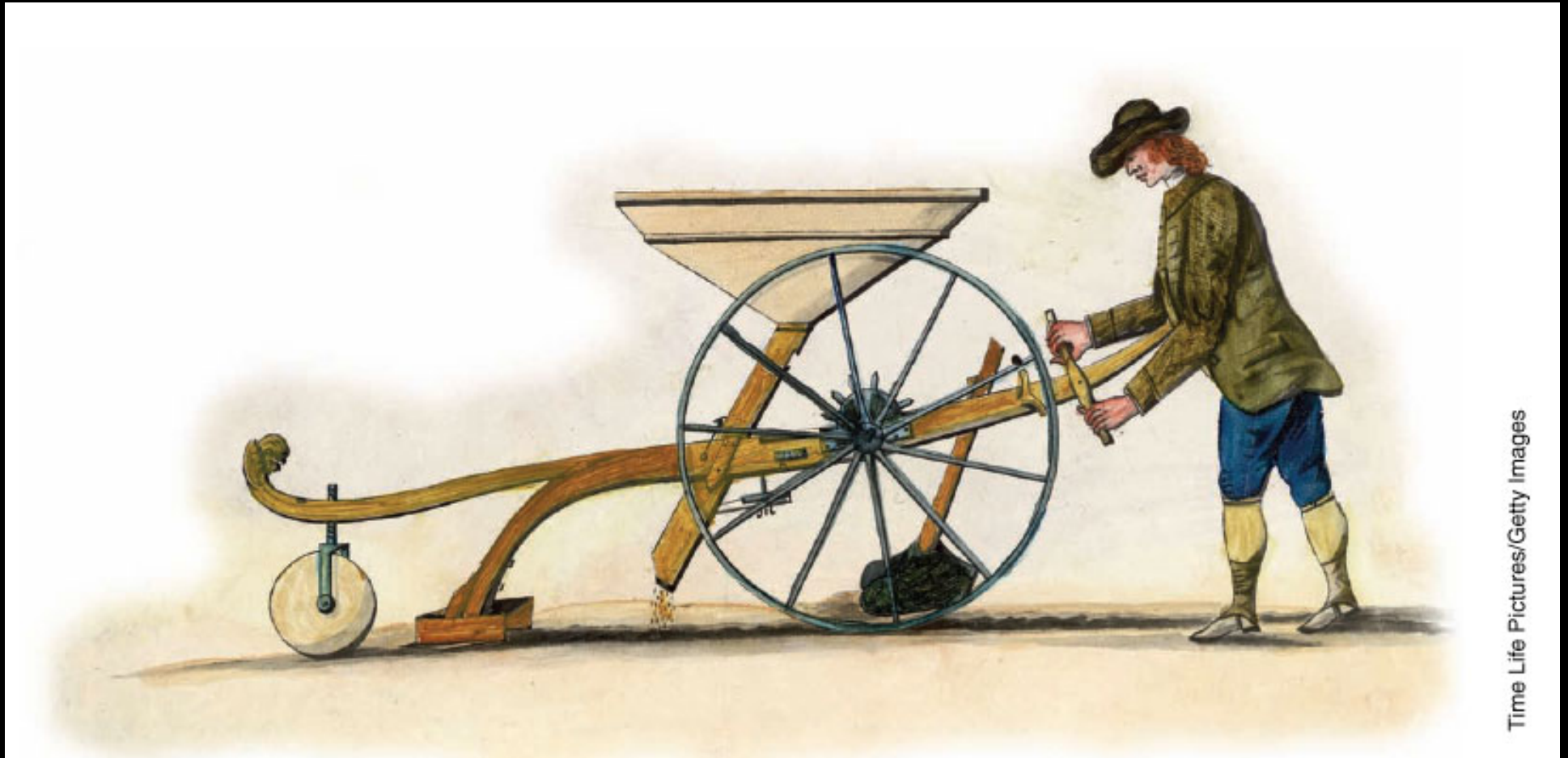


The Seed Drill

-The seed drill was originally invented in the 2nd century, but Jethro Tull improved the design in 1701.



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What is the seed drill?

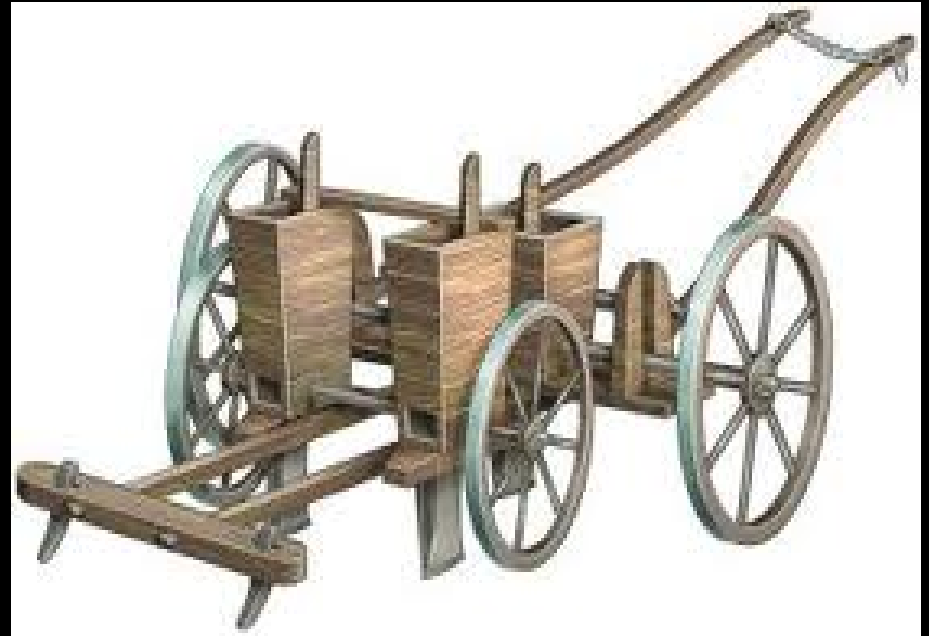
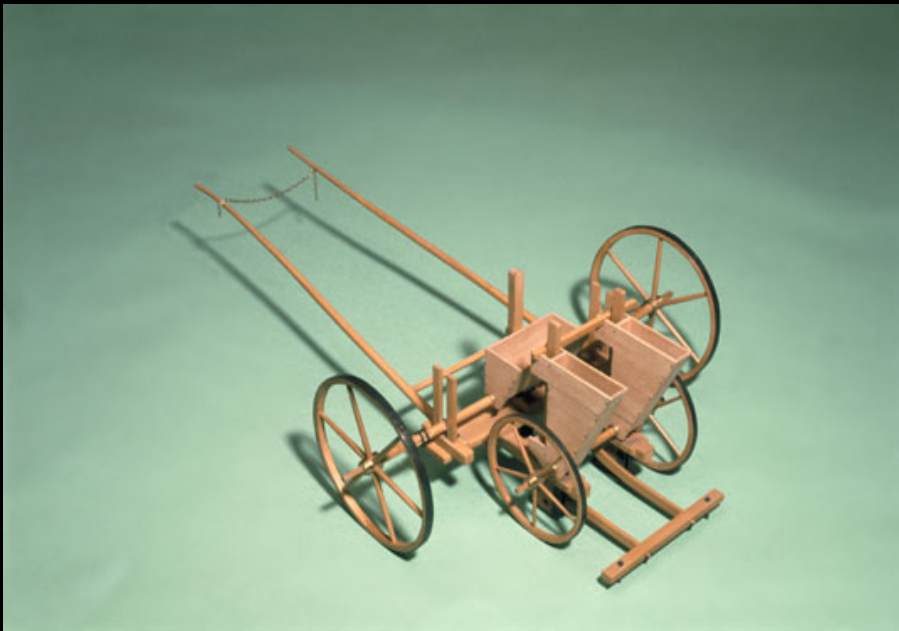
- A seed drill is a sowing device that precisely positions seeds in the soil and then covers them.

What was it like before the seed drill?

- Before the introduction of the seed drill, the common practice was to sow seeds by hand. Besides being wasteful, sowing seeds by hand was very imprecise and led to a poor distribution of seeds, leading to low productivity.

How did it help farmers of that era?

- The use of a seed drill helped improve the ratio of crop yield by as much as eight times. The increased crop yield allowed them to pull in a lot more profit.



What is the seed drill's impact on society today?

- Farmers today have upgraded the seed drill to put down much more than the 3 rows of it before.
- Today, it can plant up to ten or more rows of seeds, making the machine even more efficient than before.
- They still use it to this day to yield more from their crops.



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