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History Journal: Gas powered drag saw June 5, 2020

Before you read below, look closely at the picture. Then read and see what you might have missed!



A dragsaw or drag saw is a large reciprocating saw using a long steel crosscut saw to cut logs to length. Prior to the popularization of the chainsaw during World War II, the dragsaw was a popular means of taking the hard work out of cutting wood. They would only work for a log on the ground. Dragsaws are known as the first mechanical saws to be used in the timber industry operation. These tools were most useful in the logging business, because they were efficient and very resilient.

The use of stone-cutting dragsaws may have started in the Fourth Dynasty, Egypt, about 4,500 years before its commonly accepted date of invention. Early dragsaws of the modern era were human-powered, steam and later gasoline-powered. –Wikipedia