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About the AuthorAlvin Sellens is a noted authority on handtools, having written extensively on the subject.