

they had been rightfully rewarded and that the whining thousand were merely paying the penalty of incapacity. When we are lucky, we take the credit and think we deserve wealth; when fortune frowns, we shift responsibility to the fates.

So finding none to heed them, the shovelless thousand roved here and there, bargaining for shovels. With cash, some tempted an owner to part with a shovel. Others became tenants. In the great era of speculation that followed the rise in shovels, many became owners of more than one shovel. These sought others with whom to make tenancy or purchase contracts. A workman who owned, say, five shovels, did no work. Instead, he collected the rental of one-fifth their wages from each of five workmen to whom he had leased shovels. It can readily be seen



*There was now created a leisure class.*