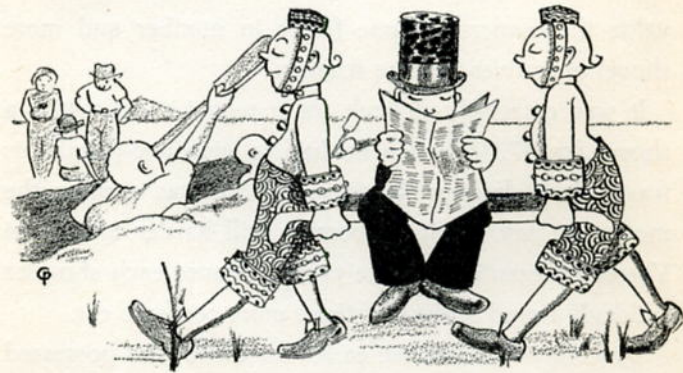


purchase additional ones. This they did from time to time, usually when some workman became ill or had some bad fortune which compelled him to sell or mortgage his shovel, or sometimes they took advantage of the improvident or the idle.

Thus shovels accumulated in the hands of those who already had the most of them.

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My story has now reached the point where I can inform your directors why work proceeds so slowly on our excavation.



Some are employed as servants.