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Abstract

Men burying pipe. Diggers with callouses on their hands, and dirt-brown arms and shoulders...

'Objective consideration of contemporary phenomena compels the conclusion that. . . compels the conclusion that compels the conclusion that. . .damn! Objective consideration. . .'

"An' that's the way he'd allus count 'em out: sixty-eight sixty-nine, skibunty! Skibunty-one, skibunty-two, skibunty-three, (obviously pleased with his imitation of Loomer Skideria) skibunty-six; an' that's the way he'd count."

He brays loudly and slaps his knee. "Funniest thing I ever heard."

"Yeh, sure is. That's real funny."

He wanders aimlessly, searching for other bits of information or stories to lighten the drudgery of my studies.

". . .because most of the new models have a power take-off, . . . But I don't suppose you'd know anything about that" (superior intelligence), ". . . on the John Deere, Ford-Ferguson. . ."

Prattle on, professor. Damn! Study! Try to concentrate.

'Objective consideration of contemporary phenomena compels the tractor to pull a manure spreader at the same time the frontal lobe of the brain is commensurate with the hydraulic lift which has the innate capacity to shift the nervous system into low and lift four or five bales. . .'

'Oh, hell! What's the use.

Howard Lambert, G. E., So.



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Men burying pipe.

Diggers with callouses on their hands, and dirt-brown arms and shoulders.

Diggers of tons of earth

And thinkers of a thousand thoughts.

Brothers to the mole.

Men who have Friday night's ringer

And Saturday night's beer,

And only a mountain of dirt between them and a stretch of blue sky.

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