

HELP WANTED

(but no takers)

A COMPANY which buys hundreds of thousands of hickory billets (split much like stove wood) sent buyers into a mountain state. There was plenty of hickory available, but no one would take the trouble to split it. It takes little or no skill, it isn't hard work, it pays well. But no one wanted the job; relief is too easy. As the buyers said, after spending weeks trying to hire workers, "Rocking seems to beat working".

All unemployment of course is hurtful, and except for the handicapped, *it is needless*. If every man and woman out of work would take any job (not hold out for the work he likes best, but *any* job) and then produce in it efficiently, he would bring costs down, and many more people would soon buy so many more things that more and more jobs would be required.



The Hopto® 500 hydraulic backhoe working on a sewer project in a midwestern town.

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