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In the rural scene in the 30s, "characters" were very prevalent, and I thought that, maybe, it would be a good idea to look at some of them. As I mentioned, life revolved around the Land. It mattered a great deal to everyone what happened on the farms and fields and woods in their Patch! Everyone in the village relied on the well-being of the countryside for their own existence. So to start with, the Cowman and the Carter.

These two stalwarts were really the same person, the cowman looked after the cows and the carter looked after the horses, but after their duties were done, they had many other talents. They could both do eachother's jobs, of course, but they also were stack builders, thatchers, hedgelayers, fencers, stockmen, in fact you name it, they could Do It!!! There was never a Demarcation Dispute. One did one's bit for the good of the Farm. If you were off on Sun Eve and the Gov'nor needed help, to calve a cow or rescue a calf in the ditch, or WHATEVER (a new Buzz word I believe), you did it, for the good of the farm and the good of the land! Remember these good men had no sanitation, no mains water, no electricity, basically no, NOTHING, yet they did it because it was RIGHT, it was the way to do things. I feel very guilty when I can come home to hot water, electric light, and all the comforts of modern life, and think, in these days of "Rights", of the trials of the farm worker of the 30s who had none of this. Do we not owe tremendous debt to these quiet resourceful people? We think we are Masters of the Universe. Bah Humbug I say!

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