



"THEY GAINED ERECTNESS BY SLOW JOLTS"

out of everything—pockets, elbows, and all. They drift in like peddlers on a pay-day. They come here with no more clothing than will wad a gun. The most of them will get nothing after two months' work. You see, they're mortgaged with their fares against them (thirty to forty dollars for them which the railroad brings from the East), and then they have their meals to pay for, at five dollars a week while they're here, and on top of that is all the clothing and shoes and blankets and tobacco, and everything they need—all charged agin them. It's just as well

railroad gang. The men are always changing — coming and going. We don't have to advertise for new hands. The woods is full of men out of a job, and