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PART 2
Working the Ground
Clearing Land and Managing Water

(Top left) This steep hill in southern Indiana had to be cleared so it could be used for planting tobacco. (Ohio County, 1923)

(Top right) A derrick powered by four horses is used for pulling stumps on the farm of Will Force in Lakeview, Michigan. (Montcalm County, MI; 1921)

(Bottom) Clearing hilly land in southern Indiana for tobacco (Ohio County, 1923)
This stump was pulled from a field in Lakeview, Michigan. (Montcalm County, MI; 1921)

A man uses an auger to make a hole so he can insert dynamite to clear dirt from a tile outlet on the Frank Peavey farm. (Greene County, 1920)
Memories of Life on the Farm

The dynamite blast that sent dirt flying from a tile outlet (Greene County, 1920)

A view of the tile outlet after it was cleared by the dynamite blast (Greene County, 1920)

The remnant of a big white oak stump after blasting with dynamite on the farm of Frank Peavey (Greene County, 1920)
(Top left) These workers lay field tile in a hand-dug trench on the farm of Walter Fols in Potomac, Illinois. (Vermilion County, IL; ca. 1919)

(Bottom left) This tile ditching machine was owned and operated by John Royer of Clarks Hill on the Jim McCabe farm near Otterbein. (Tippecanoe County, 1955)

(Above) Laying field tile in a trench (Tippecanoe County, early 1910s)