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In the records of the same school in 1930, sixty-six years later, of a hundred occupations studied only twelve were gardeners; there were eight labourers, nine clerks and six carpenters; some of the other occupations were - printer, engineer, iron moulder, driver, electro-plater, boiler plater, motorman, gas inspector. The technological age has begun.

Today there are still a few gardeners but the number is shrinking fast. The dairy farmer has disappeared; so has the saddler working in his own shop. The saddles and bridles required by racing clubs and riding schools are now made in factories; along with the carts and buggies and wagons have gone the blacksmith and the wheelwright. And as the railways spread through the suburbs more men were employed in the running and maintenance of the trains.

The domestic servant living in with the family has gone; the woman who "went out sewing", spending several hours a day making clothes in someone else's house has disappeared. Those who kept small circulating libraries have been replaced by municipal librarians; the small mixed shop where you could buy drapery, haberdashery, sweets and school text books and equipment has gone; so, thanks to the pensions of an affluent society, has the woman who "took boarders", sometimes half a dozen or more. The picturesque figure of the Indian hawker with his dark skin and coloured turban, a source of wonder to the children, has long since vanished.

And to replace the lost occupations of the past there are in this city hundreds of new ones. One only needs to drive among the factories in the Bay Road - Chesterville Road - South Road area to realize how many and varied are the goods produced here. But as time never stands still - how much longer will the milkman be with us? or the factory that makes his glass bottles? As flats replace houses, will the maker of garden tools find himself out of a job? And if helicopters and hovercraft replace cars? - We shall see.

"Cook in the Pacific" Exhibition

An Exhibition of historical material to honour the memory of Captain Cook is being held at the Latrobe Library, Melbourne. Some of the Library's rarest Australiana will be on display, including surreptitious accounts of the three voyages, Cook's waistcoat and his celestial globe and atlas, and some of Joseph Banks' botanical specimens. The hours are - Monday - 2 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Tuesday to Friday - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. It closes on May 29th.