

Tim Kinley discovers it's a dangerous job to make the running!

The RAINBOW BOYS

THE navvies who transformed Britain by laying thousands of miles of railway track were nicknamed the "Rainbow Boys" because of the brightly-coloured waistcoats they wore off duty. In digging a deep cutting they faced the task of moving many tons of earth. This they did by "making the running" up the sides of the cutting.



MORRIS AND HOWARD ARE THE TWO TOP LADS AT MAKING THE RUNNING. THEY'RE RIVALS ABOUT WHO CAN DO IT THE FASTEST.

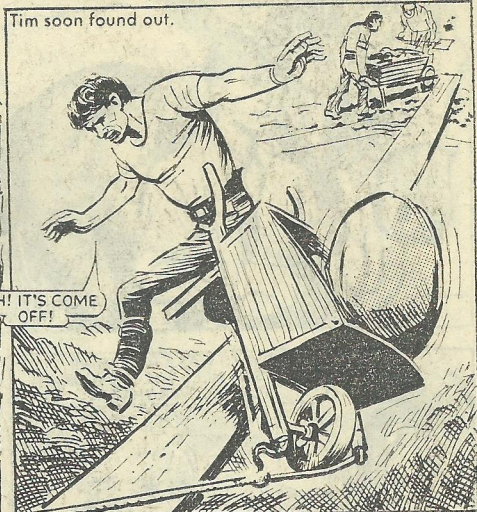
IT MUST TAKE SOME DOING, KEEPING THE WHEEL ON THAT NARROW PLANK. WHAT HAPPENS IF IT GOES OFF?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, TIM?

GET CLEAR! LOOK OUT!

Young Tim Kinley was studying to be an engineer and was learning by being a navvy. His father, Brad, was the foreman.

Tim soon found out.



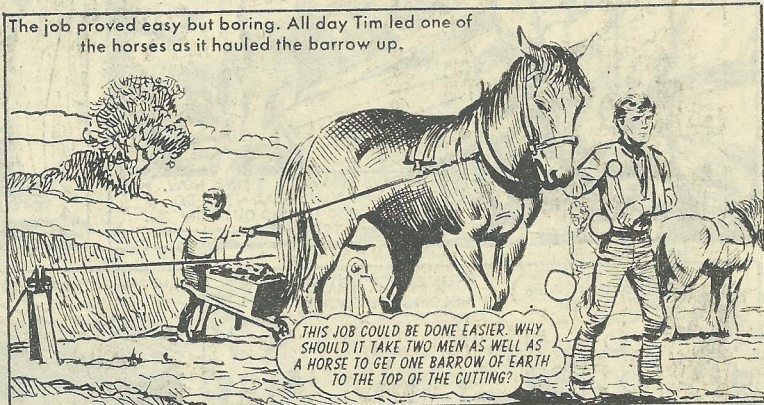
AGH! IT'S COME OFF!

PHEW—THANKS, LAD! THAT ROCK WOULD HAVE KILLED ME! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOUR WRIST?



I SPRAINED IT, PUSHING YOU CLEAR.

The job proved easy but boring. All day Tim led one of the horses as it hauled the barrow up.



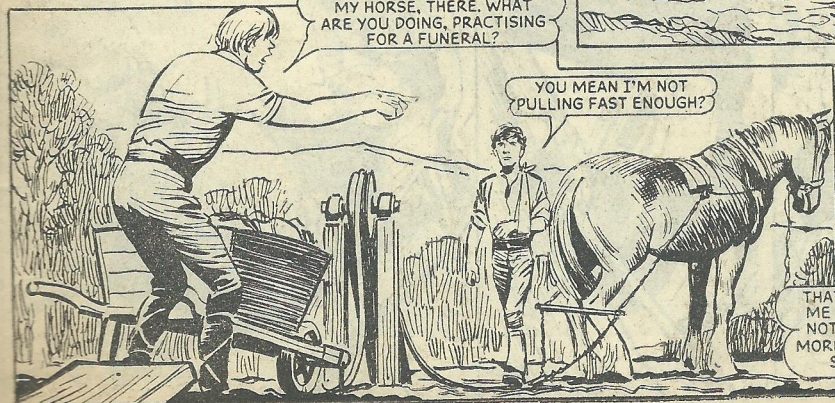
THIS JOB COULD BE DONE EASIER. WHY SHOULD IT TAKE TWO MEN AS WELL AS A HORSE TO GET ONE BARROW OF EARTH TO THE TOP OF THE CUTTING?



IT IS JUST A BAD SPRAIN, TIM. YOU'LL DO NO DIGGING FOR A WHILE. I'LL PUT YOU ON THE HORSES.

THE HORSES, DAD?

HEY—YOU IN CHARGE OF MY HORSE, THERE. WHAT ARE YOU DOING, PRACTISING FOR A FUNERAL?



YOU MEAN I'M NOT PULLING FAST ENOUGH?

THAT'S RIGHT. HOWARD IS LICKING ME FOR SPEED ALL THE TIME. I'M NOT STANDING FOR THAT. I MOVE MORE EARTH THAN ANYONE ON THIS SITE. SO GET THAT OLD NAG MOVING!

