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Locke, *Essay on human understanding* (1690), *Epistle to the reader* :

Locke propose une opposition entre Master-builders et Under-Labourer.

Locke, *Essay*, *Epistle to the reader* : « The Commonwealth of learning is not at this time without Master-Builders, whose mighty designs, in advancing the sciences, will leave lasting monuments to the admiration of posterity: but every one must not hope to be a *Boyle* or a *Sydenham*; and in an age that produces such masters as the great *Huygenius* and the incomparable Mr. *Newton*, with some others of that strain, 'tis ambition enough to be employed as an Under-Labourer in clearing ground a little, and removing some of the rubbish that lies in the way to knowledge; — which certainly had been very much more advanced in the world, if the endeavours of ingenious and industrious men had not been much cumbered with the learned but frivolous use of uncouth, affected, or unintelligible terms, introduced into the sciences, and there made an Art of, to that degree, that Philosophy, which is nothing but the true knowledge of things, was thought unfit or incapable to be brought into well-bred company and polite conversation. »