# A Rich Future

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Their people are on it,
working out the kinks
in the robot chef, the robot
novelist, the robot portrait painter.
Also in development,
the anatomically perfect robot
pool boy and naughty maid,
the robot architect adept
at hospital wings and art museums.
Soon enough, even their people
will become expendable, supplanted
by robot roboticists and lawyers,
robot hedge fund managers
and robot R & D directors.
Soon, the pesky poor can be replaced
and boys and girls of means
can be insured against
the guillotines and tumbrels
of a restless servant class.

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