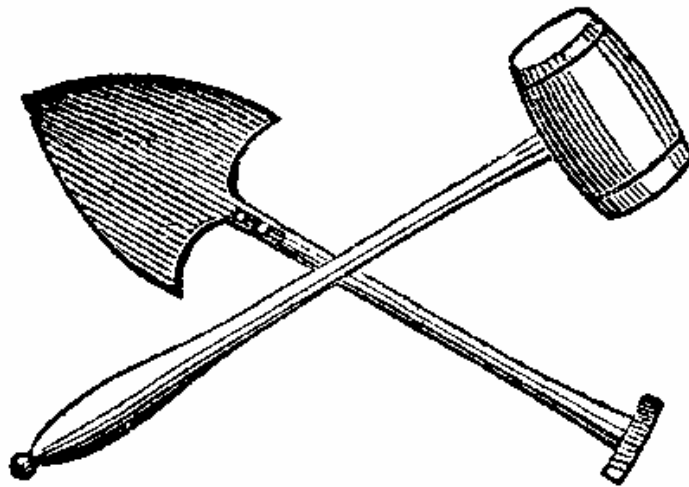


# Common Gavel and Spade



I have explained the Gavel in the E. A. section. The Spade or Shovel is used to clear away rubbish and loose earth; and it morally depicts the mortal state in which the body is laid in the grave; that when the remains of the body shall have been properly disposed of, we, with humble but Holy confidence, hope that the Spirit may arise to everlasting life.