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# 094 -- LIFE IN VICTORIAN ENGLAND -- FEBRUARY, 2022



**WELCOME TO TOPIC # 094... TODAY WE WILL BE  
LOOKING AT LIFE IN VICTORIAN LONDON.**





**THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION COMPLETELY  
CHANGED THE LIFESTYLE OF VICTORIAN BRITAIN.**

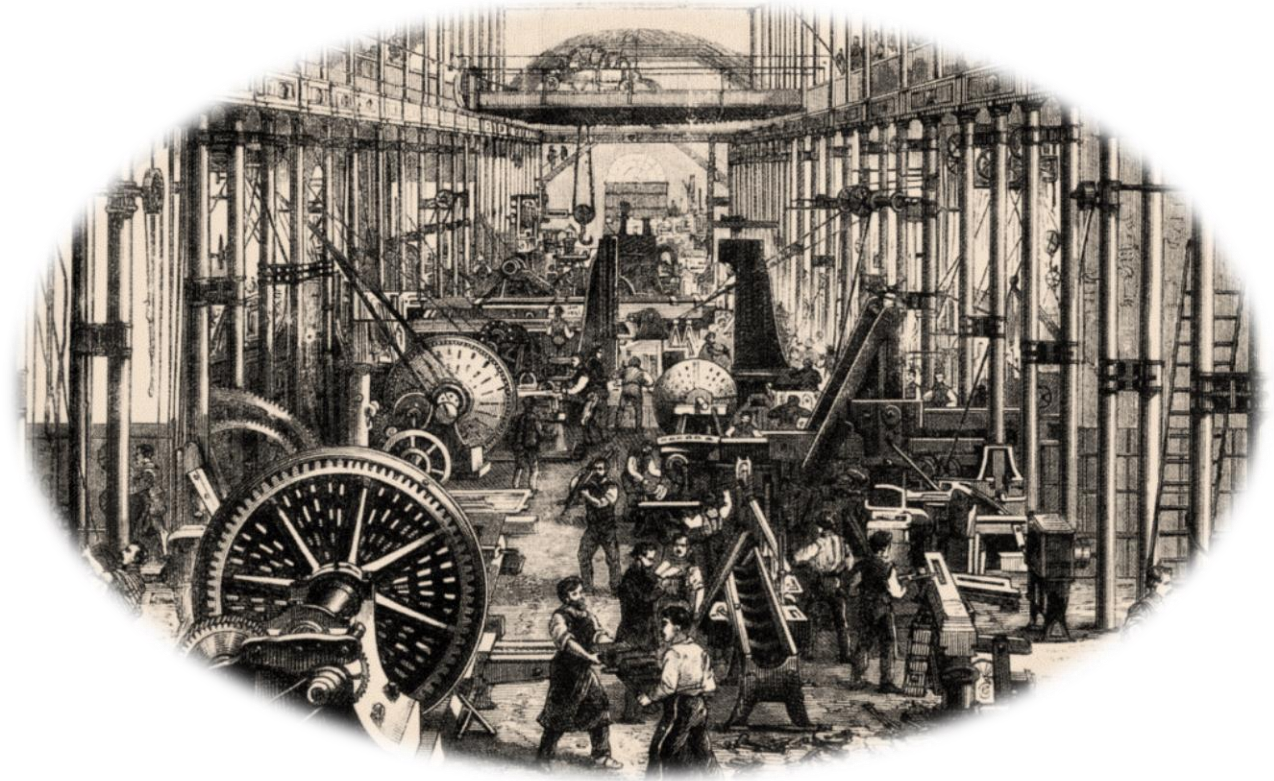




SUDDENLY, THE FOCUS WASN'T ON TILLING THE SOIL OR LAND HUSBANDRY TO MAKE A LIVING.



**FACTORIES AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE WAS THE  
NAME OF THE GAME.**







WHEN QUEEN VICTORIA ASCENDED THE THRONE  
IN 1837, BRITAIN HAD ALREADY STARTED ITS  
TRANSFORMATION INTO A WORLD POWER.





**AGRICULTURE WAS SLOWLY BEING PUSHED ASIDE  
FOR MANUFACTURING JOBS.**



**BY THE END OF THE 1800'S, 80 PERCENT OF ENGLAND'S POPULATION LIVED IN CITIES.**



(From a Photograph by M...)



**IN TERMS OF INDUSTRIALIZATION AND  
ENGINEERING, STEAM-POWERED COTTON  
FACTORIES ENABLED VICTORIAN BRITAIN TO  
PRODUCE MORE THAN HALF THE WORLD'S SUPPLY  
OF COTTON.**





*COAL-MINING AROUND NEWCASTLE ALSO  
EXPANDED RAPIDLY TO MEET DEMAND.*



**WITH THE UPSURGE IN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION,  
MOVING GOODS TO SHIPPING PORTS BECAME EASY,  
WHILE SHIP-BUILDING ITSELF WENT FORWARD AT  
A RAPID PACE.**





**BRISTOL WAS HOME TO 'THE GREAT BRITAIN', A  
MASSIVE STEAMSHIP BUILT BY ISAMBARD  
KINGDOM BRUNEL.**





LED BY BRUNEL, ENGINEERING WONDERS WERE BEGINNING TO BE COMMONPLACE DURING THE VICTORIAN PERIOD.



**BRUNEL'S CLIFTON SUSPENSION BRIDGE STILL STANDS AS A TESTAMENT TO HIS EXPERTISE.**





THE BRUNEL RAILWAY BRIDGE BETWEEN THE WEST COUNTRY AND PLYMOUTH IS STILL USED TO THIS DAY.

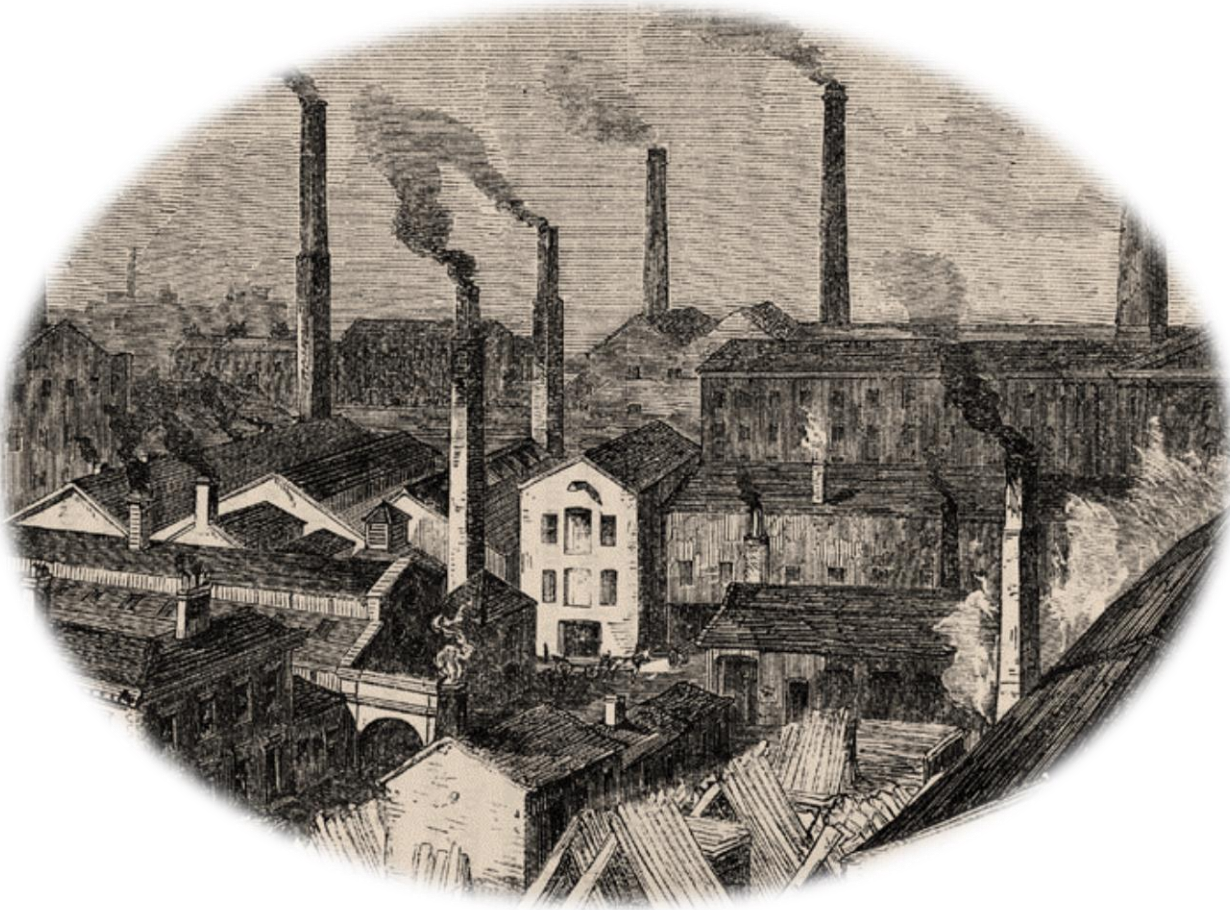




**MANCHESTER AND LIVERPOOL TOOK FULL  
ADVANTAGE OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION.**



**ALONG WITH OTHER CITIES IN VICTORIAN TIMES,  
THEY ENJOYED BEING PART OF THE 'WORKSHOP OF  
THE WORLD'.**





WITH INDUSTRIALIZATION, THERE WAS MORE  
LEISURE TIME TO BE ENJOYED.





WHEN THE RAILWAY LINE FROM LONDON TO BRIGHTON WAS ESTABLISHED, GOING ON HOLIDAY BEGAN TO BE A REGULAR PART OF VICTORIAN LIFE.



THANKS TO THE BANK HOLIDAY ACT OF 1871 AND  
THE EASE OF RAIL TRAVEL, SEASIDE RESORTS  
SUCH AS BLACKPOOL AND TORQUAY BEGAN TO  
ENJOY GREAT POPULARITY.

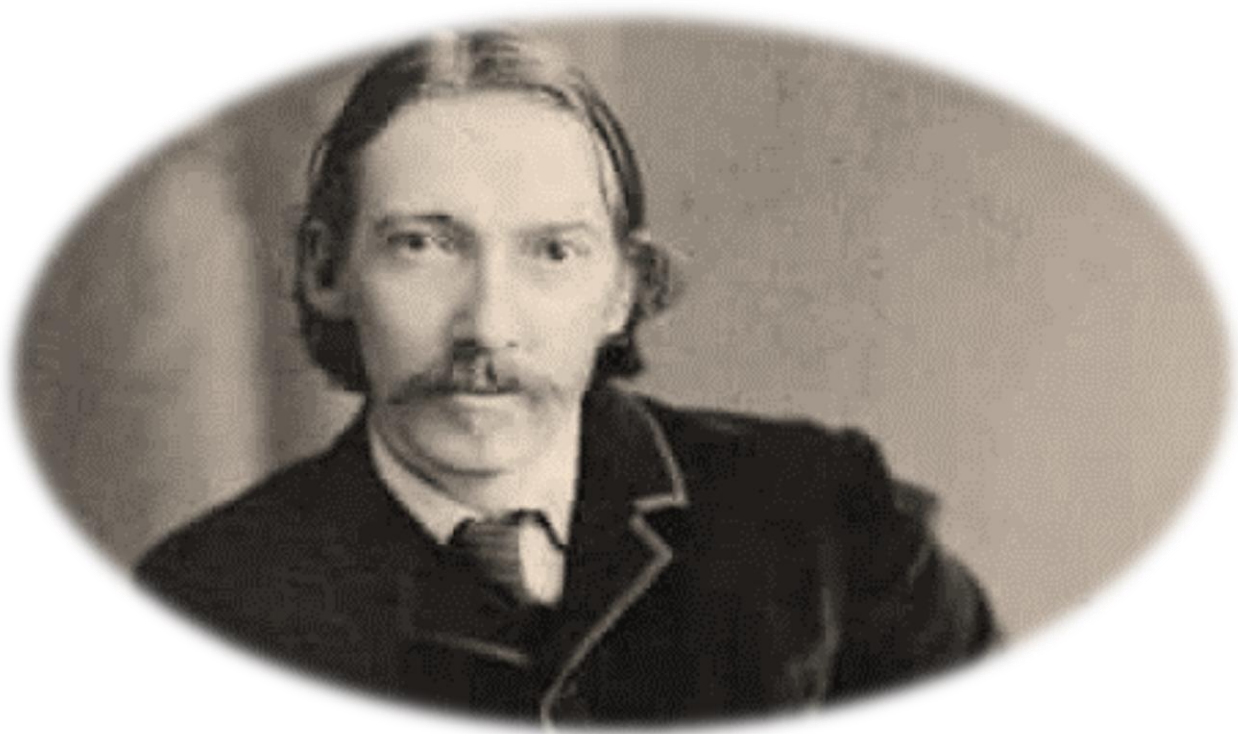


THERE WAS TIME TO READ A NOVEL DURING THE  
VICTORIAN PERIOD.





*CHARLES DICKENS, ROBERT LEWIS STEVENSON,  
ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE, AND H.G. WELLS ARE JUST  
FOUR OF THE AUTHORS WHO WERE POPULAR.*





ATTENDING THE THEATRE AND APPRECIATING THE  
TALENTS OF SARAH BERNHARD AND ELLEN TERRY  
KEPT THE EVENINGS BUSY.



SONG MAY BE SUNG WITHOUT FEE OR LICENCE EXCEPT AT THEATRES AND MUSIC HALLS.

# IN THE DALE MOONLIGHT



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NAT CLIFFORD

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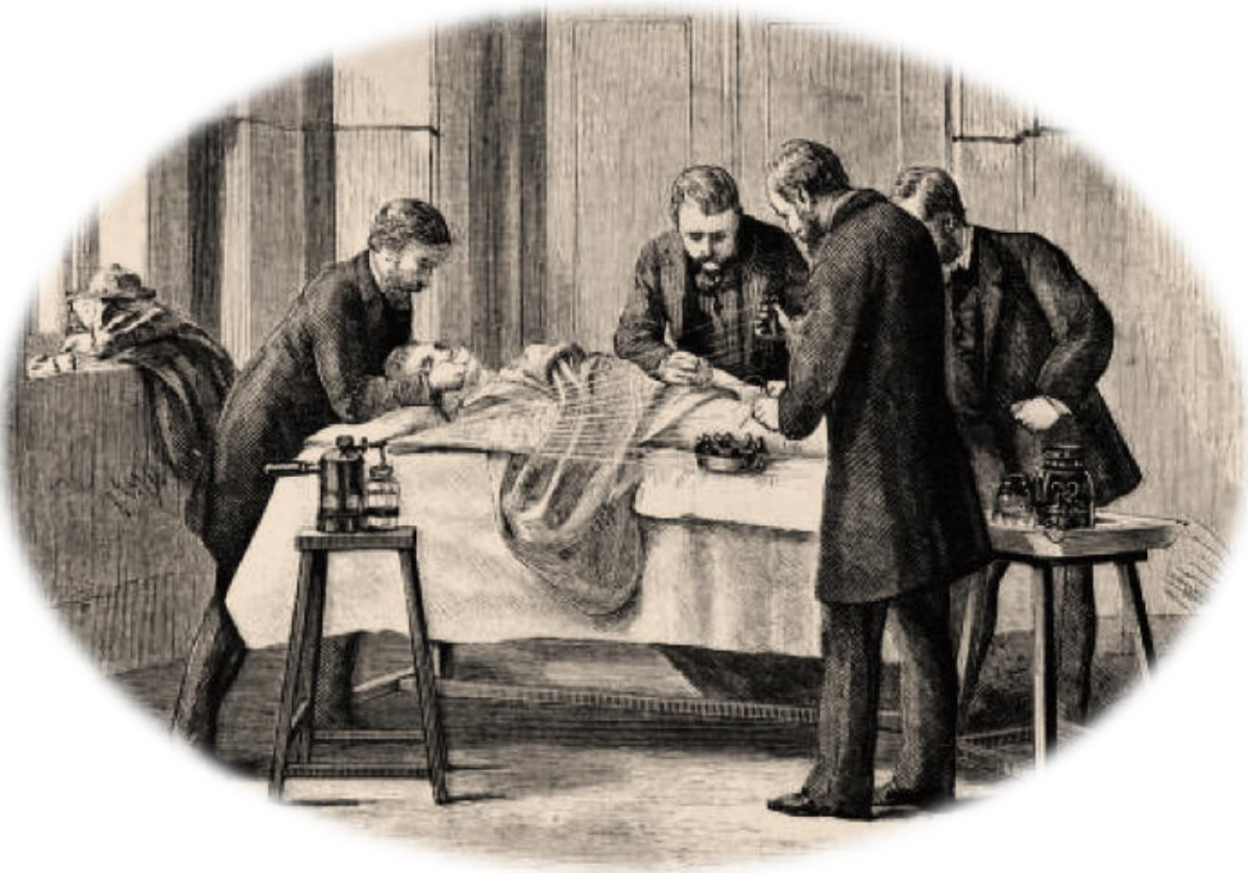
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MELODRAMA WAS IN ITS HEY-DAY WHILE THE MUSIC HALL WAS ALWAYS PACKED WITH PEOPLE ENJOYING THE VARIETY OF ACTS PRESENTED.





*IN MEDICINE, ADVANCES WERE TREMENDOUS  
DURING VICTORIAN TIMES.*



***BOILING AND SCRUBBING MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS  
BEFORE AND AFTER USE WAS FOUND TO GREATLY  
INCREASE A PATIENT'S CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL.***



THE IDENTIFICATION OF DISEASE TOOK A GREAT  
LEAP FORWARD.





WITH THE SIMPLE PROCEDURE OF BOILING  
DRINKING WATER AND WASHING THE HANDS,  
INCIDENTS OF CHOLERA DRAMATICALLY DROP...  
CHOLERA WAS SHOWN TO BE A PRODUCT OF  
SEWAGE WATER.



# CHOLERA AND WATER.

## BOARD OF WORKS

FOR THE LIMEHOUSE DISTRICT,  
Comprising Limehouse, Ratcliff, Shadwell,  
and Wapping.

The INHABITANTS of the District within  
which CHOLERA IS PREVAILING, are  
earnestly advised

**NOT TO DRINK ANY WATER  
WHICH HAS NOT  
PREVIOUSLY BEEN BOILED.**

Fresh Water ought to be Boiled every  
Morning for the day's use, and what  
remains of it ought to be thrown away  
at night. The Water ought not to stand  
where any kind of dirt can get into it,  
and great care ought to be given to see  
that Water Butts and Cisterns are free  
from dirt.

BY ORDER,

**THOS. W. RATCLIFF,**  
CLERK OF THE BOARD.

Printed Office, Water Lane Street,  
London, 1866.

*CODEINE AND IODINE MADE THEIR APPEARANCE  
IN VICTORIAN LIFE. MORPHINE HELPED TO  
ALLEVIATE PAIN WHILE THE USE OF CHLOROFORM  
DURING CHILDBIRTH WAS PIONEERED BY QUEEN  
VICTORIA... AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.*



*HOWEVER, WHEN MEDICINE COULD NOT WORK,  
WITH STYLE, GREAT WEEPING, AND YARDS OF  
BLACK MATERIAL, THE VICTORIAN PERIOD MADE A  
FINE-ART OUT OF DEATH.*





*FUNERALS WERE HUGE, MANY WITH PROFESSIONAL MOURNERS HIRED TO WALK IN THE PROCESSION.*





*AT THE MOMENT OF DEATH, CLOCKS WOULD BE STOPPED, CURTAINS DRAWN OVER WINDOWS, AND MIRRORS COVERED.*



**BLACK APPAREL WAS QUICKLY DONNED OR IF  
BLACK CLOTH WAS NOT AVAILABLE, THE  
HOUSEHOLD WOULD QUICKLY DYE THEIR CLOTHES  
TO A DARKER HUE.**





**WIDOWS FROM ALL SOCIAL CLASSES WERE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN MOURNING FOR A FULL YEAR, AND WITHDRAW AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM VICTORIAN LIFE.**



**FOR WOMEN WITH NO INCOME, OR SMALL CHILDREN TO CARE FOR, REMARRIAGE WAS 'ALLOWED' AFTER THIS 12 MONTH PERIOD.**





AS TIME WENT BY, THE STAGES OF MOURNING  
GRADUALLY RELEASED THEIR HOLD.



**MOURNING FOR FAMILIES.**

**JAY'S**  
experienced  
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and  
**MILLINERS**  
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patterns of Materials,  
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upwards,  
all marked in plain figures,  
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Reasonable estimates are  
also given for  
Household Mourning,  
at a great saving to large  
or small families.



BLACK MATERIAL COULD BE PUT ASIDE FOR LILAC  
OR OTHER SOFT SHADES.



FREJA.

15 APRIL, 1885

AFTER APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS, WEARING  
COLOUR WAS NO LONGER FROWNED UPON.



**PRIESTLEY'S . . .**

*Eudora*  
Trade Mark

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Idealized  
Henrietta  
realized.

For  
**General Wear**  
and for  
**Mourning.**

It resembles the  
Henrietta in  
appearance and  
weave, but  
is distinctly a  
better fabric, . . .

The genuine is stamped every 5 yards on the selvedge  
"Priestley's Eudora."



**WIDOWERS WOULD USUALLY WEAR BLACK  
FOR TWO YEARS.**





**HOWEVER, IT WAS THEIR DECISION WHEN TO GO  
BACK TO WORK, AND BACK INTO SOCIETY.**



**WITHIN THE RURAL LIFE, ALTHOUGH MUCH OF GREAT BRITAIN'S POPULATION DID LEAVE THE COUNTRYSIDE TO REAP THE BENEFITS OF INDUSTRIALIZATION, VILLAGE LIFE DID NOT COME TO AN END... FARMING WAS STILL VERY MUCH A PART OF LIFE IN VICTORIAN BRITAIN.**





**WITH THE ADVENT OF STEAM-POWER, FARM MACHINERY WAS EASIER TO USE AND MADE FOR A FASTER WORKDAY. SMALL GARDENS WOULD SUPPLEMENT THE FAMILY'S FOOD SUPPLY.**





*SOME VILLAGES WOULD SPECIALIZE IN AN  
INDUSTRY. LACE-MAKING WAS POPULAR...  
CRAFTSMAN (BLACKSMITHS, TANNERS,  
CARPENTERS) COULD ALWAYS BE FOUND IN A  
RURAL SETTING.*



*TO MAINTAIN THE HUGE COUNTRY ESTATES OF  
THE WEALTHY, LOCAL VILLAGERS WOULD PROVIDE  
THE SERVANT POWER DURING THE SEASON.*



**SOME RURAL FOLK WOULD LIVE ON THE ESTATE  
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, OFTEN IN CONDITIONS  
WHICH WERE CRAMPED.**





**IN THEIR OWN HOMES, RURAL LIFE IN VICTORIAN ENGLAND WAS CONCERNED WITH THE BASICS COOKING MEALS, MENDING CLOTHES AND SEEING THAT CHILDREN RECEIVED THE EDUCATION WHICH WAS MANDATORY BY 1880.**



SO, WE HAVE COMPLETED TOPIC # 094 IN OUR SERIES...

IN TOPIC # 095, WE WILL BE LOOKING OUR LONDON DURING THE VICTORIAN PERIOD.



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