

# NEW INTENDED ACT OF PARLIAMENT



**I**F any BAKER shall be known to cheat or defraud the public, by mixing beans, alum, starch, bone dust, whitening, potatoes, or any other spurious ingredients in his bread, so that by rogues they get what is termed a parish dinner, by taking a few potatoes out of one dish, a little bit of meat out of another, lifting the crust off the pie when half baked, & taking out part of the inside, shall for all such offences be forced to sit in his own oven directly his batch is drawn, for the space of half an hour.

**II.** Any BUTCHER that is known to stick a lump of fat under his scale to make it weigh down, so that the purchaser be deprived of his rights thereof, shall sit in the stocks three times a day for a week, with the said lump of fat stuck on his hat as caution to all other Butchers, against such illegal acts.

**III.** Any CLOTHESMAN, named Moses, Aaron or Isaac or any of their tribe, who shall annoy any honest and respectable housekeepers with the cry of old clothes before daylight in the morning, shall be compelled to eat pork in spite of their teeth.

**IV.** If any TAILOR employed in cutting out a suit of clothes, be detected in cabbaging more than one fifth of the said cloth, he shall be compelled to sit upon his red nose for one hour.

**V.** If any PAWNBROKER shall be known to wear the Coat, Waistcoat, Breeches, Hat, or his Wife to wear the Shift, Gown, or Flannel Petticoat, belonging to either Tinker, Tailor, or Costermonger's Wives, shall for such offence be cut up the Spout and never more to come down again, until they beg the public Pardon, and take no Interest.

**VI.** Any GROCER who shall sell horse manure for coffee, sloe leaves for tea, mix sand in his sugar, water in his vinegar, brick dust in his pepper shall or such offence be well ducked in a hogshead of treacle.

**VII.** Any MILKMAN, or Maid that brought milking the town pump instead of cows, shall sit on the pump on and for the second offence to be pelted with eggs.

**VIII.** Any BARRER or barber's clerk, who, when having any customer, shall willfully draw blood, or shove the brush of lather into his mouth, shall have his head shaved and his bare block publickly exposed in his shop window.

**IX.** Any MILLER, who shall be known to take unfair toll; or kiss any of the man's wife, who shall be in the habit of riding to his mill, shall be drowned in his own mill dam, without the benefit of clergy.

**XI.** Any Lawyer, who shall be detected in taking a bribe from any candidate, or any person in interest, so as to register two votes for one, or endeavour to decoy any honest freeman from voting according to his own conscience, shall have his coat turned, and pay his own fee of 6s. 8d. for every such offence.

**XII.** Any MILLINER, Dress, or bonnet maker, who shall wear any article entrusted to her charge so as to decorate her person on a Sunday or holiday, shall never appear in public for six months, except in a workhouse dress.

**XIII.** Any SHOP BOY, Counter hopper, or second-hand dandy, who shall put the wrong end of a lighted cigar in his mouth so as to injure his lips, or spoil his handsome cribbage face, shall not smoke another cigar for three months.

**XIV.** Any CONFECTIONER, or Lolla-pop Manufacturer, caught boiling the scrapings of hogsheads, or the washings of treacle casks, so that they're made into Brandy balls, Hardbake, or Barley Sugar, shall for every such case be sent to the Brixton mill, and then be forced to drink nothing but the washing of the treacle pot for three months.

**XV.** Any MAN that shall beat his Wife, or be known to visit any baggage, shall be tried by a jury of women, and if found guilty, shall be flogged with his wife's garters, and not sleep with her any more.

**XVI.** Any PUBLICAN that is known to adulterate his spirits, or mix smart beer with strong, shall be smothered in beer grounds, in his own waste butt, and the Brewer obliged to see him decently buried in a waggon load of hot grains.

**XVII.** Any WOMAN that is seen in a gin shop before breakfast in the morning or seen gossiping from house to house, instead of minding her husband's business, her husband shall be authorized to tie her to the leg of the bedstead and feed her on water gruel for three days.

**XVIII.** Any young WOMAN that is known to wear more than 24 curls in her hair, or a large leghorn bonnet so as to obstruct the passengers in passing any street, on or highway, she shall be doomed to lie all the days of her life.

**XIX.** If any FISHMONGER shall be found respiring stinking FISH so as to deceive the public by putting fresh fish smeared with blood, bright eyes, & pieces of stick thro' the body to make flabby fish appear crisp, shall for such offences be sentenced to be ducked 3 times a day at Billingsgate for his ingenuity and impossibilities.

## THE TRADES UNIONS OF ENGLAND.

Comrades all you bold Britons attend to my saymes  
I am just going to give you a sketch of the times,  
So give ear high and low, you will find by those lines,  
The strength of the famed British Union,  
The Unions of England, Huzza  
There's the Tailors, Shoemakers, & likewise,  
The Plasterers and Bricklayers strongly arise,  
The nobles of this country are truck with our prize,  
To behold the brave men of the true  
The true British Unions, Huzza!  
There's the Coalheavers, Sawyers, and bourners too,  
Tanners and Painters, and Glaziers a few  
All bravely united, courageous and true,  
To stick up for the rights of their trades, sit  
Success to the Unions, Huzza!  
All over Great Britain they're nobly combined,  
And some great alteration we truly may find  
They are liberal, generous, valiant and true  
Hurrah for the British Unions,  
The Unions of England, Huzza  
There is Manchester, Birmingham, Liverpool too,  
Derby, Leicester, and Nottingham, valiant and true,  
From the Lands end of England to Scotland through,  
The numbers are daily increasing,  
The Unions of England, Huzza!  
England, Ireland & Scotland united shall be  
Till from bondage and slavery Britons are free  
Here's the Shamrock, the Rose, and the Thistle, all three,  
So bravely combined in the Union  
The Union of freedom, Huzza!  
Three cheers for the brave men of Dorchester give,  
Three cheers for the True — and two for the W —  
Let every true Briton as long as they live,  
Give three cheers for the true British Unions  
Unions of England, Huzza!

