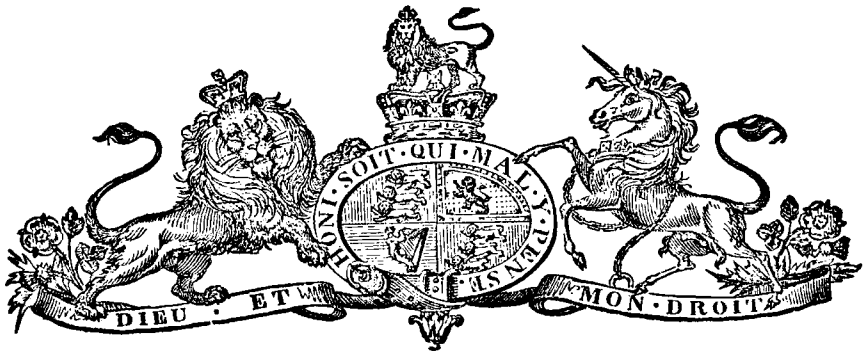


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CAP. CXVII.

An Act to place the Employment of Women, young Persons, Youths, and Children in Lace Factories under the Regulations of the Factories Acts.

[6th *August* 1861.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to regulate the Employment of Females, young Persons, Youths, and Children in Lace Factories, and to provide for the Education of such Children: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fourth Year of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act to regulate the Labour of Children and young Persons in Mills and Factories in the United Kingdom:* 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 103. And whereas an Act was passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws relating to Labour in Factories:* 7 & 8 Vict. c. 15. And whereas an Act was passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to limit the Hours of Labour of young Persons and Females in Factories:* 10 & 11 Vict. c. 29. And whereas an Act was passed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Acts relating to Labour in Factories:* 13 & 14 Vict. c. 54. And whereas an Act was passed in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act further to regulate the Employment of Children in Factories:* 16 & 17 Vict. c. 104. And whereas an Act was passed in the Twentieth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the further* 19 & 20 Vict. c. 83.

further Amendment of the Laws relating to Labour in Factories: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Recited Acts to apply to Lace Factories, and to the Employment of Females, young Persons, Youths, and Children therein.

1. That from and after the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-two the Powers and Provisions of the herein-before recited Acts shall apply and be held to apply to Lace Factories, and to the Employment of Females, young Persons, Youths, and Children in Lace Factories, to all Intents and Purposes as completely and effectually as if such Lace Factories had been mentioned and included in the Provisions of the herein-before recited Acts or any of them, except as is herein-after mentioned.

Youths between the Age of Sixteen and Eighteen may be employed between 4 a.m. and 10 p.m., but not more than Nine Hours between those Hours.

2. Nothing in the said recited Acts contained, or in this Act, shall be held to prevent the Employment in any Lace Factory of any Youth of the Age of Sixteen and under Eighteen, between the Hours of Four of the Clock in the Morning and Ten of the Clock at Night; provided nevertheless, that if any such Youth shall be employed earlier than Six of the Clock in the Morning or later than Six of the Clock in the Evening of any Day, in every such Case it shall not be lawful to employ such Youth for a longer Period than Nine Hours on such Day; and provided also, that it shall not be lawful to employ any Youth both earlier than Six of the Clock in the Morning and later than Six of the Clock in the Evening of the same Day, nor to employ any Youth both later than Six of the Clock in the Evening of any Day and earlier than Six of the Clock in the Morning of the next succeeding Day; and in every such Case the Owner of the Lace Machine, or if such Machine is let out for Hire the Person hiring such Machine, in or about or in immediate Connexion with which such Youth shall have been so employed, shall, every Day except *Sundays*, before Twelve of the Clock at Noon, register or cause to be registered in a Book, first approved of by an Inspector, in the Form given in Schedule A. to this Act annexed, the Hours within which every such Youth shall severally have been employed during the Working Day last passed.

Agents or Workmen may be summoned for acting contrary to the Act without the Knowledge of the Owner, &c.

3. If any Offence shall be committed against this Act, for which the Owner or the Hirer of any Lace Machine is hereby made responsible, and it shall be made to appear to the Satisfaction of any Justices that the Offence has been committed by or under the Authority of some Agent, Servant, or Workman of the Owner or Hirer of such Machine, without the personal Consent, Concurrence, or Knowledge of such Owner or Hirer, it shall be lawful for such Justices to summon such Agent, Servant, or Workman before them

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to answer for such Offence; and such Agent or Servant or Workman, if convicted, shall be liable to the Penalties and Punishment for such Offence specified in the said recited Acts, and such Justices may convict such Agent or Servant or Workman in lieu of such Owner or Hirer.

Interpretation of Terms.

4. In the Construction of this Act, the Word "Lace Factories" shall be understood to mean Factories in which Machines for the Manufacture of Lace are moved by Steam or Water Power; and the Word "Lace Machine" shall be taken to mean a Lace Machine moved by Steam or Water Power; and the Words "Agent," "Servant," and "Workman," shall be taken to mean any Person receiving a Salary, Wages, Payment, or Remuneration for any Description of Service or Work performed in or about or in immediate Connexion with any such Machine; and no Agent, Servant, Workman, or other Person employed upon the dressing or finishing of Lace, or upon any other Process subsequent to the making of Lace upon the Lace Machine, shall be deemed to be included within the Provisions of this Act; and the Words "young Person" shall be taken to mean a Female of Thirteen and under Eighteen Years of Age, and a Male of Thirteen and under Sixteen Years of Age; and the Word "Youth" shall be taken to mean a Male of Sixteen and under Eighteen Years of Age.

Certain Provisions of recited Acts not to extend to Lace Factories;

5. The Provisions of the said recited Acts, so far as they relate to the Recovery of lost Time, shall not extend to Lace Factories.

nor those relating to fencing Machinery.

6. The Provisions of the said recited Acts in regard to requiring Machinery to be fenced off shall not extend to Lace Factories.

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SCHEDULE A.

REGISTER of the TIME during which every YOUTH, employed on any Day before 6 a.m. or after 6 p.m., has been employed during the Week ending [Sept. 10, 1862] by [John Armstrong & Co.] at the [ ] Lace Factory, situate in [Street], [Nottingham], or [in the Parish or Township of] in the County of [ ].

Progressive Number on Certificate Book.	Surname.	Christian Name.	Sept. 5. Monday.	Sept. 6. Tuesday.	Sept. 7. Wednesday.	Sept. 8. Thursday.	Sept. 9. Friday.	Sept. 10. Saturday.
			A.M. Hrs. Min. 4 to 6·30 - 2 30 10 „ 12 - 2 0 P.M. 2 to 6·30 - 4 30 Total - 9 0	Between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.	Between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.	A.M. Hrs. Min. 6 to 10 - 4 0 P.M. 2 to 4·30 2 30 7·30 to 10 2 30 Total - 9 0	A.M. Hrs. Min. 8 to 11 - 3 0 P.M. 2 to 6 - 4 0 Total - 7 0	A.M. Hrs. Min. 6 to 8 - 2 0 P.M. 12 to 3 - 3 0 6 „ 10 - 4 0 Total - 9 0
			A.M. Hrs. Min. 4 to 8 - 4 0 P.M. 1 to 6 - 5 0 Total - 9 0	Same as Monday.	Same as Monday.	Same as Monday.	Same as Monday.	Same as Monday.
			A.M. Hrs. Min. 8 to 1 p.m. 5 0 P.M. 6 to 10 - 4 0 Total - 9 0	Same as Monday.	Same as Monday.	Same as Monday.	Same as Monday.	Same as Monday.

[The Hours of actual Work are to be registered after the Manner described in the above Schedule, as the Case may be.]

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