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An Act to prevent the Employment of Women and Children during the Night in certain Operations connected with Bleaching by the open-air Process. [11th *April* 1862.]

WHEREAS it is the Practice of a few Occupiers of Bleach Fields or Works in which the Operation of Bleaching by the open-air Process is the only Operation of Bleaching carried on, and which consequently are not regulated by the Provisions of the Act of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Years of *Victoria*, Chapter Seventy-eight, to employ Females unnecessarily during the Night in Processes in which mechanical Power is used: And whereas the Exemption accorded to such Works in virtue of the First and Seventh Clauses of the said recited Act was not intended to give Sanction to a Practice (so injurious to the Health and Morals of the Persons so employed): 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:

Women and Children not to be employed during the Night.

1. That from and after the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, in any Building, Buildings, or Premises in One or more of which any Process previous to packing is carried on in the Occupation of bleaching, dyeing, or finishing of any Yarn or

Cloth of Cotton, Silk, Wool, or Flax, or any of them, or any Mixture of them, or any Yarn or Cloth of any other Material or Materials, including the Occupation of Bleaching by the open-air Process as defined in the Act of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Years of *Victoria*, Chapter Seventy-eight, and in One or more of which Processes Steam or Water or other mechanical Power is used or employed, it shall not be lawful to employ Females, young Persons, and Children, or any of them, during the Night, that is to say, from Eight of the Clock in the Evening to Six of the Clock in the Morning, excepting to recover lost Time in the Manner provided by "The Bleaching and Dyeing Works Act," Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth *Victoria*, Chapter Seventy-eight.

Application of Powers, &c. of 7 & 8 Vict. c. 15. to this Act.

2. For the due Enforcement of this Act, there shall be applicable all the Powers, Provisions, and Penalties of the Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of *Victoria*, Chapter Fifteen, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws relating to Labour in Factories.*

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