The Latest on Union Workhouses

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As England’s revolution of new technology grows, so does the amount of people working in union workhouses. The growing cost of food and homes most definitely contributes to the sarge of union workers. All these new found inventions and fortunes have made our people greedy and unwilling to donate to the poor. Families who no longer have a place to live or a job to work, are being separated and placed in workhouses that provide them with food, medical care, housing, and education for young boys, in exchange for their labor. Women do household types of work.

England’s First Female Physician Is Definitely Turning Heads

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Elizabeth Garret Anderson has recently claimed her title as the very first Englishwoman to become a doctor. Anderson was born in Whitechapel, east London, in 1836. She is the daughter of a pawnbroker and one of 12 children. Anderson received a wonderful education that has contributed greatly to her success in the medical field. After she finished her schooling, she was expected to go on to marry a wealthy man and live the life of a proper lady. However, after meeting with feminist Elizabeth Blackwell, the first female American physician, Anderson was convinced she needed to be more in her life. Being a woman, getting into medical school was not an easy task for Anderson. She was denied many times, but never gave up trying. She was eventually accepted into a nursing school, and attended classes that were intended for male students. Her time here was short, as many of her fellow classmates complained about having a woman in their classes. Anderson then found that she could partake in an examination that had not specifically forbade women from participating. She passed this exam and was able to obtain a certificate that allowed her to become England’s first female physician.

Union Workhouses have been the root of an ongoing argument about the welfare of the people living inside.

Many would argue that these people are being saved from starvation and poverty and being given another chance at life. However, many counter that argument with the view that maybe the people inside are not happy.

They have been separated from their family, they work constantly, are publicly shamed, and can be punished for even talking to one another. There has been word, though, that the people of England are making an effort to make workhouses more pleasant. Ventilation is being improved in some places, along with better lighting.

The hope is that this improvement continues and that these workhouses will no longer be like prisons, but instead truly be institutions set out to help the poor. Much is still to be changed. Family’s need to be brought back together. Laughter and happiness needs to be present. Cruelty and punishment is not the way of our country.

Best-Selling Books

A Christmas Carol
Charles Dickens

The Scarlet Letter
Nathaniel Hawthorne

Das Kapital
Karl Marx

The Evolution
Charles Darwin

Annaheim Lee
Edgar Allan Poe

Charles Dickens

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Charles Dickens is a well renowned author whose popularity has been skyrocketing in various places around the globe. Through his writing, Dickens has touched upon many topics such as poverty, child labor laws, the increase in orphans, deports prisons, union workhouses, the extraordinarily large economical gap between different social classes, as well as the utter lack of social mobility in plenty of his works. In spite of the fact that many of these problems have been apparent all through history, many people do not brush upon these topics like he does. Mr. Dickens has written a plethora of books in the span of his career. As Christmas is coming around the corner, A Christmas Carol, is an exhilarating tale about the adventures of Ebenezer Scrooge and his path to change from his greedy and blinded self. Mr. Charles Dickens writes literature that inspires a true change in the world. His writing shines a bright light on humanity calling it forth into the gleaming future.

The Industrial Revolution

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In recent times, there has been a spike of popularity for use of factories and has led to an assortment of new types of inventions. One of those inventions include the telegraph which is a new and advanced way of communication. The telegraph is able to transmit messages in code via a wire so that even though you may be far away, you can still talk to others. Another new invention would be the telephone which is a communication device that allows one to speak into one end of a long wire so that the sound then travels to another person so that they can hear the words spoken. The steam engine is a remarkable piece of technology which boils water in order to create energy which can power the engine. Many people use the steam engine for work purposes. Another new way of transportation would be the bicycle. Invented by Englishman, Harry John Lawson, the bicycle is a two wheeled mechanism powered by pedals located on each side of the body. Those pedals are connected by a chain that rotates the wheels. It is truly an amazing time for the advancement in transportation. Another new invention is the electric lightbulb which was recently developed by numerous scientists. These bulbs have contributed greatly to workers. Previously, workers couldn’t work late at night because it was so dark, but now workers are able to work for longer hours and also in dark spaces.

Prior to the industrial revolution, approximately 80% of people living in Britain worked on farms, but now, that percentage has been brought down to around 25%. Our daily lives will never be the same going forward with the rapid urbanization of England.

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