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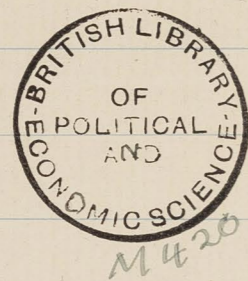
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Ages at which the greatest
numbers of women & men
are employed as tobacconists etc

Compared with mean of occupied London.

The ages of those employed.

The total number of males in the trade is given by the Census as 5703. & of females as 3925.

Females are employed in their greatest numbers between 15 & 20 when there are 1402 of them & only 649 males. After this there is a gradual decrease. & from the table of ages it would seem to be unusual for married women to take up the trade again (to any large extent) after the period of child bearing.

Males increase gradually in number up to 25. The largest numbers are between 25 & 35 years of age. A slight decrease sets in after 35. Between 45 & 55 there is a considerable drop. then a regular descent to the end.

The numbers ^(of males) are below the average at the diff. ages until 30 yrs of age. They are still above at 40. slightly below at 50. Above at 60 & slightly below between 70 & 75.

Occupations of those enumerated
by the Census under the heading
Tobacco manufacturers, Tobacconist

Snuff grinders

Cigar maker

The occupations of those enumerated by
by the Census under the heading
Tobacco manufacturers & Tobacconist.

Tobacco & Snuff making.

Porter.

Stripper (midrib)

Cutter

Stover

Panner

Moulder

Beater up

Spinner

Turner off

Snuff grinder, maker

Cigarette maker

Leaf opener.

Cigar making

Cheroot maker

Cigar "

Whiff .

Stripper .

Bunch maker

Distribution (Census & by heads of families)

Sex

Birthplace

Industrial status

Average family

Roller.
Sorter
Finisher.

Distribution (Census ¹⁸⁹¹)

East. 4530
North. 1358
West. 1539
South. 2201
9628

By families (CB).

East. 8559
North. 3453
West. 1530
South E. 1750
South W. 2437.

19,444

persons represented by 4143 heads of families.
of whom 11880 live in the inner ring or 61%
7564 ———— outer ———— 39%

<u>Sex</u>	male	3738
	Female	7405
<u>Birthplace</u>	In London	53% 2207
	Out of London	47% 1936

Industrial Status

Employees	19%	770
Employed	59%	2433
Neither	22%	940

Heads of families
4143.

Average

4.69 per family

Re. Tobacco.

Amount of duty received by
Inland Revenue.

Consumption per head of pop.

Taken from 38th Report of Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

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Amount of duty received by inland revenue for the years ending March 1895 & 1894.

	1895.	1894	Decrease.
<u>Tobacco</u>	£1,162,964	1,246,818	£83,854

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Consumption of Tobacco in proportion to population.

	Total pop. of U.K.	Lbs cleared for consumption.	Per head.
			lbs. oz.
1894.	38,712,000	63,847,707 lbs.	1 10 ³ / ₈
1895.	39,059,440	65,572,157 ..	1. 10 ³ / ₄

J. Kerrison. Cigar Sorters & Bundlers Soc.

3 Societies in the Trade.

Snuff.

Cigarettes.

Oct. 24th

G. H. D.

J. Kerrison. Secy Cigar Sorters & Bundlers Association. Held at the Swan Tavern Bethnal Green road. Shoreditch. priv address. 113. Globe Road. Mile End. E. meet Wednesdays at 8.30.

There are 3 branches in cigar trade.

Cigar makers.

Tobacco strippers.

Cigar sorters & Bundlers

} Trade Societies

Snuff employs only 2 or 3 men in each firm.

The men are not in any soc or combined in any way. There are so few of them in comparison with the other branches of the trade.

Cigarettes compared to cigar making is a recent trade. Very popular now. Has been in existence a long time but never been so flourishing as now. Many men smoke cigarettes in preference

Cigarette manufacturers

Tobacco for pipes.

The principal houses in the
London trade. (Society shops)

to pipes as being more fashionable than pipes +
less expensive than cigars.

Does not know of any cigarette operating ^{Society}
Both men + women employed.

Cigarettes now made in shops now. A few
cigarettes out to be made at home but it
is a decreasing custom.

Tobacco for pipes. has a Soc. in Tobacco cutters
Society.

Cigar making principally in
(Lancashire)
Lambert + Butler. employs in cigar line is
sorters + bundlers. Cigar makers 9
(men + women) Stoppers 200.
altogether Lambert + B w^d employ over 300.
Braxtons (Casterdale. etc) total 200.
in cigar line 60

make roll tobacco. fancy snuffs etc.
Newtons. total 150.
in cigar line 100

Chief Lada Houses (cont)

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Faulkner (very good popular firm) in Back
frans Road.

Cigar making (sat. strip: bundle)	over 200
tobacco cutting & other	100.
total	<u>300</u>

Morris' Half moon passage. White chapel.

cigar making	over 100
total	<u>200.</u>

Lloyd. in street bet. Holborn & Ludgate circus

cigar making at:	30
Tobacco cutting etc.	50
total	<u>80</u>

These are all trade Union or Society shops. 150 are.

Loy. Shoreditch. cigar dept: over 100.
Tobacco etc. 50.
total 150

Van Oostren. Commercial St. E.

cigar dept	100.
Rest	40
total	<u>140</u>

Abraham Chuksteins. Whitechapel.

cigar dept.	120.
Rest-	80
total	<u>200</u>

Numbers in the Society.

Each sorter or bandler represents 10 or more cigar makers

Mfrs are not generally shopkeepers.
one exception.

Seasons.

Much more smoked in winter than in summer.

Hill. Cost! Shortitch. Cigar Dept. ^{over} abt. 100.
Rest 200

Write to him about other shops.

N. in Society (Sorters & Bandlers.) 100

Each sorter ^{Bandler} represents at least 10 ^{or more} cigar makers women or men: depending on the class of work.

Manufacturers are not generally shopkeepers. with the exception of Salmon & Guckstein

The last quarter ^{of the yr} is the busy season working up for Xmas.

1st quarter is rather
Much more smoked in winter than in summer.

Nerves are stronger in winter you can smoke.

Personally he w. say the less you smoke

Training.

Boys gen. pick work up.

Meeting house of the Cigar makers Soc.

Many foreigners in the Trade.

Machinery has not come in much of late.

Employers send to Soc. for men when wanted.

the better.

Some are apprenticed with indentures for 5 yrs. but more often come in as boys & pick it up.

They don't like fathers to bring their sons in. Fathers & bundlers don't like to teach boys. They will work with them but won't teach them professionally.

Cigar makers meet at The Royal Oak. Mile End. E. Ben. Cooper's Soc. Society.

Great many foreigners in the Trade. Jews & Dutchmen.

The maul is still in use but machinery is not to any extent doing hard labour.

In good houses the Society is liked. "We recognize them & they recognize us." Employers send up to the Society for men when they want them. Even home Soc masters will send for them.

How Trade disputes are settled
among the cigar sorters & handlers.

them & will be supplied as long as they will pay the price asked. In case of dispute employes apply to See; he showed a letter from Faulkner speaking of an unpleasantness with a man over prices & asking him to go down & discuss the matter. "Mr. Faulkner he says, good day Herrison glad to see you, the question is this, the man says he must have $2/5$ per 100 for this class of goods, I say its not worth more than $2/4$ & that no one else in the trade is paying $2/5$. Man says it isnt true & anyhow he's not a going to do it for less. There's some unpleasantness about it & that's why I've sent for you. I dont want to pay less than the rest of the trade but where I dont think it is worth so much I wont pay more... Mr. Faulkner hes a very pleasant gentleman & puts the thing straight & square & business like. I answers him & says, says I, Mr. Faulkner you may take my word for it - having 'ad a sample of the work in subject before me - says I, as I was saying, Mr. Faulkner you not

The younger generation & the
general character of bandlers
& sorters.

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Union work with dock men.

Benefits.

Pensions

not paying more than the rest of trade.
That's all I want to know says 'e. What'll
you 'ave to smoke. & so the matter is
settled."

What happens when all does not go so smooth he
did not say.

He has been secretary of the Society for
30 years. Admitted to having some trouble
with the younger members on occasion. 'These
young socialists who havint' ad hang ex-
perience they tries to rush me off one's legs
every now & then.'

But Bandlers & sorters & as steady lot,
if you have a man from the society you
may be quite certain that he is an honest
& respectable man. They pride themselves
on it.

Union work with union men.

Offer. Sick. 12p per week.

Out of work. 1/6 per day.

Superannuation 5p per week

Have a cash balance for p. ending July 10. 1895.
of £275. 14. 5.

The numbers of men & numbers of weeks they were on Out of work Sick & Superannuation pay during the quarter ending July 10. 95.

From the balance sheet (given) for quarter ending July 10. 1895 it appears that 23 men were on out of work pay for a total of 56 weeks two & 1/2 days. at a cost of £25.7.9 In the Soc. were 92 members so that exactly 1/4 came on the books during the quarter year 5 men were on sick pay for a total of 18 wks & 3 days at a cost of £16/2/- 3 on Superannuation for 28 weeks for £0.0 General expenditure amounted to £12.9.11 So that the total expenditure for the quarter was £60.19.8. The income being £45.12.11 - a decrease of £15.6.9. which was made good from the Reserve fund of £291.1.2.

The total cash reserve was at the end 275.14.5. divided as follows

Out of work & sick fund	£225.10.9
Superannuation fund	50 3.8.
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	275.14.5

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Agua Soltera

Dear Sir,

Oct 29

Your letter Oct 24/95

"Life and Labour of the people
to hand, I thank you kindly,
Chapter 7. "Solano Workers." It appears
well written and shows a good
the Trade, you draw my notice
with respect to the ...

555. Agri Sales TB and Co

Dear Sir

Oct 29, 1895

Your letter Oct 24/95 and Volume 4 "Life and Labour of the people in London" to hand, I thank you kindly. I have read Chapter 7. "Tobacco Workers." It appears to me to be well written and shows a good knowledge of the Trade, you draw my notice to pages 219, & 238. with respect to page 219. I see no objection. If you intend to draw my notice to the Cigar Makers Mutual Association line 10 that is purely a question for the Secretary of that Association and I must respectfully decline to correct it.

I should like the Chapter much better but for such statements as "the work is well adapted for female hands" page 224. line 19. and also "and seems to be eminently adapted for female labour" page 228 line 7. I think these statements tend to cause an influx in the Trade, which proves no benefit to the good Masters, nor to the hands that are in the Trade, nor to the young girls that may enter it. but causes a glut in the Labour Market, which the writer's words show on page 227 line 7. on head Masters.

When you have finished your report of an Association, before you make any use of it, you will not forget according to your promise to send me a copy for me to show to the members.

May I ask for an answer to these rough lines of mine.

I am dear Sir

respectfully Yours
J. Herriott
113 Globe Rd
E

To Mr Deekworth.

Tobacco Strippers Mutual Association

Number & qualifications of members.

Date of foundation

Wages & hours.

Vary few Non Union men.

Oct. 30th 95.

G.H.D.

Interview with Mrs. Bye. & President + 8 members at a meeting of the Tobacco Strippers Mutual Association held at Prince of Hesse. Fieldgate St Whitechapel

No members 90.

against 94 in 1894.

Any stripper (male) of good character who is a competent worker is eligible.

The following is the stamp of the Society



founded 1851

to aid & assist each other while sick or out of em-
-ployment.

Lowest wages is 27/- time work. usual hours ranging from 48 to 52. holidays paid for 8.30 AM - 6.

8 till 1 or 2 on Saturdays.

Any member committing an act of dishonesty is expelled. There are not many non-union men in London there are

Womens work.

Seasons.

All time work.

They are the best judges of tobacco

under 20 of them in London.
Lower priced shops employ females but the
best do not even tho these latter may employ
cigar makers & bundlers.

Here as in every shop one man or ganger over
the stripper a liquorer to whose care the
great bulk of the leaf is entrusted. he will get
from 30/- 32/- to 36/- one gets 2/20.

Oct till X was busy.

Slack. Feb to April before budget is passed. in case
there may be an alterations.

Women in shops of consequence dont strip leaf for
outside wrapper.

Those who strip generally strip 'fillers' or
branches only.

No piece work in London nor yet in the country.
Work from Battersea to Mile End.

Majority of firms in East London.

Faulkner as far as they are concerned is a poor
firm - turn out poor stuff with cheap labour.

Strippers must have a fine but on the head so that
nothing may be done. They claim to be the best
judges of tobacco for all that comes in must

Relations with employees good.

Very few boys in the trade.

The effect of a reduction of import
duty on manufactured goods.

Pension scheme.

No noticeable changes since 1890.

pass thro' their hands both dry & wet.
Employees recognize to Soc. never have had a
strike. All their advances have been obtained
by memorial.

Training - no regular apprenticeship.
Not > 12 boys in trade altogether.
Are afraid that all tobacco will come in without stalks.
Tom.

Tobacco that comes in now requires less land tilling.
The reduction in the duty in 1863 a Havana cigar
left to the making up of cigars in Havana.

Nearly all men in Soc are past 50.
As a rule get an allowance of tobacco.
Are trying Superannuation scheme of 1^d per wk for m.
& after paying for 2 yrs a man is eligible if
he lose a limb or be disabled by age.

Smoking concerts supplement levies.
No noticeable changes since 1890
No machinery will ever be shipped.
Please send proof to Society for a Wednesday or Saturday
evening.

Cigar makers mutual association

History of the Womens Society.

Analgamation with men's Soc.

Men & female work.

November 1st

G. H. D.

Bm. Cooper. Sec. to Cigar makers mutual Association. Private address 60 Exmouth Street Stepney.

In 1890. There used to be a womens union.

'Womens Cigar makers protective union' reached 650. at end of 1894.

But in consequence of bad trade they could not meet their own benefit with the result that altho' they levied themselves & were subsidized to the extent of several 1000 of pounds on diff: occasions.

Men then considered it advisable to amalgamate the women with the mens association.

A vote was taken, it was carried unanimously by the women & by a small majority of the men.

Now men & women form the

'Cigar makers mutual association'.

The difficulty of the position is the difference in price paid to men & women for the same class of work. Undoubtedly the men do better work & the best part is in the hands of the

Mould work.

men. Men do the land work & women do the
mould work. Some men do mould work but
a few of them. A few women also make land work.
Mould work is the cheaper & inferior sort.

The Societies absorbed by the Mutual

Cigar makers Provident Soc. men } now absorbed
Women cigar makers Assoc }
by Cigar makers Mutual.

Date of absorption

The men's society was absorbed by the Mutual
in 1890.
The women in the beginning of 1895.

Subscriptions & Benefits

Women contribute 6d per wk & get 6/- for
3 months out of work & death & strike -
men pay 1/- & get 9/- for 3 months + 6/- sick
Emigration } to men only. 9/- for 13 wks
Sick }
Strike. 15/- per wk for 13 wks. 6/- -
Death 5/- for each 3 months membership
up to a maximum of £10.
½ amount for members wife.

The Trade Societies in the
London Tobacco Industry.

Memberships of the Mutual.

Training

System of piecework.

The other Societies in London are.

1. London Tobacco Stoppers.

2. Cigar Sorters & Bandlers.

3. Tobacco Cutters.

4. Cigarette makers (a plantation he thinks).

5. Cigar makers mutual.

1895. Cigar makers mutual have 1200 men
& 650 women.

Regular apprenticeship as described in the
account in East London.

All work is piece work.

Certain quality of material, certain weight,
certain shape, governs the minimum price.
The rise or this follows on rise of quality or shape.

Trade Localities

British cigars are as good or often
better than all except the high priced
Havana goods.

min of lb. for ordinary shapes & prices range
from 3^d to 15^d per 100 more for fancy
shapes.

There is a recognized shape, quality & weight known
as the 'ordinary' cigar.

The east road Whitechapel is the locality for
the trade. Even those working in S. London
may leave here.

Within a stone's throw of Aldgate are
20 factories.

St. George, Mile End, St. George, Bethnal
Green are main neighbourhoods.

A good British cigar is better than the inferior Havana
cigars. As for the continental cigars they are
not in it.

Reina Regenta of Morris' Halfpenny passage.
3^d each.

In Havana they keep back the very best leaf
the cigars costing 4 to 10^d each are better
than English ones: they are made from
better stuff.

Machinery for rolling has been tried but none have been

Machine v hand.

More women are entering the trade than men.

Health.

Men recruited from the Continent.

Very few non-unionists

success. 'You can't put brains into a machine, that's saved us long ago'. Machines won't work good stuff carefully enough.
Not many in the trade became tobaccoists.

Not a great many very young men.
The great bulk of the persons entering the trade are women.

Employers have not taken so much to boy apprentices lately.

The women are taking over the more inferior work the men are being left more for the very best only.

People look pale in the trade but is not really unhealthy. Large no. of foreigners (mostly Belgians) & German & Dutch.

To some extent the manual labour is therefore recruited from the continent. All foreigners join. There are not 50 men in the trade working in London who are outside the Association & most of these they would not accept.

A man in order to join the Society must get work

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Condition of election to the Soc.

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The Society House.

The range of wages is higher now than it used to be.

Hours.

Seasons.

Effect of Salomon & Muckstein on the trade.

* may then join the Soc. men must be in work when they join & getting the same price as his ^{and}.
The employees is the test of their quality. They find it works most satisfactorily.

To get new men they sometimes write to Soc. House. Royal Oak, 220 Whitechapel Rd. but usual men go round in search of it or collectors in each shop (who collects soc money) is ask to meet it at the meeting.
Relations friendly with employers.

Range of wages to 50p instead of 40p owing to introduction of fancy shapes & slight increase in other classes of work also.
No special dress - only apron.
Will send copy of rules.
Salomon & Muckstein.

8.30 or 9 to 6 or 6.30. weekly 7.
Saturdays. 8.30-1.
Busy. Oct to Xmas.
Slack. in the Spring. (anxiety about the budget: fear of readjustment of taxation).

Salomon & Muckstein have entered the trade as retailers as well as manufacturers. They do save the middle-man's profit. They pay their men well & they have

Salmon Glückstein

have no complaints against them: the retailers are very loud against them. ~~The~~ Retailers Trade Protection Association waited on the Society to ask them to boycott S & G's. "What will you give us in return? will you promise to employ none but union labour for the future?" was the answer. The retailers wd not promise so the Trade Union wd do nothing for them.

The retailers then went to the other manufacturers but S & G buy so largely of their wares that they cd not afford to offend them.

Comparative mortality of Tobaccoists

Census returns.

Death chiefly from diseases of
Respiratory organs.

November 19.

G. H. W.

The Comparative mortality figure for tobaccoists as shown by the Census returns for 1880-2 for the ages 25 to 65. in which 1000 is taken as representing the comparative mortality of all males, was exactly the mean i.e. the figure for tobaccoists was 1000.

Vid. Dr. Arlidge. on the Hygiene diseases & mortality of occupations (ed. 1892). p. 157.

"The returns shew that 27% perish from phthisis, 13.47% die from other diseases of the respiratory ~~organs~~ system, that diseases of the nervous & circulatory system stand severally at about 9.20%. The leading fact deducible is therefore that phthisis is unusually fatal among tobaccoists.

"They suffer very much at all the younger ages" was the conclusion of Dr Farr."

He goes on to say that this is difficult of explanation & is probably due to excessive smoking, hot rooms

Caused by dust.

excessive drinking —

Ben Cooper admitted that tobacco workers did look pale. Said it was due to the dust that ~~is~~ flew from the tobacco leaves. Snuff makers suffer especially in this way. He did not think it led to any great mortality from chest diseases but there is certainly a tendency towards them.

H. Lutter. Tobacco Cutters Society

Refuses Official information

Unofficial information.

Nov. 21.

G. A. D.

H. Lutter. Secretary to the Tobacco Cutters Trade Society. held at the White Hart Inn Kingsland Road

Mr. Lutter had lately become a small tobacconist & had stated on his own account. He was to give up his secretaryship next week & all the information he could give must not be taken as official. In fact he refused to allow any notes to be taken of it saying that the Society must give its own information that being in the delicate position he was in he wd rather have nothing taken down.

Society consists of 200 members
Offer out of work. Death & Travelling money
Relations with employers good.
Union & Un-union men work together

Not much shifting

Men most stay where they are; there is very little shifting. from shop to shop

Cigarette making is very prosperous just now.

N.B. The Society was applied to, to give information but refused.

According to promise the information given above was set out ~~with~~ print the printed proof. The membership about which we had estimates from other persons in the tobacco trade only being left in the pagged proof.

Offer Out of work, Death, and Travelling money. Relations good. Union and non-union men work together.

from 1st proof of tobacco

Cigarette makers Society

Dec. 20th.

56.
S. H. D.

J. Kerrison writes telling of the existence of
the Cigarette makers Society.

Address:

Society

292 Nathaniel Building

Commercial S. E.

who has accordingly been this day written to.

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