## Job: Child Chimney Sweep

## We need young children to come and work in our chimney sweeping business!

Person required: Small boys aged 5-10
Pay: 2 shilling (10 cents) per week

## Job description:

Dirty industrial chimneys need cleaning. Workers need to be very small, as they need to climb up chimneys that can be as narrow as 30 cm . Plenty of work.

You will gain an apprenticeship as a chimney sweep. You will be provided a place to live, food to eat, and we will teach you the skill of cleaning chimneys. Don't worry... your skin will toughen up after all the cuts and grazes.

Disclaimer: Chimneys are small and dark. You will be breathing in a lot of smoke and soot. You will have to retire at the age of 10 . Health problems include a twisted spine, deformed ankles, eye irritation and breathing problems. Some chimney sweeps can get killed or badly burned; many die before the age of 30 .


## Job: Trapper

We need young children to come and work in our coal mine!

Person required: A child between 6-10 years old, who is not scared of the dark

Pay: 3 shilling ( 15 cents) per week

## Job description:

Opening the ventilation doors down the coal mines. You will need to sit behind the door in the tunnel in complete darkness for up to 14 hours a day.

You will receive regular pay, and this is not a dangerous job. We often employ whole families in our mines, so there might be work for your brothers or sisters too!

Disclaimer: You may get bored, and the working conditions are very poor. It is completely dark and wet, and can get quite lonely. There will be nowhere to go to the toilet. There is the risk of the mines collapsing, and this causes people to be crushed or suffocated to death.


## Job: Match Maker

## We need women and children to come and work in our factory that makes matches!

Person required: Women or children who don't mind a boring job.

Pay: 5 shilling ( 25 cents) per week

Job description:
Vacancies exist in the East End for match makers. You will work 12 hour shifts to make matches for the Bryant and May match company. You may also be able to make more money at night time by selling the matches on the streets. You need to dip matches into a very poisonous liquid made from phosphorus.

Disclaimer: This liquid gives out nasty gasses, which can slowly kill people if they breathe them in too much. If workers dip their fingers too far far in the liquid then it will burn the skin off their fingers. Exposure to phosphorus leads to a terrible condition called phossy jaw where the jawbones actually rot away. You may well die!


## Job: Piecer

## We need children to come and work in our cotton mill!

Person required: Children between 6 and 10 years old

Pay: 1 shilling (5 cents) per week

## Job description:

As the machine spins the cotton, the thread sometimes snaps. We need a small child to go under the machines (whilst the machine is still moving) and join the pieces together. When a child gets too big they will probably lose their job. It doesn't pay a lot of money, but you get somewhere to sleep and your food and drink is included.
Factory rooms are very hot because the cotton breaks more easily when it is cold. They are also very noisy because of the heavy machines run by steam.

Disclaimer: Often workers are made deaf by the sound of the machines. The last piecer died when her apron string got caught in the machinery and she was crushed to death. You may lose a finger or a limb. The overseer (boss) will beat you if you don't work quickly.


## Job: Knocker-up

## Are you an early bird? We need someone to wake everyone up!

Person required: Keen and enthusiastic man needed

Pay: 3 cents per week

## Job description:

You will need to get up early to wake up the Industrial workforce who don't have alarm clocks. You will need a long stick and you will race around town banging on people's windows to wake them up.

Disclaimer: Low pay. If you oversleep, you will be in huge trouble. You may end up breaking windows, annoying people, and the factory siren will eventually put you out of a job.


## Job: Nightsoil Man

## We are looking for a brave soul to join us as a nightsoil man.

Person required: A hardy soul with a strong stomach who does not mind a bit of hard work and working with raw sewage.

Pay: 1 shilling ( 5 cents) per cess-pit (sure adds up!)

Job description:
Emptying the overflowing privies (toilets) and cess-pits in the city of London, after twelve o'clock at night. Your job involves digging out toilet waste with a shovel and putting it into carts to be taken away. This is steady work and great pay.

Disclaimer: This is stinky and hard work. You will work from midnight to five a.m. There is a very high risk of diseases such as cholera and typhus through contact with the waste and poo. Some people even fall into the cess-pits and drown in human waste.


## Job: Rat Catcher

## Looking to hire someone who is fast and not afraid of rodents!

Person required: A man like Jack Black (royal rat catcher) who is not afraid of those tiny rodents.

Pay: You are paid by results - the more rats you collect the more money you will earn.

Job description:
Your job is to catch as many rats as possible. You must catch them alive. Bag up the rats and take them to your local pub who will pay you for them.
The dogs in the rat pit will then kill them to the delight of a drunken crowd. There are plenty of rats around, so you are sure to make a good wage!

Disclaimer: You have to catch the rats alive, so they must be caught by hand. You will risk lots of injuries and bites from the struggling rats. You may also catch some pretty horrible diseases.


