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The following curious facts are taken from Blackwood's Magazine:

In England the average poor rates for ten years past has amounted to \$30,000,000.

In Ireland \$7,500,000 a year are expended to feed a starving population.

In 1826 the immigration from the British Isles was 26,000 persons. In 1849 the number was 300,000.

In 30 years, crime in Great Britain and Ireland has increased 500 per cent., while the population has only increased 30 per cent.

In 1822 there were 27,183 jail commitments in England, Scotland and Ireland; in 1850 there were 74,162.

13 per cent. of the population of Scotland are paupers.

In Ireland, it appears from a report to government, made in July, 1847, that 2,020,712 persons subsisted on public alms, about 40 per cent. of the population. The nominal rental in Ireland is \$65,000,000. The sum expended for the relief of the poor, \$6,370,595, one-ninth of the rental. There were 250,000 persons in the poor houses, and 45,000 in jail. [Ireland is not larger than Ohio]

In Glasgow one fourth of the burials are at the public expense.

In London there are 20,000 journeymen traitors, of whom 12,000 earn a miserable existence by working 14 hours a day, including Sunday. There are also in the same city 32,000 sewing women, who, on an average, make only 4 ½ d, or 9 cents a day by working 14 hours - not quite ¾ of a cent per hour.