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Introduction

Welcome, Jumper, to London! Here at the center of the civilized world, Queen Victoria rules over the largest empire in human history. Between the years 1837 and 1901, Britain, with its unmatched power at sea, will rise to heights never before seen on Earth. Whether you have ambitions of winning the Great Game in central Europe, or just want to play servant for a decade, there's plenty for you to see and do here, Jumper.

What matters here is not where you arrive, for the sun never sets on the British Empire, but *when*. Roll a **1d8** to choose your starting time. Alternatively, you can pay **50CP** to choose any of the following options.

1830s: The beginnings of the Victorian Period. In just two years, political power will begin a shift towards the new urban population created by the Industrial Revolution. With the ascension of Queen Victoria to the British throne in 1837, this period marks the expansion of Britain's role as global hegemon.

1840s: Beginning with the First Opium War, the 1840s are a time of great suffering. In Europe, famines caused by the spread of potato blight have resulted in massive starvation in countries throughout Europe. This decade will end as starving peasants throughout Europe begin to demand political revolution, only to be brutally suppressed by their governments—thus bringing to an end the Age of Revolution.

1850s: The 1850s are marked by various imperial wars throughout Europe and Asia. The Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny will test Britain's ability to project its power around the globe. In Asia, led by the self-proclaimed brother of Jesus Christ, the Taiping Rebellion will cause as many as 30 million deaths which, together with the Second Opium War, will further weaken the already ineffectual Qing dynasty. Towards the end of the decade, Charles Darwin will publish the Origin of Species, sparking massive debate over man's place in the universe.

1860s: As Victorian culture and science enters the peak of its influence, the Unification of Italy and the Meiji Restoration will see the formation of new nations to challenge Britain. In America, tensions over slavery will explode in the American Civil War as the Northern States fight to preserve the Union and end slavery. With the Industrial Revolution now in full swing, bicycles will soon become an international fad, and the Transatlantic Telegraph Cable will enable rapid communication between Europe and the Americas for the first time.

1870s: After the American Civil War, the advent of the Second Industrial Revolution will result in rapid industrial development on both sides of the Atlantic. At the same time, the Long Depression will see years of worldwide economic recession after the Panic of 1873—causing a wave of discontent among the middle class. In Europe, the Franco-Prussian War will lead to the formation of a Prussian-led Germany and the beginning of France's decline as a Great Power.

1880s: With the Second Industrial Revolution in full swing, Britain's dominance in world affairs is now threatened by the rapid rise of the United States, Germany, Italy, and Japan. As the Long Depression continues to hamper European economies, empires now look overseas to Africa and Asia for new

markets. In this decade, the New Imperialism will take shape as the establishment of colonies becomes as much about prestige as economic benefit.

1890s: With the Long Depression mostly over and the turn of the century right around the corner, the 1890s marks the end of the Victorian period. As European statesmen debate amongst themselves over how best to carve up Africa and Asia, the world seems poised to enter a new golden age. To the peoples of Europe, the 20th century is expected to be a happy, peaceful era, with popular utopian literature depicting a bright future free from war and strife.

Free Choice: Choose from any of the above periods.

Class

Pick one of the following social classes. This will determine the circumstances of your birth as well as any memories (or lack of memories) that will accompany you in this world. Each social class has two different branches to choose from. This choice will not affect you outside of changes to your back-story. You are free to change your age and gender to anything you want.

Working Class (Drop In): Congratulations! You are a member of the working class! Collectively, this makes up more than 80% of Britain's population. If you're lucky, this means you work backbreaking hours doing manual labour for a meagre wage. If not, you could always try your luck sifting through the rotting refuse of the Thames? If all else fails, maybe one of the many poorhouses will save you from starvation?

You may choose to be a **Worker** whose labour will fuel the Industrial Revolution, or a **Servant** to help fulfill the desires of your superiors.

Middle Class: Unfortunately, for all your ambition, you are still not counted among the aristocracy. Lucky for you, the 19th century is an age of capitalist excess! Impoverished though your ancestors may have been, you now live a lifestyle in some ways no less impressive than the upper classes. Torn between two worlds, you could exploit the poor for all their worth in a bid to join the upper classes through marriage, or else side with the common man to overturn established hierarchies.

You may choose to be a **Capitalist** ready to exploit the working classes and make a profit, or a **Reformer** seeking to promote unorthodox ideas about society and culture.

Upper Class: From your family you have inherited the greatest blessing possible in this world: a noble bloodline. With this comes respect, power, and more rules than you could possibly imagine. For someone of your class, reputation is of the utmost importance, and society is full of silly rituals which you will need to adhere to. With that being said, you'll still have plenty of free time to pursue your interests among England's many gentleman scholars.

You may choose to be a **Socialite** tasked with navigating Britain's vast social structures, or a **Scholar** looking to push the boundaries of Victorian science.

Perks

Discounted perks are **50%** off. Each origin may take one of its discounted **100CP** perks for **free**.

Worker

16 Hour Workday [100] (Discount: Working Class): As a member of Britain's working class, you will have little time to yourself. Most of your days will be spent doing exciting jobs such as “beating rugs to get the coal dust out” and “searching through horse manure to find sellable dog shit”. Of course, even jobs as fascinating as these will get hold after a while.

To help mitigate this, you will now be able to “fast forward” through any menial task you perform. This can be used for any kind of work as long as it requires minimal mental effort. Fast forwarding will end if you are interrupted for any reason, or if there is something important that demands your attention.

Craftsman [200] (Discount: Working Class): Not all members of the lower class are without valuable skills. Impoverished though you may be, you now possess a skilled trade that sets you above your unskilled peers.

Pick any traditional form of craftsmanship such as blacksmithing or tailoring. You are now an expert in that art and can create products of significant value to the 19th century economy. With hard work and a bit of luck, you might even be able to rise out of the lower classes!

Modern Standards [400] (Discount: Working Class): Remember the 21st century? With its workplace safety laws and reasonable working hours? Wouldn't it be great if you could go back to that? Don't you miss your cubicle and the accompanying 9-to-5 office work?

With this perk, no matter where or when you find yourself, reality will strive to give you a quality of life that is at least comparable to the one you left behind, even if it would otherwise make no sense. While this won't give you modern plumbing in the void of space, things like an 8 hour workday and not breathing in coal dust 24/7 are well within your grasp.

We Live In A Period... [600] (Discount: Working Class): They may own the factories, but if every worker strikes, then they'll have to hear our demands! With words like these, you are now a master of rallying the downtrodden and oppressed to your cause. Whether you're forming a worker's union or a gang, you can now be sure that your followers will be inspired by your cause to face danger without breaking.

Of course, this only works as long as you can keep the strike organized and prevent strikebreakers from showing up. Thankfully, you are now an absolute genius at keeping angry mobs focused and coherent for long stretches of time. If you wanted, you could even channel their zeal into other avenues, such as using them to beat up strikebreakers and policemen.

Servant

Maid of All Work [100] (Discount: Working Class): Many families too poor to afford a large quantity of servants are nevertheless averse to actual housework. Rather than doing things like laundry themselves (which, before washing machines, was a multi-day process that occasionally led to disfigurement and death), many households employed “maids of all work” to deal with housework.

Not only are you fit for a job like this, you could easily do it in half the time without making a single mistake. Whether it's cooking, cleaning, or anything in between, you are now a master of everything that

needs to be done to keep a household running. Not only does this apply to 19th century living, you will also be able to adapt this skill to conditions in any other place or period you visit.

Housekeeper [200] (Discount: Working Class): The 19th century is an era of strict hierarchies, and even among the servants of a house this holds true. Thankfully, you're no mere hallboy. Regardless of where you find yourself, you will have no trouble assuming authority over others of your class, as something about you seems naturally suited to leadership. Within a week of starting at any new job, you will find your coworkers quickly deferring to you whenever you give orders or make requests. This won't on its own guarantee any sort of official "rank", but it can easily lead to one.

Governess [400] (Discount: Working Class): As an educated inhabitant of the 21st century, you're already leaps and bounds more qualified than the average teacher of this age. Unfortunately, as a member of the lower classes, you will have few opportunities to use this knowledge. As it happens though, there is a role for poor individuals with an upper class education.

Enter the governess. Normally hired to live in the home of a high-class family, she is tasked with educating the children of the house: tutoring them in everything from basic literacy to piano. With this perk, not only are you now fluent in conversational French, watercolour painting, and many other "accomplishments", you can now easily teach what you know to others—gaining an immense talent for training students. Those taught by you will advance much faster than would normally be possible and will quickly come to regard you as a beloved mentor.

Gentleman's Valet/Lady's Maid [600] (Discount: Working Class): It's one thing to be respected by your peers, but in the 19th century, even the most influential servant was expected to know their place. For you though, maybe it's not enough for brush shoulders with the rich and powerful. Maybe you want to be as close to them as family. With the magic of CP, all things are possible!

This perk allows you to walk the line between classes: speaking openly with people of all stripes without incurring any penalties. No matter what situation you find yourself in, there is no one who would refuse your company on account of your status alone. With this, you could even engage the Queen in conversation, provided you ever met her in person.

Capitalist

One Farthing Further [100] (Discount: Middle Class): What is the most important skill possessed by a business man? 21st century minds might provide answers like "innovation" or "adaptability", but you know better. In the new world of industry, the only thing that matters is thrift.

You are now a penny-pincher extraordinaire. The possibility of miserliness never escapes your notice, and no level of frugality is beneath you. While this may only save you the odd shilling here or there, you will find this quickly adds up if done consistently.

Efficient Industrialist [200] (Discount: Middle Class): The new methods of industry rely not on the skill of workers, but rather, depend on efficient use of materials and labour. You are now an expert at optimising systems of production for maximum efficiency.

Whether you are dealing with a single factory or all the factories in England, you will quickly notice all of the small ways in which work may be simplified. Redundant procedures and superfluous "safety features"

can be easily identified and eliminated—allowing you to completely overtake your competitors with just a few years to optimise.

A Pickle For The Knowing Ones [400] (Discount: Middle Class): As a member of the new capitalist class, private ventures are one of the most important methods for growing your burgeoning wealth. Whether you're investing in a new railway or a shipment of Indian spices, a successful venture can mean the difference between financial ruin and a secure future.

For you though, success takes practically no effort at all. When it comes to investment, your luck is simply astounding. With your backing, a venture to sell coal to Newcastle of all places is liable to succeed by some miracle stroke of luck. Of course, this isn't completely infallible, but more often than not, even stupid investments will somehow turn a profit.

East India Company [600] (Discount: Middle Class): While the concept of capitalist megacorps ruling over nations might seem like a 21st century trope, it is in fact something that has already happened. As the new owner of the Honourable Jumper Corporation, you now have free reign to colonise, conquer, and otherwise plunder foreign lands for their wealth and resources.

In practise, this means that any organisations you control will retain an air of legitimacy no matter what they do. You could lead a fishing club to conquer France and no one would even bat an eyelash. Want to sell drugs through the Church of England? How about running a gambling den in parliament? Regardless of what happens, the Honourable Jumper Corporation will remain honourable in the eyes of the public.

Reformer

Revolutionary Spirit [100] (Discount: Middle Class): The Age of Revolution might end in 1848, but the spirit of revolution will never die. Though tyrants may visit untold cruelties upon you, they will never break your spirit as long as they continue to oppose the march of progress.

Your willpower is now fundamentally tied to your conviction. So long as you continue to believe in the ideals that motivate you, your spirit will be unbreakable. Furthermore, your efforts will be seen as highly inspiring to your peers: allowing them to bear burdens together that would break them as individuals.

Jumperpolitik [200] (Discount: Middle Class): The enemies of the status quo are many. Opposing the old hierarchies are republicans, anarchists, syndicalists, communists, feminists, and more. Alone, these disparate movements have little chance of overthrowing an entrenched aristocracy. To survive, they must unite.

You now have an innate talent for bringing together otherwise conflicting groups in opposition to a common enemy. As long as you are involved, infighting and backstabbing will be kept to a minimum. Of course, once you achieve your aims, this alliance can quickly break down, so it's up to you to manage victory carefully.

The Jumper Manifesto [400] (Discount: Middle Class): The rise of public education has had an astounding effect on Victorian society. Whereas once reading was restricted to the educated classes, now even the poor are beginning to involve themselves in politics and reform. With audiences exploding in size, great authors have risen to provide the masses with written media.

You are now an extraordinary writer and rhetorician. Whether you're writing pamphlets or full-sized novels, your words can easily enthral an audience—impressing upon them the importance and correctness of your views. With sufficient effort, a simple manifesto might come to define the progress of future centuries, for good or ill.

Nationalism [600] (Discount: Middle Class): The 19th century is a time of rising empires and unification. Across Europe and Asia, formerly fractured nations unify under new national identities. The civic nationalism that began in the French Revolution has now spread throughout the world.

For many, this is an experiment that will ultimately lead to failure. True unity is a product of shared language, culture, and history—mere conquest is not enough to forge a nation. Such is the traditional wisdom which this perk will allow you to ignore.

Rather than struggling to forge a common sense of belonging, any organisation you are a part of will quickly develop a strong sense of united identity. Not only will this allow you to bring disparate movements into the fold, it will also ensure that conventional attempts to break up your organisation are doomed to failure.

Socialite

Manners Maketh Man [100] (Discount: Upper Class): Picture the scene of a ball. You enter with your lovely wife on your arm, and when the dancing commences, you take her out for a waltz. Holding her close, you whisper romantic words into her ear. Quite a lovely scene isn't it?

Why that's exactly the sort of impropriety that an ill-bred, low class individual would entertain.

Here in the 19th century, you are expected to act in a civilised fashion. There are dozens of arcane rules regarding how one comports themselves, and if you do not abide by them, you will not long maintain the esteem of your peers. From this perk, you will gain an in-depth understanding of 19th century etiquette. In addition, you will find it much easier to adapt to any local rules of propriety in future settings.

In Season [200] (Discount: Upper Class): Why isn't that the most lovely yellow dress? Say, wouldn't it look positively magnificent at tonight's ball? Absolutely not! In the first place, crinolines are completely out of style these days, and yellow?! Everyone knows that yellow looks like *mud* under gaslight!

If you want to avoid shaming yourself in public, an understanding of fashion is imperative. Silly though it may seem to some, a lady's reputation is derived in no small part from the way in which she dresses. Rather than fumbling in the dark for the right colours and cuts to wear, this perk will grant you an innate understanding of Victorian fashion. Furthermore, you will gain a special talent for modifying your existing clothing to suit current trends. After all, why buy a new dress when you could just modify an old one?

A Gentleman Never Works [400] (Discount: Upper Class): Hard work is important! Nearly everyone in Victorian society will tell you this. After all, it's what separates us from degenerates like the Irish who spend all day drinking and gambling. Here in England, we value industry and diligence!

Also, on a completely unrelated note, if an upper class gentleman or lady is ever forced to work for any reason whatsoever, they will be shamed forever. Remember! A gentleman never works!

Does this surprise you? It shouldn't. The 19th century is an age of astounding hypocrisy. Good luck convincing anyone of this while you're here though. On the other hand, if you can't beat them, join them! From now on, no matter how blatantly hypocritical your actions are, no one will ever call you out on them (or even notice). No degree of irony is too much for you to handle! You could join the Temperance movement as a raging alcoholic without attracting so much as a raised eyebrow.

Royal Relations [600] (Discount: Upper Class): Whether you're in the 19th century or the 21st century, power comes from knowing the right people. While every member of the upper class is important, not all aristocrats are equal. To truly succeed in Victorian society, one must look to the top.

You now possess a personal connection with Queen Victoria herself. With this comes all the power and influence that one can expect from the most powerful woman in the world. If you are a drop in, this will happen shortly after you arrive. Otherwise, it will exist as part of your backstory. In future worlds, this will grant you a similar relationship to whoever is considered the “most powerful” person in the setting.

Scholar

Royal Recognition [100] (Discount: Upper Class): As a man of science, much of your time will be spent trying to justify your work to other members of the upper class. Research isn't cheap, after all! Instead of being forced to spend years trying to explain what electricity is "useful for", this perk will give you a special talent for explaining your ideas in ways that even the most uneducated individuals can understand.

Of course, you still need worthwhile ideas to spread, but I'm sure you can think of a few. Even better, this perk will allow you to quickly find backers willing to fund your projects. While this will vary depending on the scope and focus of the project, you will always be able to find at least one or two wealthy individuals to invest in your research.

Accomplished Aristocrat [200] (Discount: Upper Class): In this century, Britain will begin as an agricultural society and end as an industrial one. Progress is the spirit of the age, and it is up to aristocrats such as yourself to guide the masses into the future. As a member of the upper class, you already have the time and resources to pursue knowledge: why not pick up some talent as well?

You now possess a peak human intelligence similar to the famed Charles Darwin or the fictional Sherlock Holmes. Aside from general improvements to your memory and learning speed, this vastly increases your intuition: allowing you to see the connections between seemingly irrelevant details. Coupled with a basic 21st century education, you could easily become a scientist of great renown with just a few years of work.

Unorthodox [400] (Discount: Upper Class): For a supposed member of the upper class, you're a little *strange*. Given how busy you are trying to push the boundaries of mankind's knowledge, is it any wonder you can be a little forgetful about proper dress and etiquette? Of course not!

While this won't fully insulate you from public opinion, you will now have a much easier time convincing others to accept your eccentricities as long as you are somehow contributing to society. Instead of landing you a spot in prison, publishing blasphemy or pornography is probably only worth a slap on the wrist, and you could easily grow a massive unkempt beard without garnering any real criticism.

The Age of Science [600] (Discount: Upper Class): Progress is the spirit of the age, and yet here in London, there are many who would fight that progress with every ounce of their being. You, however, are a maverick and a champion of progress. You can easily see the places where society is ripe for change and can always tell when the world is or isn't ready for your discoveries.

Once you do publish your findings, you will find it extremely easy to shape the public reaction to your works. In your hands, even a theory that disproves biblical literalism could merely spark a decade of debate instead of immediately earning you a spot in jail. Likewise, if you wanted, you could totally shatter exiting notions of disease and health without causing a massive panic about germs or bugs.

Items

Discounted items are **50%** off. Each origin may take one of its discounted **100CP** items for **free**, with repeat purchases being discounted as usual.

Jumper's receive a **400CP** stipend to use exclusively in this section.

Worker

Chimney Sweep [100] (Discount: Working Class): Well *someone* has to clean the chimneys in all those houses. It might as well be you. If working in a factory doesn't appeal to you, why not take up an exciting career as a chimney sweep? No skill required! Just be small and own one of these handy sweeping tools!

Unlike most other chimney sweeps, purchasing this allows you to be your own boss! Even better, this sweeping tool will never break or need cleaning! With that being said, the pay isn't great. Also, if you accidentally go down the wrong hole or get stuck, you're probably going to die. Happy sweeping!

Infinite Rags [200] (Discount: Working Class): As a native resident of the 21st century, I'm sure you've struggled with deciding on what to wear. Keeping an up to date wardrobe takes both time and money: neither of which you have as a worker! Fear nor, Jumper! The 19th century has the solution to your worries! This infinite supply of rags contains as many sets of clothing you could ever want!

As long as they are rags.

In future worlds, you can use this to disguise yourself as a homeless pauper or starving beggar. No one will question why you are wearing rags, even if it would seem out of place to a neutral observer.

Pocket Watch [400] (Discount: Working Class): Why be the one to wake up at 6am to work in a factory, when you could be waking up other people to do the same? In the 19th century, owning a good pocket watch is something that poor fellow might base his entire career around. After all, how are your peers going to know when to get up without you to tell them?

This well-made pocket watch always keeps perfect time no matter where you are or what happens to it. Its appearance is up to you to decide, though by default it appears as a somewhat tarnished silver pocket watch with a matching chain to go with it.

Little Matchbox [600] (Discount: Working Class): Picture this. It's New Year's Eve, and you're sitting on a street corner, dying of acute hypothermia and starvation, because your father threatened to beat you

to death if you don't sell any matches. Unfortunately, that's pretty common during this era. Thankfully, I've got the perfect 19th century solution for you!

No it isn't food or shelter. It's this box of matches. Just strike one, and no matter how bleak or hopeless your situation seems, you'll find yourself filled with new joy and hope for the future. Of course, this only lasts until the fire goes out, but that's why you get the whole box. The matches replenish daily. Hallucinations of your grandmother and/or Heaven are optional.

Servant

Mrs. Beaton's Household Guide [100] (Discount: Working Class): What you have here is the famed work of the modern domestic goddess herself. Mrs. Beaton's Book of Household Management is a perfect guide to turn an enterprising housewife or servant into a "commander" of the household. It's hard to overstate the influence this book will have on the era. Between its pages are an encyclopedic compendium of classic British cuisine. What more could you want? After all, everyone knows that British cooking is the best in the world.

Of course, this book contains more than just cooking recipes. Did you know that sour baby formula can be unspoilt by adding borax powder to it? I mean, it won't kill any of the bacteria, but at least the milk will taste fresh!

Anti-Seduction Trinket [200] (Discount: Working Class): Alas, it is a story that is all too common in this age. A young servant girl is hired to work for a family, only to be ~~raped~~seduced by one of the male members of the household before being abandoned onto the streets to live as a Fallen Woman. Thankfully you happen to have a magical trinket in the form of a small cross or crucifix. In the event that you are about to be "seduced", the trinket will fall onto the ground, causing your master to instantly remember his Christian faith and come to his senses.

This won't stop a truly determined attacker, and it has no effect on someone who isn't religious (though everyone you're likely to meet here is). Still, it is an invaluable tool for a young servant trying to make her way through life. For males, this trinket will instead offer protection from beatings (which also happen to be legal here until 1860).

Servant Supplies [400] (Discount: Working Class): After a few hours of scrubbing someone's dirty linens, you're sure to miss the conveniences of the 21st century. Well the Victorians had home appliances too, and with this purchase, you'll be getting a full set. While you won't find any refrigerators or microwaves here, there's plenty of crank powered machinery and even the odd gas powered convenience to make a servant's life easier.

This includes wonders such as the gas-powered iron, the electric tablecloth, and the classic mangle. All of these would be hilariously illegal and dangerous in a modern setting, but thankfully these versions will never accidentally crush your fingers or give you massive 3rd degree burns. As an extra bonus, we'll throw in an unlimited supply of caustic soaps to wash away any filth you accumulate (along with a few extra layers of your skin).

Employer Reference [600] (Discount: Working Class): In 19th century Britain, a servant's most valuable possession (aside from her hands, feet, eyes, and ears) was the esteem of her former employer.

Due to the massive overabundance of unskilled labour, it was almost impossible for someone to get a job as a servant without a good reference from his or her former master.

Of course, depending on your origin, this might prove difficult. As luck would have it though, your previous employer was extremely impressed with your work and will be happy to give you a glowing recommendation. Inexplicably, this works no matter what you're applying to and seems to work even in fields that you have never worked in. With this, you could easily wind up with a serving position in any household in Britain.

Capitalist

~~**Slaves**~~**Workers [100] (Discount: Middle Class):** The Victorian era is an excellent time to be a capitalist. The amount of unskilled labour is truly staggering, and you'll probably never want for cheap workers. Of course, this won't necessarily be true in future worlds, but with this purchase, it could be.

You now have access to as many desperately poor country-folk as you could ever want, along with a limitless supply of starving orphans. These workers will put in backbreaking hours just to avoid the poor house and can be relied on to perform any sort of work imaginable. You could literally chain them to mine carts and have them drag coal through tunnels on their hands and feet for 18 hours a day if you wanted. It's not like they have any better options.

Corliss Steam Engine [200] (Discount: Middle Class): As a major industrialist, you know that servants are a relic of the last century. Steam is the worker of the future, and with this purchase, you'll be able to prove it. What you have here is nothing less than the best steam engine of the 19th century.

As seen in 1876 Centennial Expo, the Corliss Steam Engine is an enormous titan of steel capable of powering dozens of exhibits using nothing more than water and coal. This particular steam engine seems to never break down or run out of fuel, though that's probably just a coincidence. Aside from the engine itself, you will receive a set of blueprints for creating additional copies of this famous device.

The Origin of Specie [400] (Discount: Middle Class): A 21st century economist might make the claim that money is just an abstract representation of value. What fools! Money is GOLD! That is, after all, the entire point of the gold standard.

You now have access to a massive gold mine equal in value to the deposits at Poverty Point in eastern Australia. While this doesn't come with miners, you do have a limitless supply of primitive mining equipment to hand out to any workers you find. Strangely enough, the gold in these mines never seems to run out no matter how much you dig.

Railway Act [600] (Discount: Middle Class): There is perhaps no greater symbol of 19th century industrial prowess than the modern railway. Faster than horses and safer than steamships, it's hard to go wrong with something like this. Still, the last thing you want is to accidentally overinvest in railways leading to a massive stock market crash followed by two decades of economic depression.

Instead of going through the trouble of finding investors and building tracks yourself, why not purchase your very own Railway Act from this document? Just pick two places on a map, and you'll get a nicely made railway connecting them. This will even let you bypass rivers and mountains by building bridges

and digging tunnels automatically. This can be reused as many times as you want, though obviously it cannot connect things that are separated by impassable physical barriers.

Reformer

Rational Dress [100] (Discount: Middle Class): Crinolines and corsets! Long skirts and tight-lacing! All of it just serves to imprison women in their own bodies. How lamentable! How crass! Plus, it probably causes consumption or something.

Fancy starting the Victorian dress reform movement early? Now you've got your very own supply of emancipation waists and bloomers guaranteed to shame your parents and make your grandmother faint from the stress. Not only will these outfits (allegedly) let you dress fashionably without restricting your movement, but you'll also receive a set of designs for mass producing these outfits. Don't worry, you probably won't be arrested for public indecency; probably.

Safety Bicycle [200] (Discount: Middle Class): In the 19th century, the first bicycles were little more than two-wheeled wooden carts aptly nicknamed "boneshakers" for the sensation they produced in their riders. Later innovations would see the development of the big-wheeled "penny farthings" which were an enormous improvement in terms of speed and comfort but which had an unfortunate tendency to kill their riders in the event of a fall.

Enter the safety bicycle. This *revolutionary* design uses two *equal*-sized wheels powered by a chain drive to allow women, yes you heard me, even *women*, to ride comfortably. While ladies may begin this century largely confined to their kitchens, this will not be so once they are given the means to travel.

This particular bike has all the fancy features you'd expect from a modern bicycle. Along with this bike, you will receive blueprints to construct additional safety bicycles of this type without using modern tools or materials.

Urania Cottage [400] (Discount: Middle Class): As you know, any sexual contact that isn't strictly between a husband and his wife in their marriage bed for the sole purpose of procreation immediately causes sin to descend on all the participants. Those who fall afoul of this rule (except for men, since the women who tempted them were probably asking for it) are to be cast out from polite society and never welcomed back. For women who become prostitutes, the result is an immediate and inevitable decline into vice followed by a miserable death on the streets. In the 19th century, this is just common sense.

Except what if it wasn't? You now have your very own cottage in London where you can run experiments into reforming Fallen Women. This property has enough space for 14 residents to live comfortably along with plenty of room for gardening. Inside, you will find all the furnishings needed for daily life along with a wardrobe filled with colourful clothing. It even comes with a piano! No matter how unconventional your ideas are, you could easily convince people to give them a try while they are inside this house, and you will never be harassed by outsiders who find your proposals improper. With this, you could reform even the lowliest of Fallen Women into an upstanding servant-girl ready for a new life!

...not here in Britain, of course. You'll probably have to send her to Australia once you're done.

***Looking Jumpwards* [600] (Discount: Middle Class):** Imagine the perfect society. You now have a novel which perfectly describes this society from the perspective of a 19th century gentleman who fell asleep in

his backyard and woke up in the futuristic world of the year 2000. Audiences will be amazed at the inclusion of such marvels as "credit cards" and "traffic laws", and they will be on the edges of their seats for the romance subplot that has been shoehorned into the story.

This political screed disguised as a novel is guaranteed to become extremely popular, leading to dozens of unofficial sequels and responses in addition to an explosion of similar works. Every decade you can create another such novel based on a different "ideal society". This will somehow never get old no matter how predictable the story is or how many similar works are released at the same time.

Socialite

Appropriate Attire [100] (Discount: Upper Class): What do you get when you combine an industrialised textile industry with a truly massive cotton supply from the American South? Why fashion, or course! For an upper-class Victorian, looking your best has never been more important. After all, if you're not dressed properly, someone might think you work for a living!

No matter what your needs, this special closet will contain everything necessary to look your best. For gentlemen, an endless supply of tophats, coats, cravats, and more. For ladies, as many corsets and dresses as you could possibly want alongside all the crotchless underwear you could ever need. Add to this a dazzling array of (possibly lead-filled but guaranteed safe) dyes plus enough black to spend half a century in mourning, and you'll never want for clothing again! Everything is clean, well fitted, and will never look washed out under gaslight.

Fashionable Cane/Elegant Parasol [200] (Discount: Upper Class): To complete your look, you'll need more than just fancy clothes. For gentlemen, a sturdy cane of dark polished hardwood plated with silver fittings and an engraved head of your choice. For ladies, a lightweight parasol made of delicate lace with a smooth ivory handle perfect for sucking on.

Not only is this the perfect accessory to help keep your balance/prevent tanning, this particular model comes with your choice of concealed sword or pistol in the handle. Either option will be of top quality and will never suffer from corrosion or lack of maintenance. The pistol also comes with a refilling supply of ammunition. Guaranteed to be both legal and stylish throughout the Victorian period!

Stately Coach [400] (Discount: Upper Class): All the fancy clothes and accessories won't mean a thing if you show up to every social event covered in horse manure and stinking of coal. God forbid someone mistakes you for a common street harlot! There must be a better way!

Instead of brushing shoulders with the unwashed masses, why not travel in your own luxury carriage? This model is furnished with soft wool cushions designed for maximum comfort and comes decorated with bright paint and golden leafing over a frame of lovely dark wood. Arriving in this will all but guarantee you the jealous gaze of your peers.

Comes with four horses, a driver, and a young boy to run in front of you screaming at people to get out of the way. Both the driver and the horses, plus the carriage itself, will repair themselves within an hour if damaged. The boy will not repair himself but will be replaced with another, equally poor, child.

Country House [600] (Discount: Upper Class): London may be the heart of England, but unless you're there on business, no member of the upper classes would be caught dead in the city outside of the social

season. Aside from the social implications, breathing in the miasma from the Thames is likely to cause insanity, death, and (of course) consumption.

Luckily, you now possess a stately manor located somewhere in the English countryside. Built to dominate over the surrounding landscape, this house is as impressive as it is vast—boasting a veritable army of indoor and outdoor staff to tend the gardens and sweep the halls. Every inch of the property is decorated with all manner of artistic works and lit by gas lamps drawing from a private gas plant somewhere on the grounds.

Scholar

1955 Lee-Enfield Rifle [100] (Discount: Upper Class): First revealed in 1895, the Lee-Enfield was Britain's first smokeless powder rifle based on the earlier Lee-Metford design. With a 10 round box magazine and an extremely effective bolt mechanism, the Lee-Enfield was the fastest firing rifle of its day. Though it was invented at the end of the 19th century, the Lee-Enfield and its variants would go on to serve in both World Wars and would be retained well into the 21st century by numerous countries.

Why would you need something so dangerous? Exploring, of course! You never know when the odd savage or wild beast might suddenly come charging out of the jungle. This model has been decorated with stylish gilding and engraving: perfect to impress any local tribal leaders with. It will never jam or break and comes with a refilling crate of ammunition along with a sturdy steel bayonet. You may optionally replace this with an older weapon such as the classic "Brown Bess" if you prefer muskets to rifles.

Laboratory [200] (Discount: Upper Class): What sort of man of science would you be without a place to work? You now have a garden laboratory filled with everything a gentleman scholar could ever want. This includes a series of telescopes and microscopes to better observe the world along with a chemistry set and electrical equipment to study its composition. You even have a bunch of ape skulls and head-measuring tools just in case you wanted to dive into eugenic pseudoscience.

This would be fantastic on its own, and yet we haven't even touched on the attached study. Inside is a small library filled with Greek and Latin classics along with all the best pre-modern scientific texts available. It even comes with a set of crude drawings for things like the "gramophone" and "telephone" if you wanted to upstage a certain resident of Menlo Park.

The Jump Club [400] (Discount: Upper Class): To be a productive academic in the Victorian era is about connections as much as it is about science. Knowing the right people can mean the difference between international fame and historical irrelevance. Thankfully, you now have access to a dinner club including some the greatest minds in all of Victorian Britain. Which dinner club? Why all of them, of course.

This special pass allows you to ignore the membership requirements for gatherings such as the famous "X Club". While it won't get you into any truly secret or forbidden groups, you could easily use it to gain membership into any number of esoteric or niche interest groups while you're here. Of course, this won't stop you from being kicked out for breaking the rules, but you'll always have at least a week to prove yourself before this happens.

HMS Jumper [600] (Discount: Upper Class): Whether you're an officer serving with the British military or an explorer studying uncharted lands, naval transportation is a must for the enterprising

individual. With the introduction of ironclads at the end of the 1850s, the old era of wood and canvas warships will soon be over—replaced by a generation of steel titans driven by steam.

Here at your disposal is a first-rate battleship of this new generation. With an all-steel hull and turreted cannons built to fire explosive shells, one might be tempted to see this as a distinctly 20th century design. Nevertheless, the twin masts placed alongside to the ship's boiler funnels and the prominent ram at her prow clearly mark her as a ship of the Victorian Era.

Comes with a crew of 900 loyal sailors. These followers will respawn after a week if killed and come with expert knowledge on every facet of the ship's operation.

Companions

You may donate **CP** to companions at a **1:1** rate. Companions cannot purchase other companions.

Create/Import [50|200]: Import or create a companion for **50CP** each, or do the same with a full set of eight for **200CP**. Each companion receives **600CP** to spend in this document. Companions are entitled to any freebies in addition to a class of their choice.

Famous Faces

Alexandrina Victoria [100]: Better known simply as Queen Victoria, the daughter of Price Edward has ruled over Britain since her 18th birthday. Known for embodying the strict personal morality of the 19th century and for spreading haemophilia to basically every royal family in Europe, she will be the longest reigning British monarch in history at the time of her death in 1901.

Charles Dickens [100]: Perhaps the most famous author of the Victorian period, Charles Dickens is well known for popularizing our modern conception of Christmas and shining a light on the terrible conditions of lower-class Britain. Unlike most philanthropists of his day, Dickens believed that the poor were deserving of compassion rather than scorn and sought to depict this in his novels.

William Gladstone [100]: Famed British statesman and liberal politician, Gladstone is well liked by the working class for his policy of gradual reform and championing of "equality of opportunity". Widely referred to as "GOM" ("Grand Old Man" or "God's Only Mistake", depending on who you ask), Gladstone will come to be known in the modern era as one of Britain's greatest prime ministers.

Karl Marx [100]: Although German by birth, Karl Marx would be exiled after the People's Spring in 1849. Taking up refuge in London, Marx would continue to promote a revolutionary overthrow of the aristocracy and the bourgeoisie. Though his dream of a Communist revolution would not occur in this century, its impact on the course of history would be felt long after his death.

Charles Darwin [100]: Regarded as Britain's most famous recluse, Charles Darwin is best known for his work onboard the HMS Beagle where he formulated his famous theory of natural selection. While Darwin would spend most of his life after the Beagle struggling to overcome an unknown illness, his work in the form of the theory of evolution is still considered a cornerstone of modern biology.

Florence Nightingale [100]: Rising to fame during the Crimean War as "the Lady with the Lamp", Florence Nightingale was a social reformer and statistician who is widely considered to be the founder of

modern nursing. Establishing the first professional nursing school in 1860, her efforts ultimately led to the spread of medical knowledge and increased female participation in healthcare.

Drawbacks

You are free to take as many drawbacks as you feel you can handle.

The Great Stink [+100]: In 1858, a particularly hot summer caused the river Thames to begin fermenting. The resulting smell, known as the Great Stink, shut down parliament and forced a reconsideration of England's sanitation laws. For a truly authentic Victorian experience, you will be subjected to the worst smells of the 19th century for as long as you are here. No matter where you go, the smell of rotting flesh, human waste, and burning coal will be there to greet you.

Victorian Values [+100]: The people of Victorian Britain were always going to be somewhat judgemental of your modern sense of values, but now they will be absolutely intolerable. Take care to hide your views Jumper, because the people of this world will be quick to nitpick on even the smallest violation of their "Christian Morals", all while engaging in as much blatant hypocrisy as can be imagined.

Stranger Than Fiction [+100]: This world seems fairly typical at first glance, and yet you can't help but notice a few strange things about it. A young girl name Jane Eyre has recently been orphaned, lawyer Gabriel Utterson investigates his old friend Dr Henry Jekyll, and a man named Sherlock Holmes is offering his services as a "consulting detective" to the London public. I'm sure these are just coincidences.

Consumption [+200]: Congratulations! While the 19th century is no stranger to disease, you are now infected with Tuberculosis—captain of all these men of death! Known in this century as “the White Death”, you will spend most of your time here coughing blood into your handkerchief. While this won't be fatal, it will leave you extremely weak and unfit for marriage.

The Ripper [+200]: One of the most infamous killers of the 19th century was Jack the Ripper, also known as the Whitechapel Murderer and Leather Apron. Between the years 1888 and 1891, the Ripper terrorized the streets of London: cutting the throats of prostitutes before removing their organs as gruesome trophies. Despite his infamy, this killer was never caught, and unfortunately, he has set his sights on you. Be careful Jumper; the Ripper is hunting you.

Dickensian [+200]: Your life here is now structured like a parody of a Charles Dickens novel. All around you there will be moments of sudden, ridiculous tragedy, cliffhangers and flowery dialogue, and a whole host of comically repulsive characters, all accompanied by a middle-class sentimentalism that practically drips off the pages.

19th Century Logic [+300]: Aether is real, people of colour are inferior, promiscuity leads to death, the poor are lazy on purpose, women are less intelligent than men. All of these are examples of the common wisdom of the 19th century. Unfortunately for you, fate conspires to make these things seem true even when they aren't. For as long as you remain here, it will be almost impossible to convince people otherwise, as any practical tests you suggest will almost always fail by pure chance. Don't expect to achieve any sort of social change while you're here, Jumper.

Miasma Theory [+300]: Disease is caused by bad smells. No, don't question it; that's just how things work here. Unfortunately, this means that *any* bad smell now has a chance to cause diseases ranging from

the common cold to syphilis. For your own safety, a bottle of air freshener would be a good idea to keep at all times. Too bad it hasn't been invented yet.

The Horse Question [+300]: The average horse produces between 15 and 35 pounds of manure per day. This simple fact is quickly becoming the defining question of the age. It appears in all the papers. Men whisper it to each other on the streets. What is to be done when Europe's cities are literally drowning in excrement? In our timeline, this problem was solved with the invention of the automobile. Unfortunately, by the time that happens here, London will have long since been consumed by the brown apocalypse. I hope you brought boots, Jumper.

Notes

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