

The Voice Of The Age



As every Christmas the "Reader's corner" proposes "A Christmas Carol" as novel of the month. It has been written by Charles Dickens, the most famous novelist of this time. He is popular for his rich style full of images. Readers love his taste for irony. His caricature will surely make you laugh. The novel that we are going to talk about his the story of a penny-pinching man called Scrooge. The values of hospitality and generosity are exalted a lot in this book. Reading "A Christmas Carol" will make you feel the philosophy of Christmas. Who does not want a society where it's always Christmas?

The common lodging houses act has been finally approved!

The common lodging houses are cheap accommodation where poor people can rest and take a break from work-life. Unfortunately in the last years these houses have become hiding places for criminals and prostitutes. With the emanation of this act the accesses to the common houses will be regulated and the bobbies will make regular inspection inside them.



WE HAVE JUST OPENED
A NEW STOCK OF

**SWELL
CHRISTMAS
HATS**

THE STYLES ARE EXQUISITE

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The Great Exhibition

The Great Exhibition is going to end early but now it's time to celebrate Christmas! In these days a huge Christmas tree has been set down inside the Crystal Palace. Londoners loves decorating trees and we have to thank Prince Albert who brought this German custom to our rich island.

Talking about economy in this period we had an increase in the use of railways. The great exhibition stimulated a lots of visitors to travel by train. This kind of transport is indeed safe and cheap. As we can remember with the railways act of Gladstone every company decreased the cost of the tickets.



Three years ago the chartist movement disappeared but today we are in the same situation. The charter asked for secret ballots, vote for all and payment for MPs. The English people needs these rights but the parliament doesn't want to hear their request. Fortunately, queen Victoria beloved by the English, is trying to change the situation. The ministers have understand that in order to avoid a revolution they have to make lots of reform quickly. Maybe the joyful atmosphere of Christmas will make their heart a little bit more tender.