

legislation. For this end the following amendments and extensions of the Factory and Shops' Regulation Acts have been suggested in this paper:—

1. The clause limiting the places included in the Factory Act to those employing at least six persons should be struck out.
2. Mercantile and mechanical establishments where women are employed should be included in the provisions of the Factory Act.
3. The employment of boys under fourteen should be prohibited; and that of all boys and girls under sixteen in those factories which are considered dangerous.
4. The number of hours per week should be reduced from sixty to fifty-five, so that nine hours a day shall be the maximum, or else that there shall be a half holiday on some day of the week.
5. The period of one hour for a noon-day meal should be compulsory for employés.
6. Night work for women should be definitely prohibited.
7. The section of the Shops' Regulation Act, regarding seats for females, should be extended to those in factories and offices, and no girl under sixteen should be allowed to engage in any employment which necessitates her standing.
8. Inspection should be provided so as to make the Shops' Regulation Act effective.

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