

at least to be *respected*. In order to merit respect beyond that which is due to very common men, you must do something more than very common men; and I am now going to show you how your course *must be impeded* by the use of the *slops*.

32. If the women exclaim, "Nonsense! come and take a cup," take it for that once; but, hear what I have to say. In answer to my representation regarding the *waste of time* which is occasioned by the *slops*, it has been said, that let what may be the nature of the food, there *must be time* for taking it. Not *so much* time, however, to eat a bit of meat or cheese or butter with a bit of bread. But, these may be eaten in a shop, a warehouse, a factory, far from any *fire*, and even in a carriage on the road. The *slops* absolutely demand *fire* and a *congregation*; so that, be your business what it may; be you shop-keeper, farmer, drover, sportsman, traveller, to the *slop-board* you must come; you must wait for its assembling, or start from home without your breakfast; and, being used to the warm liquid, you feel out of order for the want of it. If the *slops* were in fashion amongst ploughmen and carters, we must all be starved; for the food could never be raised. The mechanics are half-ruined by them. Many of them are become poor, enervated creatures; and chiefly from this cause. But is the positive *cost* nothing? At boarding-schools, an *additional price* is given on account of the tea *slops*. Suppose you to be a clerk, in hired lodgings, and going to your counting-house at nine o'clock. You get your dinner, perhaps, near to the scene of your work; but how are you to have the *breakfast slops* without a *servant*? Perhaps you find a lodging just to suit you, but the house is occupied by people who keep no *servants*, and you want a servant to *light a fire* and get the *slop* ready. You could get this lodging for several shillings a week less than another at the next door; but *there* they keep a servant, who will "*get you your breakfast*," and preserve you, benevolent creature as she is, from the cruel necessity of