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The 'Dosshouse' was real and often used.

Even today we use the slang word 'dosshouse' to mean a filthy or _____ place. In the Victorian times though, the dosshouse was a very _____ place. With many new people arriving in the city every day, or else being driven from their slum homes by crime or eviction. The dosshouse was a Victorian _____ of a hostel. They were usually made up of a single, large room in which you could pay _____ a small cot for the night. You could pay _____ for a little food, or, if you wanted to save money, you could refuse a cot and instead _____ for the hangover.

The hangover was a large _____ placed against the wall. You would sit on the bench and a _____ would be tied across your front which you could hang over in order to sleep. This was a very _____ option, usually costing only a penny a night. The hangover would leave you feeling pretty rough, and was often used by people _____ got too drunk to go home, which is how the word has come to be _____ 'the night after.'

Murdering babies could be organised and was well-known about.

Life could be very _____ for women who gave birth outside of marriage. In 1834 the Poor Laws officially absolved the fathers of having any responsibility over their illegitimate children. Women could no longer _____ the fathers for financial _____. The _____ result of this change was that many mothers and children died from starvation or from disease as they sunk _____ poverty.

As a result of this desperation, Baby Farms _____ as a place for mothers to leave their children. Some women would leave their children to be raised by the 'farmer' in _____ for a series of regular payments. These were often horrible places, in which the farmers would _____ the children in their care to _____ their profits. There are _____ children who died from

starvation and _____ at the hands of the 'farmers' and all the while the mothers believed they were paying for their child's _____.

For those who were even more _____, they could pay to have a 'farmer' _____ their child. The _____ were higher, and there was an understanding that the mother would never see the child again. It was heartbreakingly common for the adopters to simply _____ the child, either through slow starvation, or simply through outright murder, in order to pocket the _____ fee. A number of 'farmers' were caught and _____ for infanticide and yet no _____ was passed to control or _____ Baby Farms until 1872. The last prosecution _____ a baby farmer for infanticide was in 1907.

Yet the horrors of the Baby Farms were well known. Charles Dickens was condemning them in *Oliver Twist* as early as 1838, and the horrible reality is that most people in London were _____ aware of the practices of the farms, they simply chose to _____ it.