

The Restoration of Nell Nelson:
An Investigation of the Chicago Times' Series: "City Slave Girls"

Helen Cusack's muckraking that exposed the unsanitary working conditions and cruel mistreatment of the women in Chicago's manufacturing industry was published under the pseudonym Nell Nelson in her series "City Slave Girls" printed by *The Chicago Times* in 1888. Cusack's witty exposé created an immediate social agitation. Yet, Nelson's series is frequently excluded from the discussion of American industrialization and investigative reporting; superseded by Upton Sinclair and Nellie Bly. The Restoration of Nell Nelson project (<http://nelson.newtfire.org>) aims to change this through the digitization and computational analysis of Cusack's series.