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Others made a living transporting raw material and finished goods — driving horses and carts, building railways, driving trains. A lot of times the children would have to go to work for the factories as well because they are a lot smaller and can fit in smaller spaces.

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Not all cities were blighted like this. The Boy Scouts of America, heartily endorsed by then-former President Theodore Roosevelt, began in 1911, and the Girl Scouts began in 1912.

Lowell Mill Girls and the factory system, 1840

Similarly, in 1913, Henry Ford instituted the assembly line into his Ford Model-T car manufacturing plants to boost both efficiency and production. Traditionally, career fields that became the purview of women became marginalized in terms of pay, prospects, and status. Although the radio was invented in 1895, its availability was limited before the 1920s, which helped account for the popularity of phonographs.

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Historians have often drawn attention to the fact that these could be dark, crowded and unhealthy — but cities were also places of freedom.

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