

## *Glossary*

**Apothecary.** Pharmacy.

**Attar.** Scented oil from roses.

**Aubergine.** Eggplant colored; purplish.

**Bedlam.** An insane asylum in London.

**Bengaline.** A type of shiny fabric with heavy cords running crosswise.

**Breeches.** Knee-length pants worn by men.

**Brickbats.** Broken bricks thrown at people.

**Buckram.** Coarse linen stiffened with paste.

**Bummers.** People who chose to avoid work.

**Bustle.** Padding or a form worn in back below the waist under one's dress.

**Celadon.** Light grayish-green.

**Challis.** Soft woolen fabric.

**Chipstraw.** A type of straw hat.

**Collier.** Coal miner.

**Comportment.** A person's behavior and attitude.

**Corset stay.** Flat strip of steel or whalebone sewn into a fabric corset that shaped a woman's torso.

**Cosseted.** Pampered.

**Costermongers.** People who sold certain grocery items on the street.

**Crinolines.** Under slip made of heavy material or netting.

**Dray.** Cart.

**Farthing.** English coin of very small value.

**Fisticuffs.** Fistfight.

**Fortnight.** Two weeks.

**Fracas.** Noisy fight.

**Frou-frou.** Frilly decorations.

**Furbelows.** Decorative fabric, or flounces, attached to dresses.

**Genteel.** Polite.

**Gentry.** Wealthy people.

**Greengrocer.** Someone who owns a grocery store.

**Grosgrain.** Heavy ridged ribbon or cloth.

**Guttersnipes.** Slang referring to people who made their living from scraps found in the street gutters.

**Honiton lace.** Very fine handmade lace from Honiton, a town in England.

**Hoyden.** A girl who behaved wildly.

**Itinerant.** One who works while traveling from place to place.

**Jacquard.** Fabric woven on a Jacquard loom in a decorative pattern.

- Linen press.** Chest to keep linens in.
- Magistrate.** An officer of the law.
- Marzipan.** Candy made from almond paste.
- Narthex.** An enclosed entryway, or lobby, of a church.
- Overwrought.** Upset.
- Parlor.** Fancy sitting room.
- Petticoat tapes.** Fabric ties that held the petticoat around the waist.
- Promenade.** Stroll.
- Quaker.** A member of a certain Christian denomination that dressed in dark, old-fashioned clothes.
- Rag picker.** One who makes a living finding rags to sell.
- Reticule.** A small handbag.
- Roughs.** Rude, crude people.
- Serge.** Heavy, plain fabric.
- Shillings.** English silver coins of small value.
- Shirtwaist.** A tailored blouse for women.
- Slops bucket.** Used as a nighttime toilet.
- Spencer.** A short jacket.
- Staid.** Solemn.
- Stand him blunt.** Buy him something.
- Tartan.** Plaid.
- Treacle.** Molasses.