

## Mule Scavenger



*The spinning mule was a factory machine that produced strong, but thin yarn, which was suitable for any kind of textile.*

1. What was the children's pay and working hours?
2. What was a mule scavenger?
3. Describe the working conditions of the mule scavenger.
4. Explain how a lack of concentration was dangerous to a mule scavenger.
5. What was the children's life like after work?

### **David Rowland explaining his job as a scavenger at a textile mill in Manchester, England.**

*"The scavenger has to take the brush and sweep under the wheels, and to be under the direction of the spinners and the piecers generally. I frequently had to be under the wheels, and in consequence of the perpetual motion of the machinery, I was liable to accidents constantly. I was very frequently obliged to lie flat, to avoid being run over or caught".*