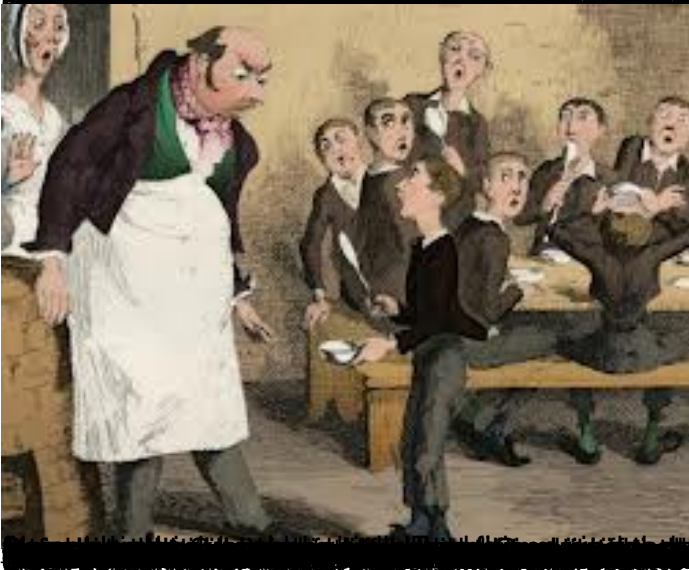


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A Conservative MP is today is calling on the government to introduce a pre-paid welfare cash card. MP for Scunthorpe, Jevin Sir-Beaverbrooke Gradgrind suggests the card should be given to those on benefits to prevent them wasting their money on alcohol, cigarettes, satellite television and gambling.

The millionaire heir of a carpet and upholstery dynasty yesterday claimed, 'This new card is exactly what the paupers of Englandshire (*NB Scotlandshire editors, please change to "the UK" for North British editions*) need in order to lift them from their sad, worthless and parasitic lives of idleness. The making-wads-of-dosh-from-privatised-public-services company A4TOSSerco is believed to have been awarded the £10 million a year contract to provide the cards, along with a smaller one of £2 million to provide bells for all sick, disabled and poverty-stricken people, so decent, hard-working strivers can better avoid them.



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