



BAKER.

THE company of Bakers is considered to be very ancient, though they were not incorporated till about the year 1307. It is remarkable that the followers of this trade are limited to certain profits by the magistrate, the price of bread being regulated by the price of flour; whilst the butcher, cheesemonger, fishmonger, fruiterer, &c. are subject to no such controul, notwithstanding the articles they vend are no less useful than bread.

The titles of the various sorts of bread that were formerly used in this country, were wastel bread, cocket bread, and bread of treat, the same which is now called white, wheaten, and household: also esquires' bread, monks' bread, boys' bread, and servants' bread.

“There was also messengers' bread, given to messengers as a reward for their services; court bread, allowed by the lord for the service of his household; and eleemosynary bread, which was distributed to the poor.”

“The peck loaf, according to act of Parliament, is to weigh, when well baked, 17 lb. 6 oz. avoirdupois weight, and the rest in proportion; and every sack of meal or flour is to weigh two hundred weight, and two quarters nett; and from every sack there ought to be made at an average twenty such loaves of bread.”

The laws have ever been severe towards bakers: the pillory was introduced here for the punishment of such of them as sold their bread short of weight, or adulterated it.

“In old times (says Stowe) the bakers of bread at Stratford, were allowed to bring daily (except the sabbath and principal feast) diverse long cartes laden with breade, the same being two ounces in the pennie wheate loaf heavier than the penny wheate loafe baked in the Citie, the same to be solde in Cheape, three or four carts standing there, between Gutherans lane, and Fausters lane end, one cart on Cornhill by the conduit, and one other in Grasse-streete.”

The same author relates, that in the fourth year of Edward the Second, and in the mayoralty of Richard Riffeham, a baker named John of Stratford, for making bread less than the assize, was with a “fooles whoode on his heade, and loaves of bread about his necke,” drawn on a hurdle through the streets of the city.

In the Visions of Pierce Plowman, an ancient book so called, is the following; “there was a careful commune, when no cart

came to town with baked bread from Stratford: “tho gan beggers weepe, and workemen were agast, a little this will be thought long in the days of our Dirte, in a drie Auerell a thousand and three hundred, twice thirty and ten.”

In the reign of Henry the Eighth it appears that six bakers of Stratford were merced in Guildhall for baking under the appointed assize. Soon after this period the bakers of Stratford left off serving the city.

By the present statutes the penalty for making bread short of weight is five shillings for every ounce deficient, and a forfeiture of the bread: such bread being complained of, and weighed before a magistrate within twenty-fours after it is baked, or exposed to sale within the hills of mortality; or within three days in any other place. Bakers are obliged under a penalty to mark their wheaten bread with a large roman W, and their household bread with an H.

THE
COSTUME
OF
GREAT BRITAIN.

DESIGNED, ENGRAVED, AND WRITTEN BY
W. H. PINE.



LONDON.

PUBLISHED BY WILLIAM DILLAY, ABBEMILL STREET.

1796.

TABLE OF CONTENTS.

PLATE	PLATE
1 Pottery.	31 Guy Faux.
2 Leather Dressing.	32 Admiral.
3 Yeoman of the King's Guard.	33 Rabbit Woman.
4 Fireman.	34 Judge.
5 Woman selling Salop.	35 Barges.
6 Herald.	36 Speaker of the House of Commons.
7 Chelsea Pensioner.	37 Peer of the Realm.
8 Inquest.	38 Waggon.
9 Welsh Peasants.	39 Watering Cart.
10 Country Fair.	40 Grass Roller.
11 Halfpenny Showman.	41 General Officer on Horseback.
12 Brewers.	42 British Fishery.
13 Woman churning Butter	43 Bill Sticker.
14 Coal Heavers.	44 City State Barge.
15 Beadle of the Church.	45 Round-about.
16 Lord Mayor.	46 Baron in Coronation Robes.
17 Sergeant Trumpeter.	47 Baker.
18 Slaughterman.	48 Worsted Winder.
19 Brick Maker.	49 Highland Shepherd.
20 Knife Grinder.	50 Prison Ships.
21 Alderman.	51 Lord Mayor's State Coach.
22 Bishop.	52 Smithfield Drover.
23 Doctor of Laws.	53 Dragoon.
24 Milk Woman.	54 Royal Mail.
25 Fisherman at a Capstan.	55 Life Boat.
26 Knight of the Garter.	56 Royal State Carriage.
27 Waterman to a Coach Stand.	57 Lottery Wheel.
28 Dustman.	58 Butchers (Country).
29 Lamplighter.	59 Female Shrimper.
30 Pillory.	60 Highland Piper.