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.....After the procession, Mr. Grimshaw, the mayor, entertained the gentlemen with a sumptuous dinner at his house, in Winckley Place. The Mayoress, likewise, entertained the ladies on the following day.

On Tuesday was the ladies procession. A numerous body of gentlemen, holding white rods in their hands, walked before and filed off, making a line on each side of the street, through which the ladies were to pass. The girls from the cotton manufactory led the van ..  
..afterwards came the ladies, two and two. The Rev. Mr. Shuttleworth , rector, and Mrs. Grimshaw, the Mayoress, and Queen of the guild, walked first; after there came the Countess of Derby and Lady Charlotte Hornby; Lady Stanley, daughter of Lord Derby and Lady Anne Lindsay ; Lady Susan Carpenter, and the Hon. Mrs. Cawthorne ; Lady Gerard and Lady Hoghton ; Lady Jerningham, and Lady Fitzgerald. Several other Baronet ladies and the rest of the other ladies followed, walking in pairs; in all near four hundred in number, consisting of the most distinguished ladies in this and the neighbouring counties. They were all superbly dressed, and adorned with a profusion of the richest jewels. Each of them wore an elegant fashionable plume of feathers branching from the coiffure. This part of the spectacle (especially the first coup d'oeil, when the ladies had all got out of the town-ball into the street) comprehending such a brilliant display of beauty, elegance, and fashion, deservedly attracted universal attention and admiration, and produced one of the grandest most uncommon, and charming sights ever beheld. After attending the Mayoress to church, and hearing divine service, the ladies paraded in the same order quite round the market place. In the course of the procession, a complete steam-engine in miniature at full work, and performing all the various operations of the cotton manufactory, was exhibited for the instruction and amusement of the ladies. It was attended by 14 men, in uniform like those mentioned above. This very curious and singular piece of mechanism attracted great attention. The spectacle of this day was by far the most brilliant and gratifying of the whole festival. So splendid an exhibition of female attractions has seldom been witnessed in this part of the country, and indeed every possible variety of taste, elegance and art, were displayed by both sexes during the whole festival, in costume, ornaments and decorations. Some of the dresses worn by the ladies, on this occasion, were said to be worth more than ten thousand pounds.....