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“The wave of repression—or as the instigators saw it, “reform”—extended from Scotland south to parts of Italy and eastward to Russia and Ukraine, sweeping through both town and countryside. It targeted not only the traditional festivities held on saints’ days and the holy periods surrounding Christmas, Lent, and Easter, but almost every possible occasion for revelry and play... In the long-term history from the 17th to the 20th century... there were literally thousands of acts of legislation introduced which attempted to eliminate carnival and popular festivity from European life.”

— Barbara Ehrenreich, *Dancing in the Streets*

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