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Houses are built to Live in, and not to Look on. . . . God Almighty
first planted a Garden. And, indeed, it is the parast of Human Pleasures.
It is the Greatest Refreshment to the Spirits of Man; without which
Buildings and Palaces are but Groves Handy wicker.—BACON

Is this improvement? where the human breed
Degenerate as they swarm and overflow,
Till toil grows cheaper than the trodden wood,
And man competes with man, like ice with ice,
Till Death, that thins them, scarce seems public woe?

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To gorge a few with Trade's precarious prize,
We banish rural life and breathe unwholesome skies

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PREFACE

THIS work is intended not merely to point out certain common defects in the Dwelling House, and to show how evils more or less necessary in towns may be avoided in the country, but to call attention to the fact that our modern methods of sanitation, and the heavy taxation of the dwelling, inevitably increase overcrowding, and the moral and physical ills which follow in its train.

An attempt is made to review the great subject of the disposal of house refuse in its political and scientific aspects, rather than from the point of view of the tradesman or patentee.

The greater part of the ensuing chapters has been previously published. Addresses delivered before the Royal Institution of Great Britain, the London Institution, the Sanitary Institute, and the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Nottingham, together with short papers communicated to the British Medical Association, the British Institute of Public Health, and the 'Practitioner,' have been incorporated with the text.

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