

“IF EVERY ONE SWEEP BEFORE HIS  
OWN DOOR, ALL THE STREET  
WOULD BE CLEAN;”



R, as the proverb says more bluntly, “If every one would mend *one*, all would be mended.” Still, it is not always the bluntest speaking which makes the strongest impression, and an emblem has a great advantage over a proverb in being a two-edged sword, striking two ways, though so delicately that people are not offended by the blow. Anybody can see that the dirtiest village would be made clean if not only the parson and doctor, but shopkeepers, and farmers, and labouring men would all sweep before their own doors, see that their own drains were not stopped up, &c., &c. And, admitting this, he must be worthy a fool’s cap and bells