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"Who,  
Being man, Aurora, can stand calmly by  
And view these things, and never tease his soul  
For some great cure."

Mrs. BROWNING

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# BRITAIN'S HOMES



## CHAPTER I

### A PLEA FOR THE PLAGUE

DOWN at the Club the other night a party of us, clustered in a recess, were discussing more or less despairingly a few of the phases of the omnipresent Housing Problem, when a sudden remark from one of the company, seldom given to cynicism, set us all for the moment agape.

"But is there *no* way out at all?" the parson among us had inquired anxiously.

"Yes," said the medical officer with startling frankness,— "there's the plague!"

And hands in pocket he stalked away.

The doctor was angry: not heartless. Nearly every day of his life he has seen the evils and horrors