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How Charles Dickens Saw London

Little Nell refuses to appear.

Charles Dickens

The old house had been long ago pulled down, and a fine broad road was in its place.

Dickens' London

I went to school with a young lady who was in no respect like Miss Blimber, except that she was - a little in advance of her time only - an excellent classical scholar, and taught the boys in her father's school, but who, nevertheless, suggested the fair Cornelia. Then again, this was not intended as a scholarly treatise on Dickens' use of London as a setting for his novels. And yet Thackeray was, in his sphere of letters, as distinctly original and as distinctly unapproachable as Dickens.

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Indeed, Dickens cast the school in Hard Times as an institution that turned-out life-less factory fodder enslaved to learning facts in a Lancashire mill town run on utilitarian principles.

David Copperfield once lived in Buckingham Street, Strand; and so did Charles Dickens, before he took up his abode in Furnival's Inn, although the circumstance is not mentioned by Forster, and is not, I think, generally known. The person he is beating up is himself. They were invariably usually poorly ventilated, without playgrounds and lacked the most basic of amenities.

A book that can make me — and millions of others — weep and laugh out loud, often on the same page. London: Chatto and Windus, 1970.

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