Houses have been built cheaply in rows called ‘back to backs’. There are usually twenty or so houses in a terrace. Lots of families can be crammed in.

Smoke from the factories makes even new houses black.

The smell is indescribable! The gutter should take rain-water away but most of time it overflows with stale water.

Builders were too interested in making more money than building good houses.

The working day starts at five o’clock and doesn’t finish until seven at night. There are no limits on the hours anyone works.

 People are calling for a ‘Ten Hours Act’. No one should be forced to work more than ten hours a day.

Many of the workers in factories are children. They are cheap to employ and easy to control. The overseer beats them with his belt if he thinks they are slacking.

The factories are kept hot and damp.

All the water tastes horrible rubbish is everywhere.