I took it as in the nature of things. I did not see the oddness of solvent, decent people living in habitations so clearly neither designed nor adapted for their needs, so wasteful of labor and so devoid of beauty. It is only now that I find myself thinking of the essential absurdity of an intelligent community living in such makeshift homes. It strikes me as the next thing to wearing second hand clothes.—H. G. Wells, in "Tono Bungay."

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