

This stern idea of implicating "accessories before the fact" was repeated in *The Times* leader a half-century later, when commenting on the death of the boy George Brewster (1875).

Montgomery continued:

The remedy for this* evil is simple, obvious, and certain - let the legislature prohibit the masters from taking any more children as climbers, and, before the present race have outgrown their detestable occupation, there will be improved machines to sweep any chimney.

Montgomery saw the remedy as "simple, obvious and certain". Other campaigners must have concurred with this. Montgomery's book, which resembled Jonas Hanway's in its presentation of facts, was published a half-century after the *Sentimental History*. The campaign was to continue for another half-century after the publication of *The Chimney-Sweeper's Friend*.



Widow selling her son to a chimney sweep.