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The Praise of chimney-sweepers.

I like to meet a sweep - understand me, not a grown sweeper, old chimney-sweepers are by no means attractive but one of those tender novices, blooming through their first nigritude, the maternal washings not quite effaced from their cheeks, such as come forth with the dawn, or somewhat earlier. —
When a child what a mysterious pleasure it was to witness their operation! to see a chit no bigger than one's self enter, one knew not by what process, into what seemed the "fauces averni"; to pursue him in imagination, as he went sounding on through so many dark stifling caverns, horrid shades! to shudder with the idea that "now, surely he must be lost for ever!" to revive at hearing his feeble shout of