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Heman Cook, Selectman beside the Barber Shop of John Francis -- 1890. Matheson's Clothing Store, right. Hubert Engel's Tin Shop (Stairway)

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Barber John Francis is a genius, and is constantly studying to increase the comforts of his patrons. His latest attempt bids fair to prove successful. On the ceiling above the barber chair he has placed a revolving fan, which with pulleys, etc., is connected with an electrical apparatus or storage battery in a smaller room. The revolving fan creates a strong current of cool air, which will add to the attractions of his place in warm weather, and the unlucky fly who gets sucked into its vicinity will wish he had'nt.

BARBER SHOP STORY

A friend down-Cape, who owns a large Summer home and is planning to retire there, relates the following Summer story:

"I walked into a Cape barber shop that has a reputation for being busy in the Summer time. In fact, it is taken for granted that a long wait will precede the haircut or shave.

"There were two chairs in the shop but only one barber was on duty. Three persons sat on the sideline, waiting for service. The man in the chair was being trimmed. Much conversation pertaining to local affairs went on. Nobody seemed in a mood to hurry.

"After considerable time had passed, and much attention given to details such as powdering, dusting off and touching up, the man in the chair was finally discharged.

"At this point I casually reckoned my turn would come in about an hour and a half. But wait—here was an unexpected break! The freshly barbered man went to a rack, took off an apron and leisurely put it on. Then he stationed himself behind the other chair. He was the second barber of the establishment."



A September 1948 view, taken a little below that in above scene. First National Store, extreme left. Sandwich Shop, next, and The First Schoolhouse on Long Point (with Cupola)