



A SCENE  
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Dry goods stores are sometimes the scenes of ludicrous conversation. The other day a young lady stepped into a well-known establishment in town and inquired of the fine looking young clerk:

"Sir, have you any mouse-colored ladies' gloves?"

"Mouse-colored ladies, Miss?"

"Yes, a sort of grey — just the color of your drawers here," meaning the store drawers, of course, which were painted grey.

"My drawers, Miss," ejaculated the young man, glancing down to see if everything was all right and tight—"My drawers, Miss, why I don't wear any." The young lady fainted. . . .



The Barge, or "Accommodation" in front of Lewis's Store - From a mural in the Provincetown Inn - - - May 22, 1976

Lewis's New York Store at the head of Railroad Wharf - October 1957

FASHION NOTES 1870-1871

For ladies who admire large earrings a new style is the head of a stuffed humming bird—with diamond eyes, inclosed in a wide hoop of burnished gold. They are very odd and showy. . . .

Many dandies have taken to wearing costly lace cravets which look very effeminate and in bad taste. They also propose wearing small feathers or wings on the side of the low felt hats—what next?

The new method of dressing the hair has shown its way in town. The waterfall is crimped, the front hair rolled back adorned with a puff and braid, in diadem, the back gracefully finished with rouleaux and short curls . . . the effect is stunning.

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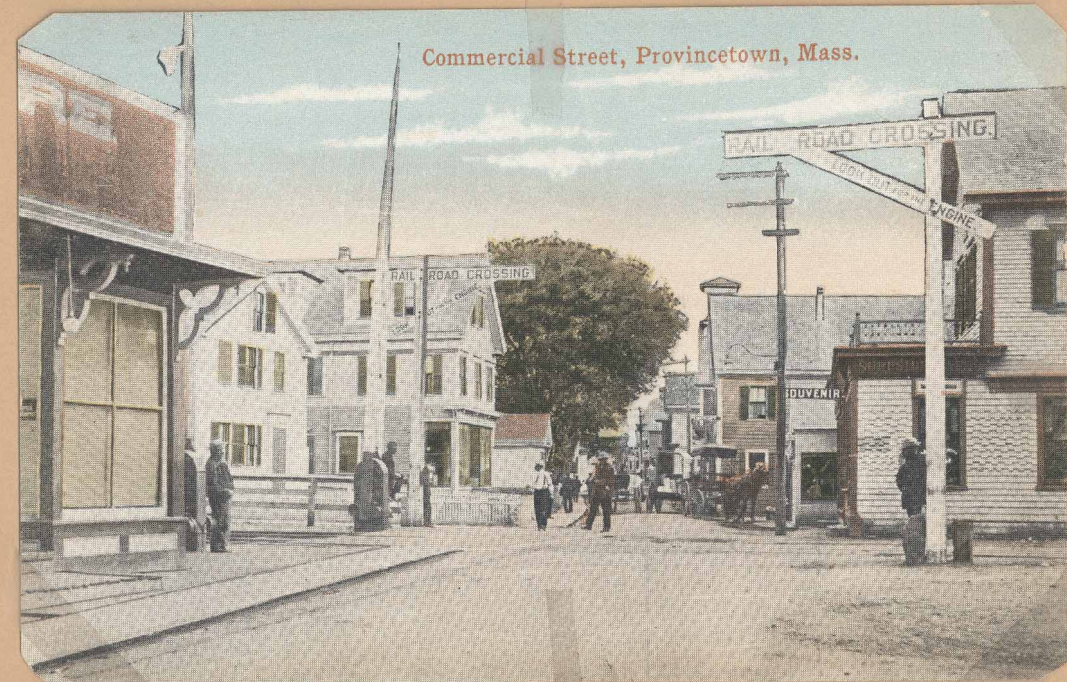
Pencilled eyebrows and painted cheeks, court-plastered lips, and rude manners appear to be fashionable. . . .

Opera in Paris is given on the stage lighted by candles, and ladies are requested to come in high dresses of dark colors. . . .

Ladies who have visited Italy consider it essential that they should effect the "Roman Malaria" and wrap up their dear little throats.

India shawls cut into semi-tight-fitting basques are now very fashionable for promenade. . . .

Feathers have become quite an expensive item as the handsome ones cost \$12 to \$20 each. . . .



Railroad Square facing East - 1910 - Lewis's Store, left.