

Mrs. Mortimer  
Street Interview

(We go left here) It's about like New York, I think. Big buildings - pretty. I love the windows. . . . Pigeons. <sup>C</sup> NP

This is one thing I've never seen -- books out on the sidewalk. Do they always have books here? Are they used books? . . . Can I just window-shop? . . .  
(What are you contemplating?) Well, I was wondering if those were really things that you'd see in ~~U.S.A.~~ <sup>51</sup> or do they just like to build things up.

That's nice -- taking a picture of the store. . . . How many photo shops do they have? (Around here?) Is this -- what is this anyway? This isn't --- Navy, gee! Oh, look at the little boats; aren't they cute. Hm, that's fascinating. Steamship company.

Oh, how nice! <sup>(Seymour's)</sup> You don't see things like this in Idaho. (Antiques) You have to go to special places where they have things that attract . . . These are for sale? Now here's a lovely building. <sup>B</sup> Oh, it's beautiful! Safe Co. -- no wonder. That's very nice. I like them like that, but some places I've seen are a little too modern. (Why do you like that?) Well, it's a straight building; it isn't fancied up; it's just plain and beautiful.

Do they have regular street-sweepers? . . . The snow gets awfully dirty around here. Now when you get here how do you know where to go? (Left again.) Can you go around a block in Boston? (At least on foot.) . . . 'No Left Turn' <sup>NP</sup> What if I wanted to get over there in a car or bicycle, what am I supposed to do? . . . By that time I'm fairly lost.

They've recently painted <sup>B</sup> their door. That looks nice. (Arling. St. Church) Oh. . . The churches are very old around here, aren't they. Those in Cambridge are such old buildings they look as if they'd fall down.

It's a lovely shop, but why do they have it in a place like this where there's nothing else? (Neal's?) Yes, and antiques. <sup>B</sup> (Go left again.)

That's a New York building, <sup>B</sup> right there. (Ritz) Is that a real 'Ritzy' place? <sup>B</sup> Oh, a hotel! Well, they keep their windows clean. . . . What's this? Church Co. (They just went out of business.) What was it? (jewelry, antique jewelry. . .) My, they have a lot of antiques around here, don't they. . . . The shops look very expensive. Is it just the way they just fix up the windows, or are their clothes and things really as expensive as they look?

Oh, that's cute. The way the <sup>NP</sup> ivy comes down like that. . . . Stuart's? . . . I wish they could fix up the outside of the building to match the window. . . . I'd feel out of place if I stepped in. It's beautiful. . . . Are we coming to another <sup>B</sup> church? (Church of the Covenant). I think it's the Christian Science Church I've heard about, somewhere in Boston? (Yes, Mother Church) . . . Oh, breathtaking! And I like this one - the way they fix the window. It's got a lot to it, but it's plain, <sup>B</sup> and yet it's got its design. (Hurwitz) (Eliz. Arden's was breathtaking?) Yes. <sup>B</sup>

What are these places, more dress shops? Around here, in Cambridge anyway, you go in one store and buy one thing and you can't get in there and buy a hat to match your dress and shoes to match your hat. You've got to go to about 6 stores. . . . That's nice, it looks like a little cheaper place. . . . Oh, they're beautiful. <sup>B</sup> Valentine's Day coming. . . . What's that? . . . (I haven't the slightest idea) something to do with Valentine's Day). . . . Do they just have valentines in there? It looks like they just have special occasion things in there. I guess it would be a store for Christmas at Christmas time, Valentines at Valentine. (It does look that way doesn't it, right now) What do they usually have in there, just everything. (Toys)..(Games for all ages) That's nice. I guess it really is a good idea to have one store for each thing, that is if you know your stores. But it's hard if you don't know your stores and don't

know a place. . . . More antiques, look a flower shop. Now is that meant to be that way, with them both in one building. (I think it's all in one store). . . .I think I would have two different windows for that though.

Now, what's this? Did they just get married? (That's a store) Oh, wedding gowns. (It used to be a museum) Do they just have bridal gowns in there. (No, they have all kinds of clothing, shoes, hats - just for women, though, not for children). I think for pretty things like that they should really make pretty buildings, instead... (Why, did you think that was a pretty building?) No, the bottom is very nice, but they could have it more feminine looking. It probably is on the inside. . . . Do we have to walk down here? (We do.) Well. . . milk cans. . . it's obvious this is the back of two stores, or three or four. Very undesirable. How often do they gather the garbage? (I don't know). It looks like once a month. . . . They could have the backs of buildings look nicer than this, as long as there are sidewalks so people can walk down. (I'm getting farther and farther away from you). There's no place to walk. .oh, this is awful. Now this is what you don't get in Idaho. (You don't get this in Idaho?) No, you don't have back alleys that are messes. . . Pardon me for comparing Boston with Idaho, but you can tell I like it. . . . This is awful, now, really, because if they did have a fire, and look at all the fire escapes. People would come down here and land on the garbage, they'd be killed for sure. . . . Golly, but I'll bet it's stinky in the summer when the odors aren't frozen. . . . It would be an awful place to live, places like this, with children around. . . . Well, it's looking better already. . . .

They have a lot of signs on buildings around here, don't they? I guess it's good for people. (What are you referring to now?) Oh, I.M.B. <sup>sign</sup> and things like that. . . Is this where they have the nativity scene. (No, that's up farther, see across the road in there). I heard so much about it that I had some people drive me down. Oh, it was beautiful, it was really gorgeous. That was all we saw of it, we just stayed around that. . . . This is the Commons? (This is the Gardens) Oh, <sup>public sign</sup> Boston Public Gardens, it tells me. Now those kind of signs are fine. They really tell you where you are so you don't get so lost. . . . No I really don't like signs on buildings like that, it ruins the looks of them. (It does.) Don't you think, really? . . . Lovely <sup>statues</sup> statues, those were once copper? Isn't it copper that goes green. (That may be, I honestly don't know). Who is this, Paul Revere? (George Washington). Oh. Paul Revere had a horse didn't he? . . . Oh, that looks fun, <sup>ice skating</sup> ice skating. What's here in the summer time? Swans? (Yes, swan boats) Oh, how fun. I'll bet this is really pretty in the summer time. It would be now if there were more snow, clean snow, <sup>but</sup> but Boston is very dirty, <sup>so</sup> so it wouldn't stay clean very long. . . . This is very pretty, I like parks and places like this. It would be a nice place to come in the middle of the day after shopping.

Washington Street, is it? . . . . Oh, I think all these buildings could be torn down, and build things like that. <sup>6</sup> (You mean like the Ritz-Carlton). Is that what it is? Yes. I think it's pretty, it's big and it's got lots of windows, but it's pretty. (Well, that's it, unless you want to see anything more).