Mrs. Shaver
Street Interview

This isn't one of the shopping areas, then? (Yes, it's Boylston St.) It's a lot

guider cleaner than I expected. There are no papers in the streets.

Is it because it's so early in the morning that there aren't people, cars or anything?
No, actually it isn't early. (You're right, it's really quiet.) They don't seem
to have pigeons.

If you were looking for a department store, where would it be? (not in this area)
These are just separate. So far it looks as if it had just about everything here --
dress shop and toy shop, book store, candy. How far is this from where people live?
Are there apartment buildings around?

If there weren't any more people than this, I think this would be a nice place to
come to shop. Of course, this being a holiday week-end, maybe they're gone.

This is the Canyon over here? (The Gardens)

I don't like the alf sidewalks. That's one thing; I'd swear you could break your neck.

One thing that amazes me about Boston is people's complete disregard of the "Parking"
sign.

(Shubury St.) Most of the stores, especially brownish ones, are old but they
don't look beaten up or falling apart of anything.

Well, I noticed that walking over.

This side of the street looks like we were getting into the higher brackets. These
very definitely aren't department stores.

Look at this! (You can tell you have children.) The Mouseketeers. ... That was my
ambition when I was little, to have a huge doll.

Says: "Admit Taller. At least that's familiar.

Down the alley. ... The buildings look different from back here. Even here they're
next about their trash. It's there but it isn't all over. Glass in the street.

... Spiral fire escape. I wonder why they have a yard in there, especially paved
with bricks; they can't take trucks or anything in. Soon some steps? I
wouldn't you hate to be one of those people working down there? These places look
awful. (alteration read) I suppose they look worse from the outside than the inside.
Our places to. ... There's one advantage to a narrow alley; there don't run in it.

... We'd better get up on the sidewalk on the cars will run over us.

I'm amazed. That I didn't think the stores would be open yesterday but they said it
was quite crowded yesterday. ... This is nice, something I have never seen downtown.
Those old narrow trees. I can't do anything but take a look at the next tree.
They look like vultures perched on the branches in a cotton waiting for somebody
to die. This, I take it, is usually filled with water. Is that a roof garden, or is
that just a plot? It looks so out-of-place, with nothing growing. There don't
seem to be many people here, but I suppose in the summer there would be more.
Of course, there aren't very many people down here at all today. It's like going downtown on Sunday.

Did this area at one time come up to these town up here? It seems to me that the
width of the sidewalks is more important than the width of the sidewalks. Most places
are narrowing their sidewalks to improve the streets.
I noticed a lot of antique shops up here; that's one thing you never see at home. I'm surprised, also, at a safe corner right in the middle of all these stores; that isn't something you usually walk in and buy, like a dime store. It looks new; it's all fixed up.

Do people use those wax paper things or does somebody come along and pick up the streets? They don't look full! No, that's why I was wondering. They don't look full, yet the sidewalks aren't dirty. Maybe since the parade came along yesterday they've cleaned up. I don't know where it went. I love that. I can imagine nothing better than when you're doing all-day shopping to go and sit down. Most department stores have a lounge or something but it's always full.

This is actually a church. I saw a sign around the corner that said "Church Office" and I thought maybe it was something that belonged to the church.

I like the looks of the shop in that store. [Real's?] Yes, when you get around the corner they look kind of sign-in for us. [J. Mash & Grover -- I don't know what they sell. Looks like an interior decorating shop.] Oh, look at the silver heels! [Aluminum Italian heel. Made right here now, but first came from Italy] Always keeping up with the times. Those are the only things you only see in magazines; you never see anybody wear it.

There wasn't any vine on the other side. You get over here and it blows. I hadn't noticed it; the first time around I hadn't noticed the wind was gone over there. Temporary parking - they say that isn't the price you'd want to pay if you were coming down to shop. It's too bad that the people who can afford those kind of clothes don't convert to Venus de Milo. I always think of that.

Do you know what's inside this building? The Academy of Arts and Sciences? It looks deserted. I know what the Academy of Arts and Sciences is but I can't imagine what they use the building for. See the top of the suction cup on the knittery bottom? Did you ever have one of those that didn't have one? Or the kind that you put up and down? I've been thinking of getting one because Jill loves to watch a top but she keeps knocking it over so that it stops, and now it won't go over. Brooks Bros. looks properly dignified. Ebony Miller's doesn't look like a store at all.