

Lowell Mass, 1931

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Shop at Unionmade
in the Mission.
Or H.W. Carter & Sons
in Williamsburg.
Go today.
Carter's been there since 1859.
Well, not in Brooklyn.
And now the storefront
reads Gentry.
But, touch the indigos.
What's the price of selvedge denim,
coarse and unimpressionable?

Lowell was distressed
as industry left town.
Skunks padded down
main street, kittens in tow,
making the queued men
sick where they stood-
leaving a stink
in their unwashables
and a slick of vomit
around the soles
of their Red Wings.