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Hudson's barber shop on Bank

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It is my best guess that our photo was taken between 1910 and 1915. Here we see the interior of Hudson's Barber Shop which was located at 12 E. Bank St. in Albion.

The barber to the right is Herbert M. Hudson (1877-1927).

Both barbers appear to be shaving their customers as both gentlemen are in reclining positions in the barber chairs. This was one of the ordinary services provided by barbers when this picture was taken.

The interior represents a

modern barber shop at the beginning of the second decade of the 20th century.

Clutter of a slightly earlier era has been removed including the pigeon hole shelving for individual shaving mugs. A large bank of mirrors fills much of the wall space for easy viewing of the customer.

A wall paper dado surrounds the shop while the above space is plain with only a few pictures. A couple of these appear to be large prints or photographs of ocean liners.

Toward the back of the shop

is a coal-burning stove for heating purposes. Chairs line the walls for customers to wait. A spittoon can be seen by one of the chairs.

A parlor table has a couple of magazines on it, including a copy of *Colliers*.

Surely modern hair salons of today have their roots from this time. In other words, the settings for many haven't really changed that much.