

**“General View of Chatham St. 1858,” (depicts T. Lewis gallery) 1858**

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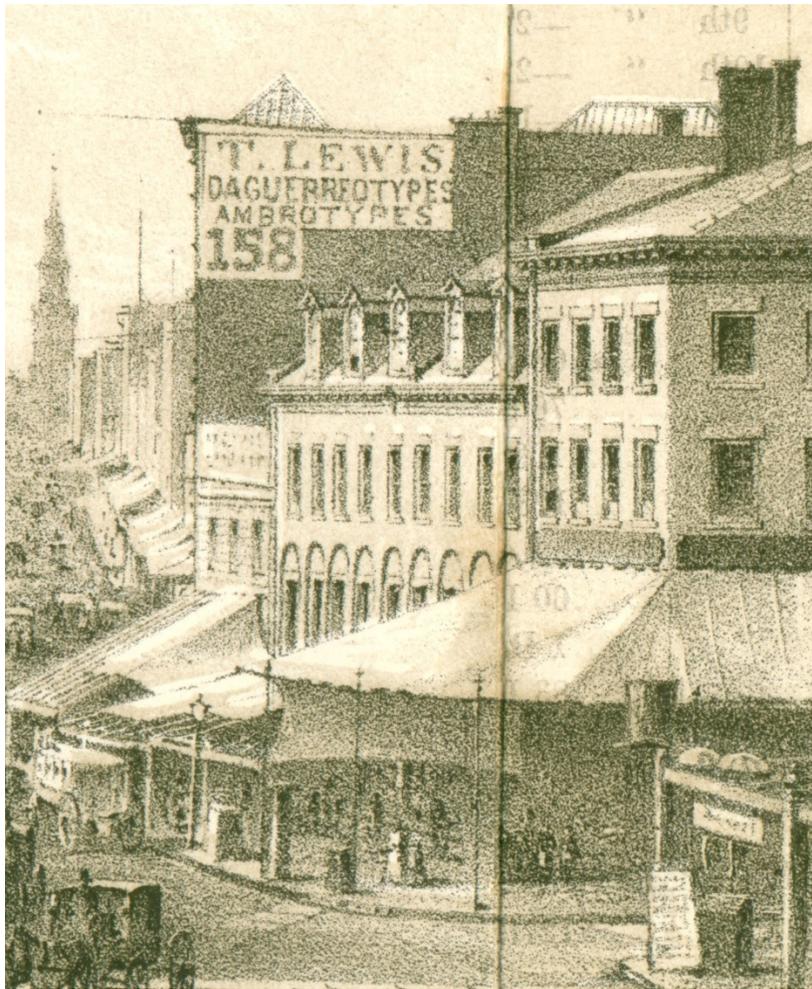
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Detail showing business of T. Lewis / Daguerreotypes / Ambrotypes / 158.

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looking down from Chatham Square.

for D. T. Valentine's Manual 1858.

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**EDITOR'S NOTES:**

The lithograph depicts the exterior of the daguerreotype gallery of Treadwell Lewis. An entry for Lewis in an 1856–57 directory indicates that he was the first photographer in New York City to list ambrotypes.

The design was copied in 1872, with some modification, as a wood engraving titled, "Chatham Square." The wood engraving is viewable (indexed as "809710") on the New York Public Library's web site, *NYPL Digital Gallery*.<sup>1</sup>

It is the editor's opinion that this view is photographically based. At this date, however, the original may have been a daguerreotype, an ambrotype, a photograph, or any of the several processes in practice at this date.

For a humorous description of this area of New York, see Q. K. Philander Doesticks, P.B. [pseud. Mortimer Neal Thompson], *Doesticks: What He Says* (New York: Edward Livermore, 1855): 161–62.<sup>2</sup>

1. <http://digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/index.cfm>

2. [http://www.daguerreotypearchive.org/texts/B8550005\\_DOESTICKS\\_CHATHAM\\_1855.pdf](http://www.daguerreotypearchive.org/texts/B8550005_DOESTICKS_CHATHAM_1855.pdf)

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