

But fashions change very quickly now.
If it was a question of being out in wet weather, such as going to town, or church &c. The umbrella was in general use, some of them large enough to cover about half a dozen persons. The older women folks generally had a very large "Parasol shawl" which was nearly the size of an ordinary bed spread, or quilt. This folded in the shape of a triangle, or from say the top right-hand corner to the bottom left hand & put around the shoulders, was sufficient to keep the person dry & warm. The parasol was a smaller edition of the umbrella & was in more general use by the younger women. There was a very much different design in foot wear. No such thing as high heeled shoes but lace up boots and later with buttons, which required either lacing or buttoning well up towards the calf of the leg. It was very common for the young women to have their ears pierced & to have rings inserted and also long pendants attached.

As far as the men folks were concerned, for every day working clothes. (I am only ~~speaking~~ writing in reference to the ordinary working class, and farming folks.) Corduroy trousers were worn, and also white snole skin trousers. These had the advantage that they were very serviceable & were very durable. It was no uncommon thing to see them well patched. It was also common use to tie a band or

No blue denim
at that time

strap around the leg below the knee. These went by the name of "bowyamps." For best wear it was a different proposition. And the "Sunday best" might be black cloth, long swallow tail perhaps a "bell toper" hat, but these were not in very common use, after the first importations had worn out. Then fashions changed, any & every sort might be worn according to the persons fancy. The "bowler hat" ^{worn} was a ~~the~~ common kind or "hard hitter" as it was called. There was also the soft felt hat, in much more general use for a long time, but the height of the crown varied from an inch & a half to perhaps four or five inches. Sometimes ~~of~~ the dashing young gents often wore what was called a "juggerie" that is a white band around the hat & with perhaps one or two inches hanging down between the shoulders and about the same in width.

Later came
the Stetson

There were no starched & stiff collars, but a paper ~~collar~~ one was most in use, these were bought in boxes round boxes containing a dozen these, were wholly of stiff paper & it was impossible to wear one more than one day, and very often the holes in the collar for putting in the stud or button would break out, & was of no further use. Sometimes a bow tie would be inserted, but very generally a long one was used, about three quarters