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SERENDIPITOUS SHOPPING: OUR  
UNFETTERED CORRESPONDENT SEEKS  
OUT THE SALUBRIOUS AND THE CEREBRAL.

### DOLLINKS, STILL JUST SO FABULOUS

Boutique Fabulous is the new name for Absolutely Fabulous, still at 1309 Cambridge Street, Cambridge. 617-864-0656

This very Inman Square shop—full of quirk, funk and the glamour of many decades—suggests a grand dame with the insouciant nostalgia of the cigarette-lighter era crossed with the style of younger raffish groovesters. The shop seems to carry anything that drips style. Fabulous items can take the form of furniture—a sexy, lipstick-red plastic swivel chair you sit in like a movie star nestled in an egg; a glass cocktail table with little metal pineapple finials; or a gigantic low wooden table that looks almost like metal once used for shoeing horses—perhaps by ancient Romans. Fabulousness definitely imbues the vintage clothing, such as a dramatic Revillon fur coat of many shades, white with gray and black, that would sweep with authoritative magnificence into the room, or a soft, black, velvety coat exuding a quieter beauty, hiding/revealing a silky white lining. Several surprisingly affordable beaded dresses would do fine for your Oscar-accepting moment, sparkling with great presence and heft and almost bowing down the hanger. Add a meshy gold necklace, big as a belt, and wow! Jaunty, adventuresome men will love the vintage ties and small hats with pheasant-feather bands, quite wearable at moments fab. Cut to pretty metal sushi trays, Hawaiian shirt-shaped hors d'oeuvre dishes and a little boy's suit comically recast as a hamper.

