MARIAN PENNER BANCROFT / from Paris Streets

Some notes and directives to myself for photographing at the centre of the spiral of Paris, a city within which is embedded a history of picture making, photography in particular, and choosing to work with a format of four equal sides.

Double Dutch

Remember!

Look look again

jump in

Walk, walk

Render a tapestry of the body & its material surrounds

Watch the ground

Check where flesh, fabric, metal, stone, concrete, leather, asphalt,

Glass meet

Pass the camera up

Be quick

If seen, don't stop

What's designed, fabricated

Everything

Be entirely alert

To the privilege of the ironic

Take pleasure

Proletarianize the picture plane!

Forget the horizon

Take in the familiar

Inhale the alien

Be swept be swallowed

Pack the frame from inside

Engage the guys

Nadar, Marville, Haussmann, Atget, Cartier-Bresson, Frank

Then there's Stein
Look out
Side deeply
Old women, young women, middle aged women
Dis/appear
Keep walking!
Give form!

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