

Mrs Smith says; About this time 1790-1800,
 or "in this era flourished the great inventor
 Jacob Perkins, and Timothy Palmer; to the
 latter Newburyport is much indebted for
 the regularity of its streets and the im-
 provements of the public grounds & ways.
 Under his directing genius, the Mall
 began to assume shape and symmetry,
 and Market Square was laid out;
 Encroachments and Encroachments speedily
 vanished from the high-ways over which
 he presided.

"In 1796, Mr Palmer received a patent
 for "improvement in the construction of
 timber bridges." The principal bridges on
 the Merrimack, Piscataque, Connecticut
 and Merrimack rivers, including the Essex
 Merrimack Bridge were built upon his
 models, as was also the bridge across the
 Schuylkill, at Philadelphia. The Annals
 of Portsmouth say, of the Piscataque bridge -
 "This arch was constructed by Timothy
 Palmer Esq of Newburyport, on a model