Directions: Use the photograph, the source information, and background information to answer the questions below.

**Source Information:**
Title: Mullen’s Alley, Cherry Alley  
Date of photograph: c. 1888  
Photographer: Jacob A. Riis  
Location: New York City

**Background Information:** Jacob Riis took photographs to raise public concern about the living conditions of the poor in American cities. Riis was one of the first Americans to experiment with flash photography, which allowed him to capture images of dimly lit places. But like all Nineteenth-century photographers, Riis’s subjects had to remain completely still while the picture was taken.

**Question 1:** Why might the background information above lead you to question the photograph’s reliability?
Question 2: What is one feature of the photo that might lead you to question its reliability? Explain your reasoning.

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Question 3: What is one thing you would want to know about Jacob A. Riis or how he took this photo to better determine its reliability?

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This would help me determine the reliability of the photo because ____________________________

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