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SKYSCRAPER BUILT ON STILTS

New York Architects Are Putting Up
Big Structure With Seemingly
Slender Supports.

A great, complicated skyscraper is being built in New York under unusual conditions, directly above the railroad tracks of a busy terminal. The tracks running beneath its walls in some places are double-decked, so that trains pass on two levels through the basement of the building. The entire structure rests upon slender stilts, extending between the tracks down to bedrock. A unique method has been found for isolating these uprights so that the constant rumbling of heavy trains on both levels causes not the slightest vibration in the building above.

This construction, including the digging for the foundation and the erection of the building, is being carried on without affecting the movement of trains beneath. The entire weight of the skyscraper rests upon the supports rising between the tracks, which are spaced in the usual way. Although capable of supporting 20 or more stories, these stilts seem surprisingly slender. Both track levels beneath the building are remarkably free from obstructions, so that engineers have a clear view of other tracks to either side.

It was at first believed that only structures of six or eight stories could be safely supported on such foundations. A series of tests, including the measurements of vibration caused by the passing of trains, proved that buildings could safely be raised to 20 stories on these supports. Excavations for foundations have been carried down until the beams rest upon solid rock. The whole operation has been carried on without upsetting train schedules.

Each column supporting the building is completely isolated. It is not enough to keep it from touching the foundations on which the tracks lie. It also must be protected by vibration mats from the rock on which it rests, so that vibrations from passing trains will not affect it.

ONE THAT HE DIDN'T SHOW

Autograph Faker Probably Carefully
Put Away That Particular Copy
of Marlowe's Works.

Senator Lodge at a Boston dinner party said, apropos of an autograph collector who had bought a fake autograph of Marlowe, the Elizabethan dramatist:

"That reminds me. There was once a New York man who collected books with autograph dedications. Most of these dedications were to himself. Open his Longfellow, his Kiplings, his Bernard Shaws, or his Maupassants, and there would be his name in a flattering autograph deduction from Ruddy or Guy, from Henry or George. Now, this man's friends had noticed, or thought they had noticed, a certain similarity about the handwriting of all these dedications. Probably they were wrong, but anyhow, after he had shown a fine folio volume of Marlowe to a festive gathering one evening, he found inscribed in the ancient book the next morning the following words:

"To Bill—his name was William—From his faithful old friend and schoolmate, Kit Marlowe."

Adhering to Custom.
A mouse had the bad luck to fall into a can of beer while on a food hunt.

Presently a gray old cat came prowling along and pricked up its ears at the sight of mousey's struggles.

"Sitha, Tom," gasped the victim of misfortune, "if that'll get me out of this ale can the can ait me!"

To which bargain the cat agreed, and speedily effected a rescue. But as soon as he felt himself on firm ground the mouse made a bolt for it and disappeared down a hole.

The cat went to the mouth of the hole and remarked angrily:

"That's noan rest; the said if Ah got the sbt, I could ait tha."

To which the mouse, keeping well out of danger, replied:

"Ay, Tom. Ah did; but the knows folk'll say owt when they're in drink!"—London Tit-Bits.

New York's City Directory.

R. L. Polk & Co., publishers of the city directory, announced the other day the preparation of a new edition to link the New York city of 8,000,000 persons to the New York city of the day when Alexander Hamilton lived at 57 Wall street and grew flowers in the back yard, says the New York Times. This new edition is to be commemorative of the settlement of the city and "passing into first rank" of present day New York city.

This city now outranks London in point of population, the directory publishers said, because of the Port of New York district, created through a treaty between New York and New Jersey.

Turn From Business to Army.
Some idea of the wide differences in business connections of those applying for commissions as second lieutenants in the regular army is shown by the fact that 18 salesmen, 11 engineers, 5 each of newspaper men, chemists, accountants and managers; 4 each of civil service employees and machinists, 8 teachers, 2 each of auditors, examiners and students applied. There is also 1 application on file by a news photographer, bookkeeper, translator, secretary, conductor, automobile mechanic, buyer and a wrestling instructor.

FLAPPER GOT IN A WORD

Not Much to Say, but There Was a
World of Meaning in Her
Simple Question.

For once the very modern girl's flapper sister faded into the background. She sat and munched English muffins and sipped tea while the very modern girl gossiped ecstatically with the old school friend from out of town, who wore a shiny new ring on the fourth finger of her left hand. The out-of-town girl did most of the talking—her lingerie, the color of her new gowns, the darling showers the girls had given her, Jack's wonderful devotion. She babbled on without stopping to catch her breath, while the very modern girl leaned forward with sparkling eyes, anticipating the good time she would have spreading the news, and the flapper slouched in her chair and dug her teeth into the English muffins.

"And now, tell me, what is Jack like?" demanded the very modern girl. "Who is he like? Any of the boys we used to know?"

The engaged girl reflected. "No," she hesitated, "I don't know anyone just like Jack. Except—well, mother says he's a lot like me. He's full of fun and very generous, and such a gentleman! And he's awfully clever, too, and talks so intelligently."

The flapper stirred and stopped chewing. "Did you say he was like you?" she demanded suddenly.

NATURE'S FREAK IN VERMONT

Remarkable Stone Face Only Recently
Discovered in the Little
Village of Hinesburg.

A great stone face has been discovered in the village of Hinesburg, Vermont, according to the Burlington Free Press. It is located in the south end of the village and faces south, a sort of guardian of the south portal of the town. It is from the west that the features are clearly seen. Topping a good-sized rock about one hundred feet from the main road, the clean-cut lines of a man's head are plainly discernible. The chin is very prominent. The mouth is wide, the nose slightly hooked and the eye very clearly cut in the face. This freak of nature is fully as plain to the eye as the famous "Old Man of the Mountain," near the Profile house in the White mountains. Hinesburg's great stone face was discovered, it is claimed, by D. C. Stone, a harness-maker in that village. He has called the attention of a number of people to it, among them the Rev. G. C. Cornell, pastor of the church at Hinesburg, who took some snapshots of the face. A couple of these snapshots, taken from different distances, were brought to the Free Press office recently by Mr. Cornell. How long the stone face has been discernible in Hinesburg is not known, as it is only recently that it has drawn attention.

Those Vandal Tourists.
Indignation has been aroused in certain circles in Switzerland, reports the Geneva correspondent of the London Daily News, by the vandalism of tourists in destroying the flora of the Alps. Some of the flowers are becoming more and more rare, and lovers of the mountains have been pained to find on their excursions whole roots dragged from the soil and lying dead.

This is especially the case with the edelweiss, and the mountaineer writes from Gryn on the Tribune de Geneve, pointing out that on the Arête d'Argentine, one of the rare spots in that neighborhood where the plant still blooms, many roots were found pulled up. The edelweiss is somewhat difficult to pluck, and those who gather it should cut the stem of the flower with a knife, so that the root may be left to flower again next year for the pleasure of other tourists.

Potato Ancestors.

Thirteen thousand feet above sea level in the mountains of northern Ecuador, the region which is believed by scientists to be the cradle of the potato race, there has been found a wild species of this plant. The discovery was made by Wilson Popehoe of the bureau of plant industry, Department of Agriculture.

Our own large, developed potatoes would be just as proud of these mountain multiples as Mr. Bryan is of the anthropoid apes; for the Andean variety from which our own has sprung is too small to be of economic importance. Plant breeders in this country, however, hope that tests may show characteristics which will make it worth while to combine them with our cultivated kinds by crossing. The wild tubers produce seed rather freely, but also are subject to one of the potato diseases of which their cultured brothers are often victims.

Treat for the Diners.

The Woman enjoyed the antics of a seven-year-old boy, her fellow boarder, more perhaps than his mother did, for it took some strength to administer law and order to small but active John. One day as the boarders tripped from shore or tennis court for dinner they found John exercising his much-cherished privilege of ringing the dinner bell. "Ice cream for dessert, ice cream for dessert!" he chanted, as he rang. "I know what kind, too," he went on, "but I won't tell anyone." As he caught the Woman's smile, he added: "All right, I'll tell you if you won't never, never tell," and in a stage whisper he divulged the secret: "It's colonial."

CHRISTMAS VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. William Boerner of Waynesboro and Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Weybright of this place were guests on Monday of Elder and Mrs. John S. Weybright.

Mr. Roger Heimer, U. S. N., New London, Conn., is spending a brief vacation with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Heimer.

Lieut. Lloyd Gall, U. S. N., Washington, spent some time the past week with home folks in Thurmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvey Valentine of Shadron, Neb., spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Freeze. They stopped here for a brief period before resuming their trip to Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Miss Kea Weddle of the Frederick City Hospital spent Sunday at her home in Thurmont.

Miss Irma Bollinger of Frederick City Hospital spent several days with her mother and other relatives in Thurmont.

Miss Kate Hartley of Baltimore is visiting her sister, Miss Elizabeth Hartley.

Miss E. Joanna Miller of Pittsburgh, is spending some time at her home in Thurmont.

Miss Jessie Wissler is spending Christmas holidays in Thurmont.

Mr. Stanley R. Kurtz of Stewartstown, Pa., is spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cassell.

Mr. Lloyd Webb, who is employed by the W. M. Ry. Co. as signal maintainer, located at Myersdale, Pa., is spending several days at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and their son and daughter, Joseph and Helen, of Waynesboro, Pa., spent the weekend at the home of Mr. Martin's mother, Mrs. Jennie Martin.

Mrs. C. W. Loy is visiting her son, Maurice, in Philadelphia.

Mr. Raymond Miller is spending the holidays in Baltimore with his brother Charles Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Robinson and daughter are spending the holidays among relatives in Thurmont. Mr. Robinson is employed by the Government in the Bureau of Standards, in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross F. Witherow, Mr. and Mrs. George Groff and Mr. and Mrs. John Groff, of Baltimore, made a short visit here last week.

Mrs. Harvey Boyce, of Newark, Del., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Addison.

Mrs. Chas. H. Osler is visiting her sister, Mrs. Norman Fogle, in Baltimore.

Miss Catherine Flory of Philadelphia, is spending the holidays with home folks here.

Mr. Ralph Wilhide of Baltimore is spending vacation with his parents in Thurmont.

Miss Blanche Creager of Baltimore, is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fleagle and other relatives.

Miss Irene Moran of Baltimore is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Shindedecker.

Mr. Franklin Birely of Gettysburg College is at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Birely.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spalding of Baltimore are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Spalding.

Miss Mabel Wilhide spent Christmas day with relatives in Frederick.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Walter Smith of Waynesboro, spent several days the past week at the home of Mr. J. Harry Freeze.

Miss Mollie Smith of this place is visiting relatives in Frederick, Woodboro and near Motters.

Mrs. L. C. Leatherman visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Neighbors at Lewistown on Christmas Day.

Mr. Luther Hetterly, an employee of the Moller Organ Co., is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Harvey Hetterly.

Mrs. Edith Diehl and daughter, of Pittsburgh, are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Brown.

Miss Helen Fogle of Waynesboro is spending the week with Miss Eva Spalding.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rice of Washington are spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Elower.

Mrs. Edgar Zander left last week for Philadelphia where she will spend some time at the home of Mr. Zander's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mackley and daughter of Hagerstown, Mrs. J. I. Mackley and Miss Margaret Firor, of Thurmont, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holdercraft on Christmas Day.

Pvt. Chas. Arieth Nash, of Quantico, Va., is spending this week in Thurmont.

Miss Leona Bollinger, of Hagerstown, visited relatives in Thurmont this week.

Mr. Frank Anders, of Kent, Conn., is at the home of his father, Dr. H. C. Anders.

Miss Maude Freeze, of Baltimore, is visiting her brothers and sisters in this place.

Mr. "Ted" Martin of Baltimore, is at the home of his mother, Mrs. Geo. E. Wilhide.

Mr. John Henshaw, of Baltimore, is spending the holidays at the home of his sister, Mrs. Morris L. Rouzer.

Mr. Lester B. Damuth of Philadelphia, is visiting his mother, Mrs. C. A. Damuth.

Miss Mary Brown, of Hagerstown, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Brown.

Miss Corinne Fowler of Westminster is visiting the Misses O'Toole.

Mr. Frank L. Cady left yesterday for a visit to New York City and Providence, R. I.

Mr. William Brown of Waynesboro, is spending the week at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Jennie C. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shaffer and child, of Westminster, visited at the homes of Messrs. Sanford L. and Grayson R. Shaffer.

Miss Ruth Weybright, musical instructor in Blue Ridge College, New Windsor, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Weybright in Thurmont.

Miss Arlene Koors visited Miss Ada B. Crouse during the holidays and spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Rogers.

Miss Mary A. Waesche, of Philadelphia, returned this morning after a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Waesche.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. York, of Frederick, spent the holidays with Mrs. York's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Rogers. This is the first Christmas in 14 years the entire family has been together and the first ever for the York children.

During their stay the boys enjoyed their first ice skating as most of their winters have been spent in the tropics.

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