

Every obstacle in life has a design solution.

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Moving

According to the American Psychological Association moving is the third most stressful event in a person's life after the death of a child and a spouse.

In the late 1700s and lasting till World War II in New York City moving day was traditionally on May 1st. On February 1, sometimes known as "Rent Day", landlords would give notice to their tenants what the new rent would be after the end of the quarter, the tenants would spend good-weather days in the early spring searching for new houses and the best deals. According to *The Encyclopedia of New York City* it is attributed to the English celebration of May Day. While it may have originated as a custom, the tradition took force of law by an 1820 act of the New York State Legislature, which mandated that if no other date was specified, all housing contracts were valid to the first of May unless the day fell on a Sunday, in which case the deadline was May 2.

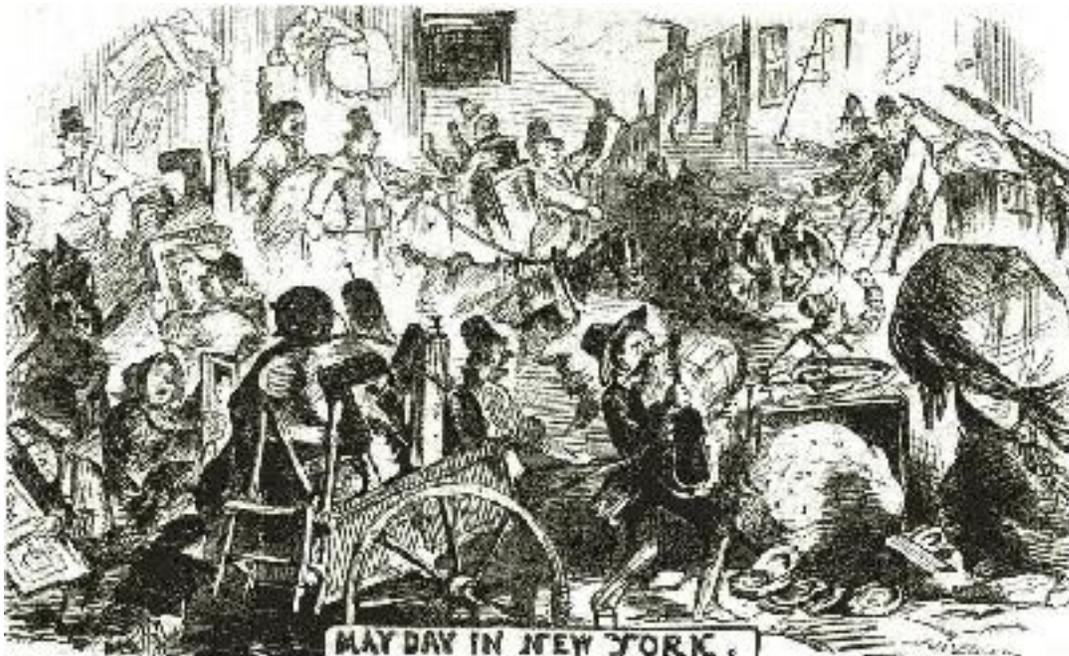


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Archi-fact.

The Iconic building of the month is 111 Eighth Avenue in New York City has 2,900,000 square feet which is more rentable square footage than the 102 story Empire State Building. The building included four freight elevators that could carry fully loaded 20-ton trucks up to the 15th floor.

Moving

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George Templeton Strong, a prominent New York lawyer, described Moving Day in his diary:

“May 1. Fine weather, to the great comfort of the locomotive public. Never knew the city in such a chaotic state. Every other house seems to be disgorging itself into the street; all the sidewalks are lumbered with bureaus and bedsteads to the utter destruction of their character as thoroughfares, and all the space between the sidewalks is occupied by long processions of carts and wagons and vehicles omnigenous laden with perilous piles of moveables. We certainly haven't advanced as a people beyond the nomadic or migratory stage of civilization analogous to that of the pastoral cow feeders of the Tartar Steppes”.

Moving is the article this month as I am in the midst of moving my office to a new location. My suggestion to anyone anticipating a move is to PLAN, PLAN, PLAN. I have created an excel sheet list of every item to be moved, its sizes, cubic inches and cubic feet. Movers charge by the cubic foot. With my list there is a lesser chance of being taken advantage by the moving company.

Archi-Quote

“New York City is a great monument to the power of money and greed... a race for rent”

Frank Lloyd Wright



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The list calculates the total cubic footage to be moved and the total number of items to be loaded and then unloaded from the truck. I can rest at ease that nothing was left behind in my old place or lost on the truck. In addition to this list every item and box is numbered with the contents listed by each box. The best part of the excel sheet is when I start to unpack I can just search the list in the computer for an item I may be longing for and instantly discover what box that item is in.

Iconic Building of the Month

111 Eighth Avenue, New York

The building was designed by Lusby Simpson of Abbott, Merkt & Co in the Art Deco style and was completed in 1932. The building had a multipurpose design when it opened with the first floor and basement designated as “Union Inland Terminal #1” which was to be used to transport goods by truck to and from railroad lines and/or shipping piers. The second floor was the Commerce section designated for exhibitions and upper floors were designated for manufacturing. I was the project manager years ago for a project to turn one floor into an automated document retrieval warehouse of Morgan Bank.

Google now owns and occupies the building for its New York Headquarters.



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Archi-Speaks

Can you find these words?

- MOVING WAREHOUSE ELEVATOR
- PACKING ORGANIZE

X E Q V D S T E W F J R B V V
 G N Z D R O T A V E L E A T H
 J C F I U K R R X U H N D A F
 E E C P N E J Q T P X Z H N R
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Ask M

In the James Bond books and movies the character “M” heads the Secret British Intelligence Service known as MI 6, of which James Bond is Agent 007. When contemplating adding on to your home or building, renovating or building a new home or building you should have someone like “M” on your side. Each month the “Ask M” column will answer a reader’s question to place more information at your finger tips. **This month’s question is...**

Does the type and schedule of maintenance depend on where you live?

Mary D.

Mary,

Depending on where you live will determine the type and schedule of maintenance required. This is obviously due to the prevailing weather and climate of your area. Temperature, humidity, wind and solar exposure and the types of storms your area gets all effect maintenance needs.

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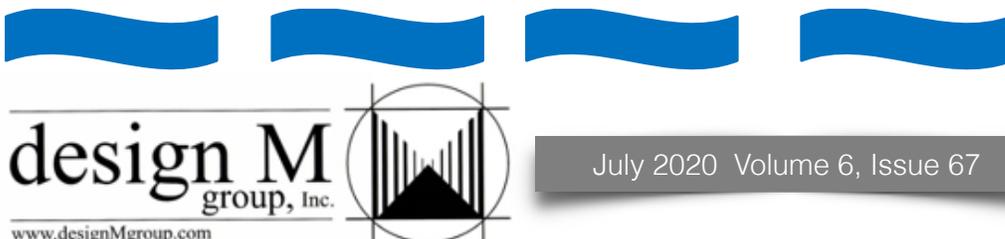
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