

Man Working 1,050 Feet Over Manhattan Finds Variety of Subjects

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New York—(U.P.)—Frank Powell has spent 17 years at work 1,050 feet in the air over Manhattan, scattering the ashes of deceased human beings over the city, settling bets, and greeting every conceivable breed of visiting celebrity from kings to cabbage heads.

"Just the other day," said Powell, "this fellow comes up and says, 'Are you Mr. Powell?' I told him yes. He says, 'I'm a trumpet soloist. I'd like to play my trumpet on top of the building. All my life I've wanted to.' He hands me his card—Samuel J. Coury, Salem Depot, N. H.

"Well, he seemed like a nice chap. I told him go ahead. I even went out and listened. You know what he played? 'I'm Sitting on Top of the World.' Fine tune. When he left, I got to figuring he'd go home and brag about it and have no proof. So I got one of our giant souvenir postcards and wrote on it that this would certify Mr. Coury had played his trumpet up here at such-and-such an hour, and I put the official building stamp on it and shovel it in the mail to him."

In many cases the bet is on whether it sways around 20 feet. This is not too wild an assumption when you consider it has 102 habitable stories. Powell walked into the restaurant at the 86th floor observation terrace one day and found a man lying flat on his back, eyes wide, breathing normal.

The man had had a rough Atlantic crossing but all the while the ship was pitching his friends had told him: "This is nothing compared with what you'll get when you get to the top of the Empire State building. It sways 18 feet and more."

several scatterings of cremation ashes. The original one was the case of a man born in Manhattan whose family moved to an Indiana farm when he was young. His will directed that his ashes be loosed from the building's top. His widow performed the rite, waiting for a day with a brisk wind.

cremated and her ashes scattered from the building top. He wept as he carried out her wish.

Man Returns Stolen Clock; Note To Police
Tokyo — (U.P.) — A man returned a priceless, historic clock stolen a year ago to a newspaper in Shizuoka Wednesday night with a note ridiculing Japanese police as "slow pokes in criminal investigation."

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