

# LUNCH ON THE SKYSCRAPER

'ONCE UPON A TIME IN AMERICA'

CIRCA 1930

The photos in this presentation, are real.  
Some of them are  
historical photographs and were made by  
Charles Ebbets in the  
early 1930's.

Most of them depict daily scenes of the  
workers who participated in the construction of  
the skyscrapers between 1920 and 1935.

As you will see, the safety measures were  
somewhat peculiar  
and the photos were done trying to play down  
that situation.

I title the first of the following photographs  
"Lunch atop a Skyscraper"

or

"Lunch at the top of a skyscraper"

The author is Charles C. Ebbets.  
He is one of the more solid  
photographers of the world.

The photographs were taken in New York, on  
September 29th 1932,  
and published in the New York Herald Tribune in  
the Sunday  
supplement of the Oct. 2nd of that year.  
It was taken on the 69 floor of the 70  
that is the GE building in the  
Rockefeller Center.



This is Charles Ebbets while taking some of these photographs



And this one, is another mythical photo  
"Resting on the girder" of 1932



Many of these images comprise the Bettmann file, founded by Otto Bettmann in 1936.

It contains a collection of 11 million photographs and includes some of the best historical images of the United States.

At the present time the file belongs to the Corbis company, property of Bill Gates.



























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