



Big Downtown Shop Moved Entirely by Air

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What was probably the shortest air freight haul in history took place in downtown San Francisco yesterday.

In a unique moving experiment, a tailor shop and all its furnishings were transported entirely by air from one location to another.

And, it all came about because two elevators were too small.

The chance passerby at the intersection of Kearny and Post Streets between 8 a. m. and noon could have watched the whole maneuver.

There, a towering derrick hauled tons of furnishings and in four hours moved the tailor shop from the second floor of a building on the southwest corner of the intersection to the second floor of a building on the southeast corner.

Everything from pins and needles to a 1,000 pound safe was moved across normally busy Kearny Street dangling from a cable on the eighty foot high derrick boom.

Nervous motorists stopped

on Kearny for the Post Street traffic signal shot itchy glances overhead when three huge tailor's cutting tables were sent winging across the thoroughfare above them.

Skid Row habitues came over from South of Market Street, too, to supervise the operation. They looked on enviously as handmade suits and more than 1,200 bolts of expensive clothing material floated above them.

Big suit closets, steam irons, filing cabinets, sewing machines; everything in August Manza's custom tailoring operation was moved via the air route. Nothing was moved by way of the street.

Manza, who started as a tailor's apprentice in Southern Italy when he was nine years old, maintained his tailoring business at 101 Post Street, on the southwest corner of the Post-Kearny intersection, since 1953. He has had other shops in the city since 1921.

Recently, lease complications caused him to decide to move. He noticed the vacant suite on the second floor of 85 Post Street, on the intersection's southeast corner. He hired the Ballanger Drayage Company to move him.

Ballanger Foreman William Fraser took one look at the elevators in both buildings and quickly decided they could never hold all the gear Manza and his tailors use. Fraser and Walter Vorpal hit on the idea of parking Vorpal's derrick in Kearny Street and using it to do the job.

The windows in both tailor shop locations were removed and in less than four hours, Vorpal nodded the big seven story derrick back and forth across the street while workmen directed by Fraser loaded and unloaded its big steel hook with hundreds of items from Manza's shop.

"We have used derricks in moving at tall buildings before," said Fraser. "But this is the first time I know of where

the stuff to be moved never touched the ground."

Manza said he hopes to remain in his new location permanently.

AIR MOVE—When elevators were too small to handle the equipment a tailor shop was moved across Kearny Street by air. A huge derrick took everything across the street from

one second story to another. Arrow shows how move was made from windows of one building to another.