

They come from Long Island, they come from New Jersey, they come from Bronx, they come from Brooklyn; they come in their hordes, and in the thousands of mammoth buildings that is New York they pass their lives.

A Talk on the most cosmopolitan city of the world

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I DON'T think it is generally known that New York City is built on an island—the island of Manhattan.

It is roughly oblong in shape, about 13½ miles long and an average of two miles wide. It lies approximately north and south, New York Harbour being at the south end where the island comes to a point. The Hudson River flows along the west side of Manhattan Island into New York Harbour, and on the east side is an extension of London Island Sound, known as East River. The surrounding of Manhattan Island by water is completed at the north end by a canal joining the Hudson River with East River. This canal is called the Harlem River.

The boundaries of Greater New York extend beyond the confines of Manhattan Island, but for the purpose of this talk we will concentrate on the island, which after all contains the city proper.

Manhattan Island is linked up with Long Island by four bridges spanning East River, including the well-known Brooklyn bridge as well as several railroad and subway tunnels under the river. A number of bridges and tunnels join Manhattan Island with the mainland across the Harlem River, and traffic across the Hudson River is taken care of with the Holland Traffic Tunnel and the recently-opened George Washington suspension bridge, in addition to several railroad tunnels and numerous ferries.

Manhattan Island has an amazing history of development. It is only 300 years ago in 1626 that a man named Peter Minnet bought it from the Indians for the paltry amount of £5 worth of trinkets, blankets, etc. To-day it is worth untold billions. In 1653 it had a population of 800, most of these being Dutch settlers; to-day its population is more than six millions and includes every nationality, race and creed on the earth. There are many (Continued on page 6.)

Twelve hundred feet, one hundred and two stories, it towers above Fifth Avenue—the Empire State Building, the tallest in the world.

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