Old-timey jobs

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* I'm a freelance reporter, doing a story on interesting jobs in the city, saw yours. might try to send to mental floss or gdo you have a minute
* A lot of people would be surprised to hear that something that sounds so old-timey would still exist as a job. How do you explain why it's important to have a clock repairer in the city?
* How often do you work for the city?
* Were you ever full-time?
* How long going to keep doing it? Know retired, but retire.
* future for clock repairing in the city?
* Age
* Description read, still accurate?
* Photo?

*Mr. Schneider, who has been the city’s official clock master since 1992, is a short and round 67-year-old with smiling eyes, a salt-and-pepper mustache and a grandfatherly manner. He wears a soft navy cardigan, a corduroy newsboy cap, and glasses that sometimes reflect the giant clocks he cares for, creating the startling illusion that he has clocks for eyes.*

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Freelancer pitching a story to mental floss on interesting jobs people might not think about, and I noticed two dozen FT blacksmiths and 10 FT boilermakers on NYC payroll. Ask a couple questions to help me explain each of those jobs to people?

Globe – work blacksmiths do in NYC – 2007.

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“from railroads to shipbuilding to cement building to field construction”

“boilermakers are some of the best welders in the world” – things under great pressure. Mistakes

power plant, if the boiler that heats up, steam from water to create electricity, they periodically have to. “when one “literally a million dollars a day”. Tight spaces. Heights. “their welds have to be x rayed and tested and so forth”

“across NA, there’s a shortage of welders, a big shortage in fact around the world”. “we’ve been in existence since 1880.” **“there will always be things that need to be welded.”** Heavy industry. Oil refineries, pulp and paper mills, steel mills. Always need metals and things to s … “that’s not going away.” “cars aren’t going away. Buildings aren’t going away.”

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Boilermakers convention

Lot of old equip

You can’t just go to a store and pic

**“those guys can create something from nothing”.**

For really old equipment, for example an old trolley that the city still uses, they cannot go and buy something off the shelf that doesn’t exist… could’ve been built in the late 1800s or early 1900s

“the blacksmith can create those parts that don’t exist anymore.”

weld, rig (hooking up things that way thousands of tons)

* In a modern city, what types of projects and tasks do each of those positions do?
* If someone said, and I don’t agree with this, but if someone said: blacksmiths, boilermakers, those are old-fashioned jobs, the future is about biotech and smart machines. What do you say to that person?

“blacksmiths are a little more unique. Sometimes the blacksmiths particularly make parts that are impossible to locate”… “a blacksmith is typically not a traditional boilermaker job anymore unless it’s in a fab shop.”

“welding

“very unusual metals – high pressure tanks, power plants,

“welders are super hot” as far as a high-demand”

“we’re having a hard time filling manpower requests because it’s such a specialty skill”. –

boilermaker museum – photos, films put together in last couple years.

BLS – because of retirement and attrition …. 220k welders by 2019-20

Steam engines – 1880s

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