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The genius of traditional buildings

[Some thoughts](#) on how the culture of the times shaped our older American urban structures.

“Pretty much a cat with wings”

Most cat owners probably wouldn't describe a chicken that way - but urban chickens are indeed relatively easy to look after, and their current popularity is [nothing new](#).

The death of the American shopping mall, once more

[A fairly casual analysis](#) of how traditional mall retailers continue to lose ground to online vendors.

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