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Moving Day

When Government comes down from its lofty perch and concerns itself with miseries as real as those involved in a once a year moving day; may we not hope that it will become the beneficent father that we dream of its being? One trouble with Government has always been that it insisted on concerning itself with theories and politics, that it did not take off its coat and come down where people live, to see what actually was hindering and confusing them in their daily life and indifferent to theory or elections, set out determinedly to correct the evil.

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We have got one department at least in our present government and one government head that busies itself almost exclusively in attacking the things that ball us up, and that is the Bureau of Commerce under Herbert Hoover.

One of the latest troubles that this beneficent and friendly department and its friendly leader has set out to overcome is that annual fall misery, moving day.

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It seems never to have occurred to the authorities that it was possible to scatter the leases, and instead of concentrating them, say on August 1st, that it was possible to have four or six moving days. No one who passes through the moving period in a great city can have failed to note the inextricable confusion and the tremendous burden that it thrusts on all sorts of activities and particularly upon service corporations. It is the most extravagant way of doing things. Those who make a business of moving must, in order to handle the peak load, be equipped with ten or twenty times as many vans and men as they can use to advantage at any other time of the year. The telephone people, the electric light people, gas and water companies are called upon to do in one week work that ought to be distributed over many weeks. The strain on the good temper, the comfort and health is incalculable.

