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An Expensive Mistake

(1) A man in New Jersey is upset with a building company.

(2) The man enjoys fixing up his house and adding and creating new additions to it as well.

(3) He is quite skillful with his tools.

(4) Recently, the man built a new gazebo in his backyard for his family.

(5) He wanted to enjoy eating outside and watching his children play.

(6) His old gazebo on the side of his house was in very bad condition.

(7) When he finished the new gazebo, he decided to ask a construction company to tear down the old one and take it away.

(8) He told the construction company to do the work last week when he and his family would be out of town.

(9) He wanted them to do the work then so the noise wouldn't bother his family, and he could start on his next project when he came back.

(10) When they returned home, they found that the new gazebo was gone and the old one was still there.

(11) The company had torn down the wrong gazebo by mistake.

(12) The man is very angry and plans to sue the company.

語注

upset 腹を立てて、憤慨して

(2) fix up 修理する addition 追加物 as well おまけに、その上

(3) skillful 上手な、巧みな

(4) gazebo 見晴らし小屋

(7) construction company 建設会社 tear down 取り壊す、解体する

take away 取り除く、持ち去る

(8) out of town 町を離れて、留守にして

(9) bother 悩ませる、いやな思いをさせる

(10) be gone なくなる

(11) by mistake 間違って

(12) sue 訴える、訴訟を起こす