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Antique Builders' Hardware

Knobs & Accessories

Research Manual & Collector's Guide

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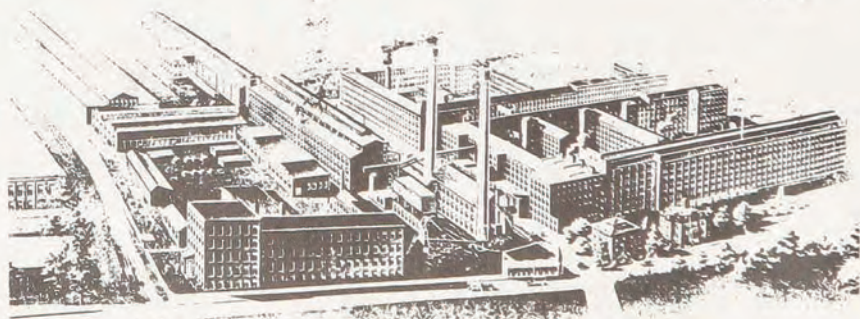
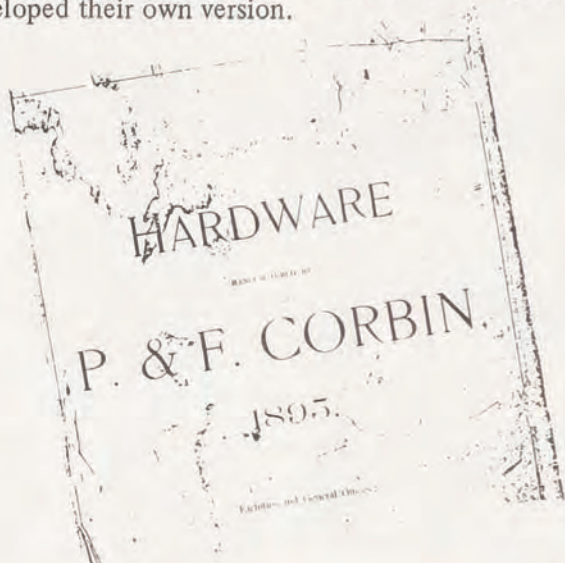
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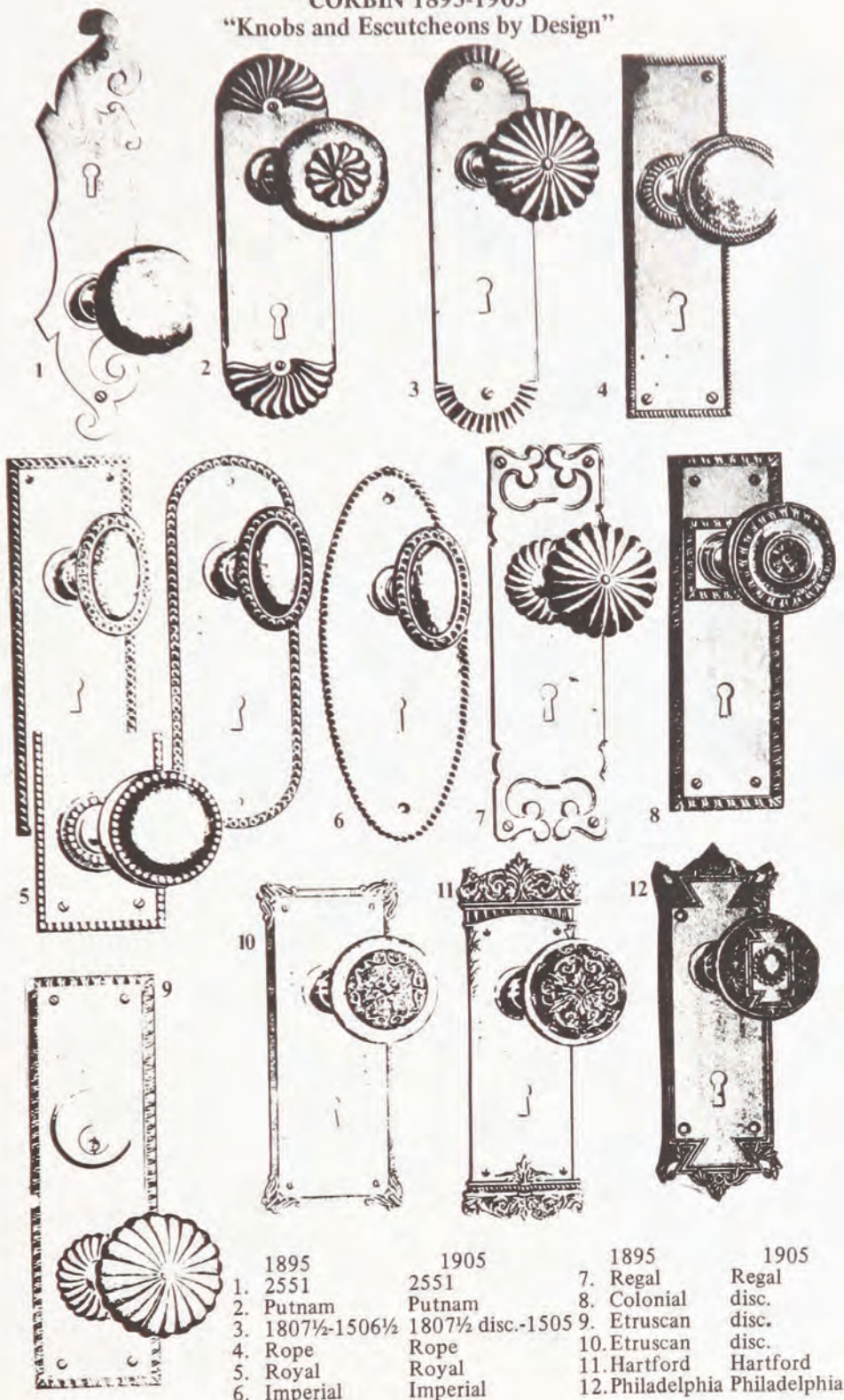
P. AND F. CORBIN New Britain, Connecticut

The reader is urged to beg or borrow a copy of Corbin's *Fifty Years of Progress*, issued to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the house. This 100 page bound volume is comparable to an historical novel, taking the reader through a chronological account of the company from the first horse-powered equipment, through detailing size and content of their catalogues, lines of hardware, innovations (enameled hardware), political and economic sidelights, fires, a display of 1500 articles in a 45 foot long display case of ebony and black walnut, shown at the Centennial Exhibition, etc. The department functions are illustrated by photographs, the workers given proper recognition. Homespun anecdotes will endear the reader to this giant among giants, ever conscious of its responsibility to the market. A major contribution of Corbin was the placing of Phelps's "Unit" lock on the market. A time honored practice of buying and shelving an innovation for business reasons was wisely ignored, and the whole industry profitted as each company developed their own version.



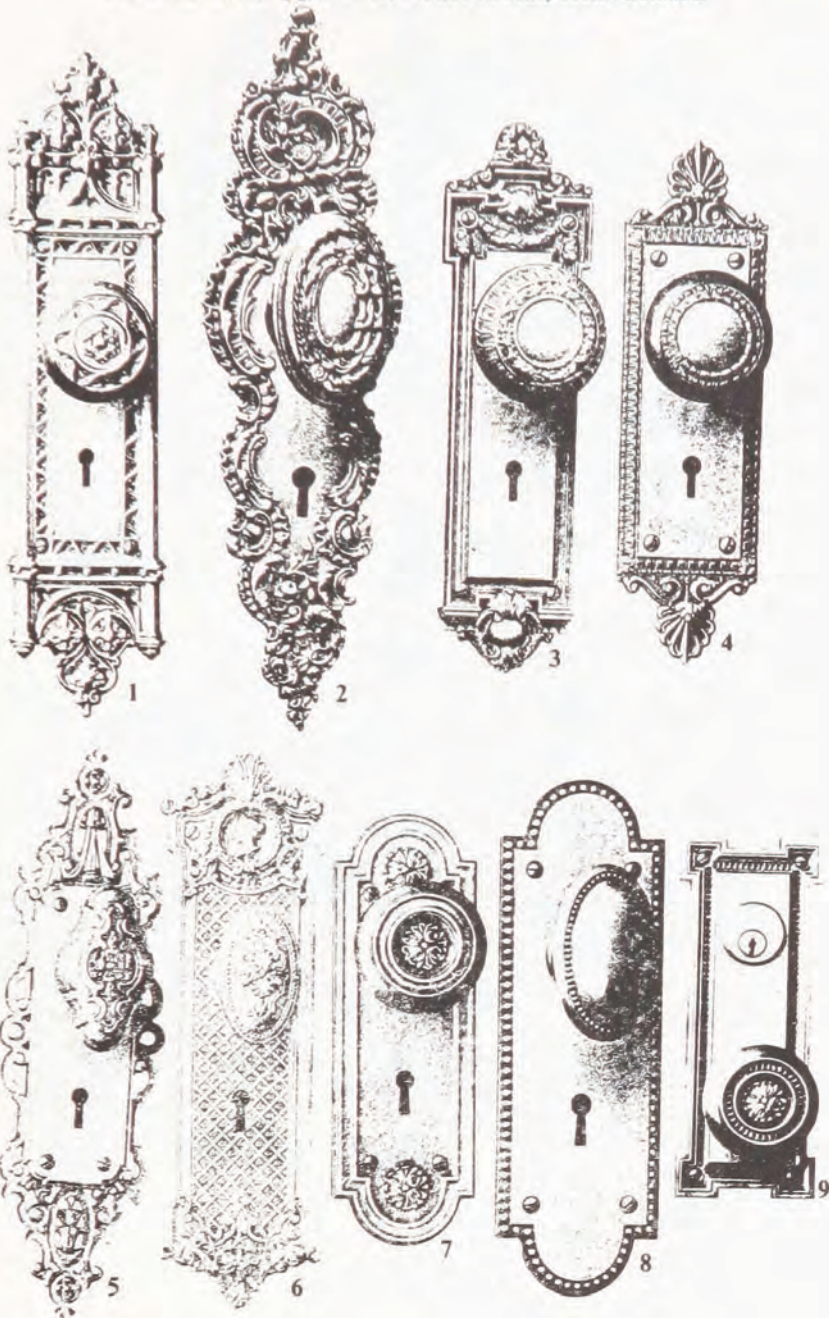
P & F CORBIN
NEW BRITAIN, CONN. U.S.A.
MAKERS OF
BUILDERS' HARDWARE

CORBIN 1895-1905
 "Knobs and Escutcheons by Design"



- | | | | | | | | |
|----|-------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------|
| 1. | 1895 | 2551 | 1905 | 7. | 1895 | Regal | 1905 |
| 2. | Putnam | Putnam | Regal disc. | 8. | Colonial | Colonial disc. | |
| 3. | 1807½-1506½ | 1807½ disc.-1505 | 9. | Etruscan | Etruscan disc. | | |
| 4. | Rope | Rope | 10. | Etruscan | Etruscan disc. | | |
| 5. | Royal | Royal | 11. | Hartford | Hartford | | |
| 6. | Imperial | Imperial | 12. | Philadelphia | Philadelphia | | |

RUSSELL AND ERWIN 1899
 Fine Goods Supplement - Cast Metal, Real Bronze



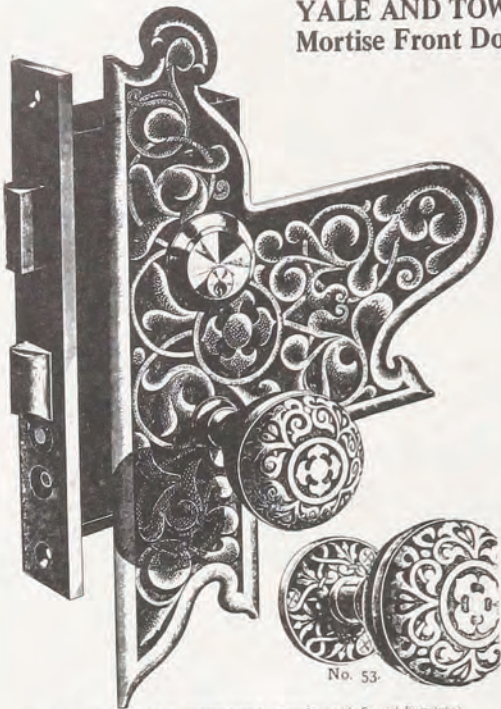
- Design
 1. Burgos
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 3. Grenelle
 4. Jerome
 5. Hardwick

- School
 Spanish Gothic
 German Rococo
 Louis XVI
 Empire
 Elizabethan

- Design
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 8. Vernon
 9. Grenoble

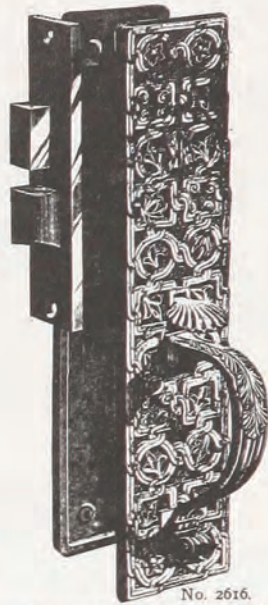
- School
 Louis XIV
 Louis XVI
 Colonial
 Louis XVI

YALE AND TOWNE 1889
Mortise Front Door Locks



No. 53.

YALE MORTISE FRONT DOOR LOCK. (Complete with Special Furniture)



No. 2616.

Distance from edge of door to center of Key-hole and Thumb-piece, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches.
Thickness of Lock, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

STANDARD COMBINED STORE DOOR LOCK AND LATCH.
(WITH HANDLES)

Door Pulls



No. 47F.

REAL BRONZE OR BRASS DOOR PULLS.



No. 47S.



No. 404.



No. 854.

REAL BRONZE OR BRASS CUP ESCUTCHEON.
For description, see page 318.