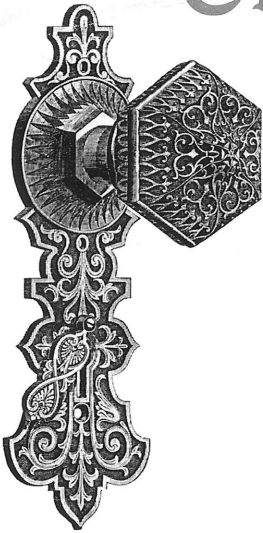


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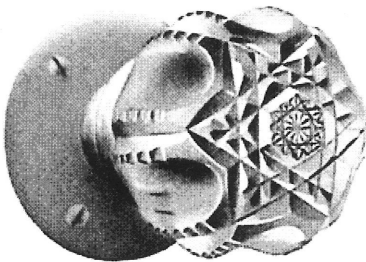
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## COME TO PORTLAND FOR A "GLASS BLAST"!

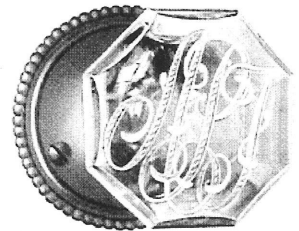
In conjunction with the Portland Convention, the **Architectural Heritage Center** will be featuring "Glass Blast" in the Liz's Antique Hardware Gallery. This show will display a variety of glass doorknobs, most drawn from the Bosco-Milligan, Maud Eastwood and Don Shreve collections. From early patents and cut crystal to controlled bubbles and colored glass, "Glass Blast" will add extra sparkle to your Portland trip. We'll be dropping in to see it during our visit on **Tour Day, Monday, August 21.**



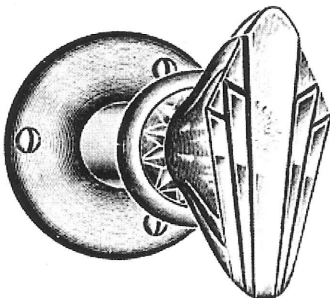
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You were sure to be able to get a good grip on this elaborate cut crystal knob from Corbin in 1905.

You could order your choice of symbol, monogram, or emblem on glass knobs from Russell & Erwin in 1909.



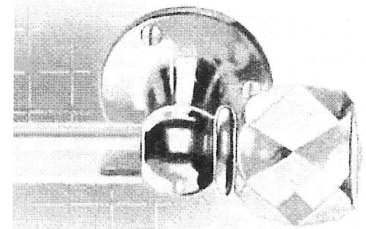
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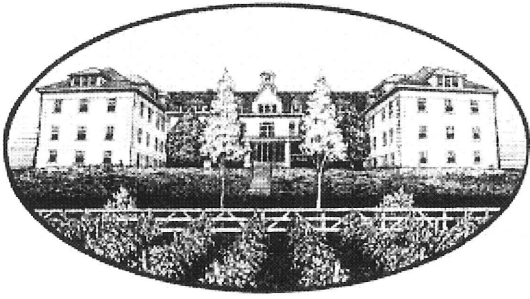
Lockwood offered this Modernistic (now call Art Deco) glass knob design in 1932.

Did you know that the same molds used to produce glass doorknobs were also used to create finials for towel bars, like these examples from Landers, Frary & Clark in§ 1912.



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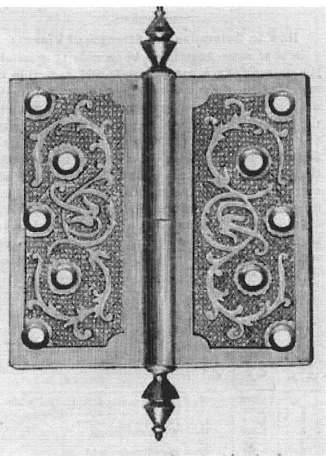


## Late Registration For Portland

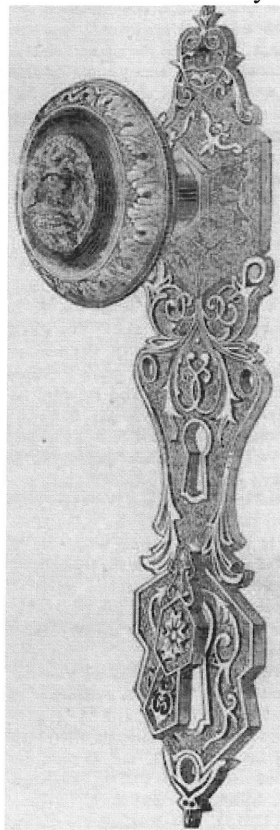
If you've been considering coming to Portland for our 2011 convention but haven't made plans yet, it's not too late. There may not be rooms left at Edgefield, but you can still try nearby hotels. Please send in your registration (note the new address) materials ASAP, and give host Bo Sullivan a call or drop him an email if you have questions: 503-997-8616 or [bo@arcal.com](mailto:bo@arcal.com)

## "BRONZE FOR BUILDING PURPOSES"

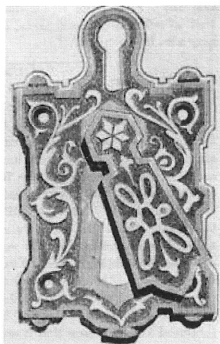
Reprinted below is an article from the July, 1871 issue of The Manufacturer and Builder, which identifies another early manufacturer of builders' hardware, Messrs. Whitney & Rogers of 229 Third Avenue in New York.



"Many attempts have been made of late years to produce a metal or combination of metals which should equal in durability and beauty the bronze used by the ancients in their works of art. Those of our readers who have been in Europe will remember the bronze doors of the baptistery in Pisa as being remarkable for their elegance of design and finish, and yet as not showing the slightest trace of deterioration by atmospheric influence. If we compare our modern bronze with that whether producing a greenish tinge on the former will be immediately perceived, while the latter will be found to retain its color and luster.



"The metal now used for building purposes is claimed to equal in every way that of the ancients. Several articles Made from it were shown to us by Messrs. Whitney & Rogers of No. 229 Third avenue in this city. They were cast in fine sand moulds, and then finished by hand, this process, as far as we can learn, being peculiar firm, of than turers, dies



latches, etc., of

"The bell-pulls, knobs, locks, butts, hinges, made from this metal and several we publish cuts, are of a rich brown color, assuming a darker hue by age, and match walnut or hard-wood doors. They do not require cleaning, and cost some twenty per cent less than the plated-ware. The designs are elegant and graceful, and the articles when in position have a much richer appearance than those of the ordinary materials now in use."

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The trade card of the firm is illustrated at page 52 of Web Wilson's *Antique Hardware Price Guide*. In 1873 John B. Whitney was issued several design patents, including one for the keyhole shown (DP 6365), a hinge (DP 6362), a doorknob (DP 6363) and a bell pull (DP 6557).

## Clarification

In TDC 159, p. 9 (January-February, 2010) we pictured Presidential doorknobs, including one of Benjamin Franklin. A recent listing on eBay (#160607664785) indicates that it is in fact a drawer pull. But it is still very nice and historic.

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Members are reminded that your dues entitle you to advertise items for sale, trade, or wanted at no charge. ADCA is not responsible for any transaction or the condition of the items advertised.

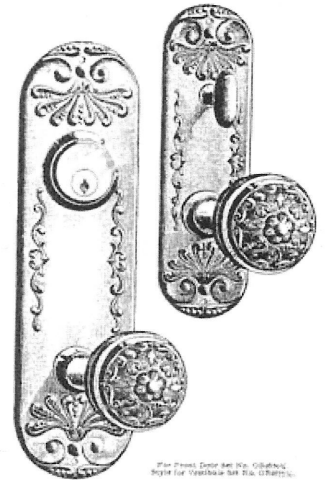
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