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1995 Convention Update

by Liz Gordon



Liz Gordon
1995 Convention Chairperson

A site has been located. Hallelujah! It has been worth the search and wait. As it turned out Pasadena could not accommodate our club, so I went to Santa Monica, California.

This will be much more comfortable during the hot summer month of August. The convention and banquet room has a beautiful ocean view. All the rooms have ocean views with balconies. Approximately six rooms are available for the handicapped. The hotel is two blocks from the ocean, four blocks from the very popular 3rd Street Promenade where there are shops, cinema, restaurants, and street entertainers.

The site will be The Holiday Inn Bay View Plaze, 530 W. Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405. The scheduled dates are August 16, 17, & 18, 1995. This is the week in between the second Sunday, the Rose Bowl Swap Meet in Pasadena, and the third Sunday, Veterans Stadium Swap Meet in Long Beach. The room rates at the Holiday Inn Bay View Plaza are \$75.00 for

king and \$85.00 for double. This does not include a 12% bed tax, but does include parking. There is an airport shuttle service. These rates will be extended to any club member for whatever length of time they would like to stay. I know this is more expensive than we are use to paying, but then again, the convention is not usually held in one of the vacation capitals of the world in the height of the season.

The theme for this year's convention will be GLASS KNOBS, Pairpoint Mfg. Company and Technical Glass Co.

We are busy making more plans for what should be a great convention! More information next issue.



Numerous facets seen in cut glass knobs.



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You may have noticed that this issue of *The Doorknob Collector* has more pages than we usually have had in the past issues. Well, issue number 69 marks a milestone for Loretta and me. This is the 50th issue of the publication we have edited and published. We thought we would make it special by giving you more pages on our 50th issue.

Our 50th

It hardly seems possible that we are now in our ninth year of publishing *The Doorknob Collector*. I sometimes think it is a long time but then I pick up another publication and find someone has been doing it for 25 or 40 years.

For the benefit of newer ADCA members, *The Doorknob Collector* began as an independent publication by Rich and Faye Kennedy in 1977. When ADCA was formed in 1981, the organization began publishing it. Lee and the late Jim Kaiser became editors. The Kennedy's published 10 issues. The Kaisers did 19 issues.

As we move toward our tenth year, I hope you will continue to support us with material to share with others interested in antique hardware.





Mercury Glass Knobs

Identifying doorknobs

This is the sixth of a series which crossreferences the number appearing in Lionel Moes 1984 catalog with those assigned by Leonard Blumin.

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Ornamental Design in Antique Doorknobs

by Len Blumin

(The following regular feature is a supplement to Len Blumin's excellent book, Victorian Decorative Art. Copies of the book are available from ADCA for \$12.00)

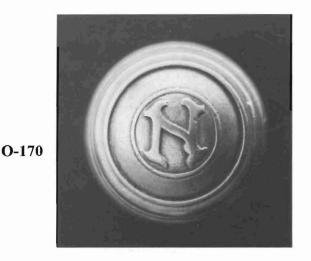
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O-173 B of E, Flint Michigan - (Undoubtedly a Board of Education Knob).



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O-172



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Sandpapering of Doorknobs (???)

by Len Blumin

Returning home from the '94 ADCA convention, I unpacked my newly acquired "treasures" and gave them a careful exam. I knew that I had gotten a "good deal" on some of them because of defects such as pitting, scratches and dings that marred their appearance, and wondered if there was some way of removing the damage so as to "restore" the design.

Normally I treat knobs gently, with perhaps a tooth brush and a non-abrasive cleaner or solvent. Some judicious polishing is sometimes needed, or even mild buffing with a fine abrasive, but the general rule is "the less the better".

It was clear after the check-up that my dinged/pitted knobs would need a more drastic approach. I got out some "wet-and-dry" sandpaper and went to work. "Sandpaper," I can hear some of you say with dismay. "Why don't you get a wire wheel and put them out of their misery. Better still, use a grindstone. . . . that way you can make a nice deep gash to see if it's really bronze all the way through!" Well, it's not such a crazy idea after all. . . sandpaper, that is.

Some knobs are nearly "flat," with a raised design, with the relief portion less marred. If the design has sufficient "depth," you can remove a thin layer from the surface without really changing the design. A look at Figures 1, 2 & 3 will help make the point clearer.

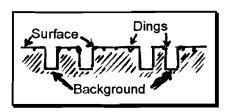


Fig.1 - Cutaway view of surface of knob showing design with dings in it.

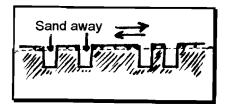


Fig. 2 - Same view, shows layer of surface that will be removed by sanding.



Fig. 3 - Same, after removal of surface layer, taking dings and scratches out.

So I bit the bullet and took out some 240 grit wet/dry paper (silicon carbide). Holding the knob under a trickle of water, I simply started sanding the face, taking some care to keep the paper flat so as not to "round over" the edges of the raised designs. The idea is to shave off enough of the surface to remove the scratches and all but the deepest dings and pits, watchful that you're not removing any of the design itself. The result is a dull matte finish on the surface, created by a multitude of fine scratches from the paper, with a background virtually untouched. The hard work is done.

Now you repeat the process using progressively finer grits of paper, such as 320, 400, 600. At each step you sand just enough to remove the scratches from the previous step. The dull matte becomes satin, then almost polished. I've even gone to 1000 grit, but it looks *too* polished. If the initial condition reveals only shallow scratches, you should start with a finer grit such as 320.

After experimenting with a common type knob to get the feel of the process and prove to myself that it wouldn't destroy things, I subjected some of my newly acquired dinged

knobs to the technique. Most of the surface pitting was removed, along with all the scratches and a majority of the dings. Though the knobs look a bit new and shiny, the designs are now quite crisp and bold, with an almost "mint condition" appearance.

Try the technique on a knob you can spare. I think you will be impressed, and you may be able to "rescue" a few of the dinged and pitted knobs in your collection that you thought were beyond hope.

Photos do not do justice to the dramatic results that I have seen. The Hopkins and Dickinson fourfold "floral" had dings in the leaves and rim. mostly gone after sanding. The Hopkins and Dickinson sixfold had severe pitting, 95% of which was removed by the sanding. The cast iron Russell & Erwin, Arabic design was muddy dark gray to start, and was changed to a striking shiny steel, Iron is harder than bronze, but worth the effort. Good luck!•

New Member Policy for 1995

Membership in ADCA follows the current calendar year. Anyone joining during the period from January through September 30, is enrolled for the current year and is sent all back issues of The Doorknob Collector for the current year. The member then continues to receive the rest of the current year's issues of The Doorknob Collector.

Applicants for membership after September 30 are enrolled as members for the following year. They received notices of year end meetings as well as other current ADCA announcements and are told they will begin receiving The Doorknob Collector during the next year.

Before Sanding

After Sanding



Hopkins & Dickinson "Floral" note dings in top leaves and flower and on rim.



Hopkins & Dickinson "Floral" after sanding, with crisper design and no dings!



Hopkins & Dickinson Sixfold with severe pitting. "Hopeless," you say.



Hopkins & Dickinson After sanding. I really dind't think this knob could be saved.



Russell & Erwin, B-108, Take my word for it, it really is a doorknob!



Russell & Erwin Arabic, B-108 After sanding. The design emerges and pretty it is.

A Mansion to be renovated





114 Year old mansion

John C. Audley

We would like to introduce John C. Audley, ADCA member number 400. John joined ADCA on October 3, 1994. His interest in hardware was enhanced when he, in April 1994, purchased the Hiram B. Scutt mansion in Joliet, Illinois.

A short story and pictures of the home appear in the book, Joliet, A Pictorial History, by Robert E. Sterling. The home when built and still, today, commands a beautiful view of the city of Joliet. With over 7000 square feet of living area, the building needs a lot of renovating to bring it back to the magnificent home it was when Hiram B. Scutt built it about 114 years ago.

Scutt and his family came to Joliet in 1861. He enlisted in the Union Army and served four years in an artillery company during the Civil War. Shortly after barbed wire was first introduced in DeKalb, Illinois, Scutt obtained a patent on it and by 1875 Hiram B. Scutt & Company was manufacturing the product in

Joliet. Eventually Scutt would hold ten patents on barbed wire. In 1884 he sold the company and shortly thereafter Scutt organized another company, The Joliet Barb Wire Company.

Scutt's career and contribution to the barbed wire industry was tragically ended in 1889 when he was killed in a fall from a horse at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Scutt had a local architect, James Weese, design the house in a affluent Second Empire style. Sterling, in his book, wrote, "its most striking features are its steeply pitch Mansard roof, tall, slender windows moderately ornamented at the top, a small front porch with a larger porch across the back, and the cupola on top."

Audley plans to bring the house, on which construction was started in 1880, back to its original beauty. He is considering opening it for tours when the restoration is completed.

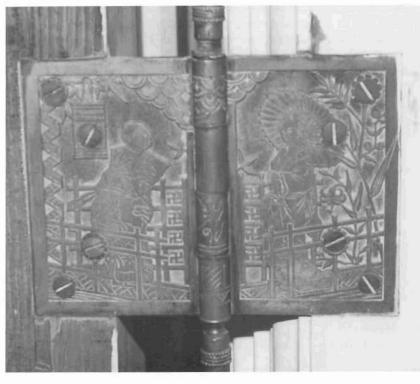


Original Newel

Scutt/Audley Mansion being renovated (continued)



View of some of the fine hardware that was used in the Scutt Mansion.



From Niles to Sager The Story of the Chicago Hardware Company

by Raymond J. Nemec

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Turning south from 22nd Avenue on to Commonwealth, in North Chicago, Illinois, and glancing to the left my mind could see a complex of red brick buildings. Then reality took over. This was September 1994 and the red brick buildings had succumbed to the wrecking ball many years ago.

A large weed infested vacant lot covered most of the two block parcel that occupied the east side of Commonwealth between 22nd and 24th Avenues. There were empty semi-trailers randomly parked and a building covered by tan colored corrugated metal sheets seemed to stand there ominously.

Had it been 54 years since the last piece of door hardware had been manufactured on this site? I was looking at property that was developed one hundred years ago by the Chicago Hardware Manufacturing Company. Some of the finest door hardware was made here between 1895 and 1950. What happened here, the end of a once prosperous business, has happened many times and in many places.

I was aware that the names of the people, the dates and even the names of the companies that were here had faded from memory as the old-timers passed away. I felt a story had to be told; the story of Chicago Hardware. I was also aware that all the parts of this story may not easily be obtained but it was important to bring to light what is known and maybe others will build from what I learned.

Arthur Paholke wrote a fine article about the Chicago Hardware Manufacturing Company in the July/August 1992 issued of The Doorknob Collector and in an earlier issue, Maud Eastwood had written about it and other Chicago based hardware companies. Paholke wondered how a real estate agent, Milton C. Niles, came to invent a



Milton Cleveland Niles lock. He also wondered, why the different shank for doorknobs.

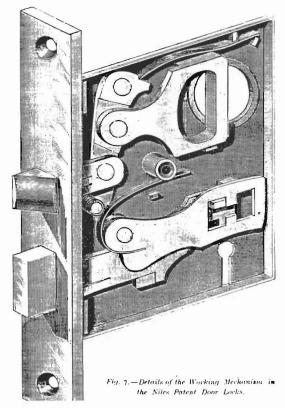
I, too, asked some questions. Who was Milton C. Niles? What actually became of the company? What role did Charles W. Sager play in all this? I would quickly find out, I thought, but after nearly three years the realization that a lot of research and time has brought answers to some question but other

still remain unanswered.

Three companies were listed in the early history of Niles. . . Niles and Son in 1879, Gray Iron Company in 1880 and the Chicago Hardware Manufacturing company in 1882. With the latter two companies another name appeared. Art Paholke listed him as F. T. June.

The first information I found on Milton C. Niles was in a book called "History of Cook County," published in 1884. I learned a lot about him and his non-hardware interest, but it left me with another question. Paholke had wondered how one would go from real estate to lock manufacturer. Now I was asking, how does one go from farming to real estate, to inventor, to lock manufacturer?

With the help of three ladies, Leslie Symington, a genealogist in New York, Carol Kelm of the Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest and syndicated columnist Anita Gold, I uncovered a good deal about Milton Niles.



Milton Cleveland Niles was born in Spencertown, Columbia County, in the State of New York, on February 20, 1827. Just 81 days later, on May 12, 1827, his mother, Theodotia, died. She was 32.

Milton's mother, her maiden name was Theodotia Cleveland, was born on November 5. 1794. Williamburg, Massachusetts. Her ancestors came from England in the 1600s. The Cleveland family is remembered for Moses Cleveland, for whom the Ohio city was named and Grover Cleveland, the 22nd and 24th President of the United States. All the Clevelands can be traced back to the original Moses Cleveland who came from England about 1635.

Milton's father was also named Milton Niles. The senior Niles was probably born in 1790. The 1850 New York census, however, lists his age as 58 and as having been born in the state of New York. By that time he had remarried, marrying a widow name Christian Pratt. The senior Niles listed his occupation as a farmer. He served as Town Clerk of Austerlitz in 1821 and 1823. It probably should be pointed out that in Columbia County, a town was a subdivision of the county, frequently called a township. Milton Niles, Sr., died on May 29, 1852. His grave marker at the Spencertown Community Cemetery listed his age as 62.

Milton Niles, Sr., married Theodotia Cleveland probably about 1820. On August 28, 1822, their first child, a son, Smith, was born. Milton C. would be the second child from this union.

Not a great deal of Milton Cleveland Niles' youth is known, a boy growing up on a farm learning what would be his first occupation. His education consisted of "attending the common school of the day" and in academies at Great Barrington and Westfield, Massachusetts.

At the age of 20, in early 1847, young Milton traveled to Chicago and then by stage and the Illinois River, he went to St. Louis. From St. Louis he traveled up the Mississippi River to Galena, Illinois, and back to the Chicago area by stage, arriving in August. He then returned to New York.

A year later, in March 1848, Milton again set out for Illinois, traveling by "mud-wagon" four days and five nights through Canada, by stage to Lake Michigan and across the lake by boat to reach Chicago. Then it was on to Belvidere and into Wisconsin where his brother, Smith, was engaged in the lumber business. All this took less than two months.

Milton was back in New York and on May 15, 1848, he married Mary Caroline Bailey at her father's home in North Salem, Westchester County, New York. Milton was 21. Mary was 18. She was born on March 1, 1830. They settled into farming near Spencertown. A son, Clarence Marcellus, was born in September 1849. a second child, Marian Augustus, was born on September 9, 1851.

Having seen the opportunities and the progressive spirit of the then new west, Niles could not remain, as he called it, "in the dull East." His wife, Mary, cheerfully joined him in moving to the "Wild West." In the fall of 1852, Milton and Mary and their two children settled on the "Parsons Farm," one of the early settlements in DuPage County in Illinois. The farm was located in Township, southeast Milton Wheaton. Today, the land that once was farmed by Niles is now a part of the City of Wheaton. In 1854, their second year on the farm, their third child, a son, Sidney Soloman, was born.

Traveling from the farm to Chicago, a trip of 25 miles, Niles passed through an area that would someday become Oak Park. It oc

curred to him that its proximity to Chicago made it a good place to invest in land. In December 1856, in partnership with W. W. Bemis, they bought nine lots (approximately ten acres) and in 1857 they bought two more lots. On March 3, 1860, Bemis quit-claimed his entire holding to Niles.

In the spring of 1858 Niles sold his property in DuPage County and he, his wife and three children moved to Oak Ridge (as Oak Park was then called). Niles had been married ten years, working all of them in agriculture with the last 5-1/2 year in central DuPage County. He was now to embark on an entirely new career, a career in real estate.

Milton Niles became a school director in 1859 and helped establish a fine school system in Oak Park. He was instrumental in purchasing land and built a school for the village. During this time he built homes for several prominent people. Also in 1859, Niles was elected Supervisor in the Town of Cicero, Illinois, and held the office for five years. He was chairman of the Finance Committee of Cook County during the Civil War.

During the period of 1863 and 1866, Niles purchased over 400 acres in Oak Park and Maywood, some for as low as \$20 per acre. In 1866, Niles, along with James W. Scoville, subdivided a 40 acre tract in Oak Park. Known as the Scoville and Niles subdivision, they built a number of homes there.

In 1864 Niles built a home for his family between Marion Street and Park Place in Oak Park. Known as the Park House, it was situated on a full city block. Marion Street was named for Niles' daughter although she had two "A's" in her name. Park Place has since been renamed Forest Street.

Farming, the number one occupation in America during the early 1800s, was the source for many inventions. Farmers, faced with the laborious task of planting, harvesting and storing crops, searched their minds for ideas to improve their lot in life.

Milton C. Niles was born in this era. His parents farmed and so it seemed only natural that he, too, would seek a career in agriculture. Milton learned early that simple implements or mechanisms could not only make life easier on the farm but also more profitable.

When he went into the building of homes and other structures it was natural, with his farm training, to improve methods, thus was born the idea for a new lock and doorknob system.

On April 3, 1878, an application was filed with the United State Patent office. It began, "Be it known that we, Milton C. Niles and Sidney S. Niles of Oak Park in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful improvement in a door lock and knob."

Sidney was about 24 year old. He had attended Oak Park's first school, Temperance Hall, and Central School, which his father had built. He furthered his education by going to the prestigious Lake Forest Academy and the University of Chicago.

The University of Chicago Sidney attended is not to be confused with the prestigious school that bears that name today. The institution Sidney attended was under Baptist auspices and closed its doors because of financial difficulties in 1886. The new university was founded in 1892.

United States Senator Stephen A. Douglas reportedly offered a site for a university to any denomination that would establish such an institution. The Baptists accepted and in 1856 Douglas gave them a site of ten acres at Cottage Grove Avenue



Mr. Frank T. June

and 34th Street. This South Side location was across the street from "Okenwald," the Chicago home of Senator Douglas. The entire area, including Douglas' estate and the university site, was covered with oak trees.

The university opened in 1859 with 110 in the preparatory department and 20 men in college classes. It stood at the edge of Chicago with no houses to the south or southwest and a few to the southeast.

Niles graduated in either 1876 or 1877. However, with the school's closing there is little information available today about student achievements and apparently none as to Niles' endeavors.

After the patents had been granted on June 25, 1878, to the father and son, the company Niles and Son was established to sell the Niles locksets. Paholke, in his article, described the locksets as an innovative direct-action reversible latch lockset that was unique to the American builders' industry.

The company operated from Milton C. Niles' downtown Chicago real estate office. Indications are that the Niles contracted with several foundries to manufacture their locksets. Milton applied for an additional patent for the reversible latch system in 1879. The patent was granted on May 18, 1880.



Mrs. Jennie A. June

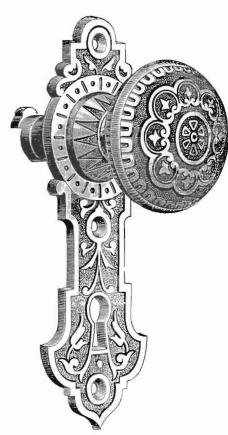


Fig. 6.—Improvement in Door Locks.—View of Rose and Key Escutcheon, Knob and Shank, showing Cam for Operating the

In all probability the locksets were fabricated by the Standard Manufacturing Company, located at the northeast corner of Erie and Kingsbury Streets in Chicago.

On October 20, 1880, F.T. June, M.C. Niles and J. D. Hughes filed papers with the Illinois Secretary of State (George H. Harlow) to form a corporation. The following information was stated:

- 1. The name of such corporation is Gray Iron Company.
- The object for which it is formed is the manufacture of Iron Castings, Iron Machinery, and other articles composed of Wood, Iron and Metal or either of them.
- 3. The Capital Stock shall be \$25,000.00
- 4. The amount of each share is \$50.00.
- 5. The number of shares: 500.
- The location of the principal office is in Chicago in the County of Cook State of Illinois.
- 7. The duration of the Corporation shall be 50 years.

These papers bore the signature of F. T. June, M. C. Niles and J. D. Hughes.

Two days later, October 22, 1880, Gray Iron Company submitted a list of its stockholders with the amount of shares, and price, they agreed to buy. Following were the stockholders:

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Name	Share	s Amount
F. T. June	160	\$8,000.00
M.C. Niles	100	\$5,000.00
Charles J. Barnes	100	\$5,000.00
A. B.Meeker & C	0.40	\$2,000.00
W.G.Stephen	20	\$1,000.00
Standard Mfg. Co	60	\$3,000.00
(By F.T. June, Pro	es.)	

J. D. Hughes 20 \$1,000.00 Both F.T. June and J. D. Hughes were involved in the operation of Standard Manufacturing, June as President and Hughes as General

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Manager of the operations. There was also a tie in with A. B. Meeker Company, a supplier of pig iron and other raw materials to companies such as Standard. June, along with his employee, Hughes, controlled 48% of the stock. If you include his vendor, Meeker, June, probably controlled 56% of the stock. The Standard's manufacturing site, at the northeast corner of Erie and Kingsbury would also be the location for Gray Iron.

Standard The Manufacturing Company was founded by F. T. June in 1879 to make a sewing machine named the Jennie June (his wife's name) under the expired Singer Sewing Machine patents. Eventually the operation would become the June Manufacturing Company, The company, according to the Belvidere (IL) Illustrated, "Labored under the difficulty of not being able to turn out a machine satisfactory to the public when compared with later inventions in the same line." About the same Barnabas Eldredge Cleveland, Ohio, had invented a new sewing machine that was mechanically superior its competition. The Eldredge Model A, which also included many new features, was being made for Eldredge by the Ames Manufacturing Company of Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts. With his headquarters and most profitable sales territory in the middle west, the east coast manufacturing source proved inconvenient.

Eldredge eventually ended his contract with Ames, a company best known as a maker of arms and ammunition, arranged with the June Manufacturing Company to manufacture the Eldredge Model A sewing machine. In 1885, Eldredge, while continuing to operate his sales company, joined the

June Manufacturing Company as a member of the Board of Directors and as Vice President. By this time the Eldredge Model A had absorbed almost the entire manufacturing capacity of the June Manufacturing Company. Labor troubles in Chicago that year, culminating in the anarchist riots, resulted in June and Eldredge building a plant in Belvidere, Illinois to manufacture sewing machines.

By this time June had divorced himself from the hardware business. In 1886 he moved to Belvidere to operate the new facility. This was to be his last move in a career that saw him achieve a certain amount of success.

Frank Thomas June was born on July 17, 1834, in Brandon, Vermont. When June, his wife Jenny, whom he married in 1855, and their three sons and three daughters moved from Sterling, Illinois to Oak Park, Illinois in the early spring of 1873, he had gained a reputation as an astute manufacturer.

Within a month of moving to Oak Park, on April 25, 1873, at a meeting at the house of J. W. Middleton, Frank June was elected chairman of a committee to organize a Baptist Church in Oak Park. He was elected one of the first three trustees of the church.

In 1874 June was listed as President of the Sherwood School Furniture Company, located at 184 and 185 State Street, Chicago. However, in that year he moved his family to Morris, Illinois. Three years later the family was back in Oak Park, where they would live until the move to Belvidere, Illinois, in 1886.

(The story of The Chicago Hardware Company, by Raymond J. Nemec will be continued in the next issue of The Doorknob Collector.)

Regional meeting proposed for Joliet, Illinois

John Audley has consented to holding a regional ADCA get together at his mansion in Joliet, where members can trade, buy and sell hardware. A tour of the house will be included.

Is there interest in something like this? We have discussed holding the regional meeting sometime in April, May or June. We also talked about a small charge, possibly \$5 or \$10, to cover costs of setting it up.

The next step is up to you. Before we go any further we need to hear from you. We need to know how many people would plan to come, assuming there is no conflict with another activity. Will you drop us a note, telling us if you are interested in a one day session. Do you prefer Saturday or Sunday? Is the small cost agreeable? Although this is a regional get-together, we, in no way, will exclude anyone wishing to come from other parts of the country.

Please let us know your thoughts and whether you would come. Everything is on hold until we hear from you. So, while it is fresh in your mind, why not write us now. Sent the note to **ADCA**, P.O. Box 126, Eola, IL 60519-0126.







Annual Auction

Above photos

The Auction Table. Items to be auctioned at ADCA's annual convention are displayed so potential bidders can examine them and decide which ones they will bid on.

Members holding up their bidding cards, prior to the start of the annual auction. The auction is one of the most popular features of the convention. Usually about 200 items are auctioned. The auction has been a regular ADCA convention feature since 1982. Arnie Fredrick has been coordinating it since 1984.

←Brilliant cut glass knob from Ed Thrall's collection.

1995-1996 Membership Roster

ADCA members will find the 1995-1996 Membership Roster enclosed with this issue of The Doorknob Collector. Member names are arranged alphabetically.

If you find an error in your listing, please advise. Corrections will be published in a future issue of **The Doorknob Collector.**

There are members in 31 states, the District of Columbia and one Canadian province. California leads with the most members, 31, followed by Illinois, 21, New York, 13, Michigan, 12 and New Jersey with 10.

Your 1995 membership card, if you have not already received it, is included with this newsletter.

1994 ADCA FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following statement is for the year January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994 (excluding archives, auction, convention and museum accounts.)

RECEIPTS	
310 Renewal dues	\$3242.00
311 New membership dues	1020.00
312 ADCA publication sales	687.00
313 Promo, misc. item sales	480.00
314 Book sales(Eastwood, Moes, etc.)	766.25
315 Donations	793.17
320 Interest on Temp.investments	104.84
330 National convention income	5854.00
388 Newsletter income	10.00
390 Miscellaneous income	634.15
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$13,591.41

DISBURSEMENTS	
701 Printing newsletter	\$3062.67
703 Other printing expenses	892.54
730 Postage	1412.83
803 Operating expenses, adm.office	668.29
804 Purchases, comp, misc. expenses	64.94
805 Archives expenses	200.00
806 Operating expenses, President	716.16
871 Stamp Project	168.17
908 National Convention expenses	4920.55
971 Honarariums	1000.00
981 Insurance	339.15
988 Purchase books	369.00
989 Video production, copies, etc.	397.38
990 Miscellaneous expenses	114.65
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$14,326.33
120 Excess or (deficit)of receipts	
over disbursements	(734.92)
110 Beginning cash bal. on 1/1/94	\$6,700.72

Respectfully submitted,

Commediate Property Raymond J. Nemec,

ADCA Secretary/Treasurer

100 Ending cash balance 12/31/94

A research curator

Rhett Butler recently announced the addition of Jill Ehninger to his staff as Research Curator. She will be working on updating the publication, Guide to Decorative Hardware Research Material.

Bud Wolski, film star?

Reports have reached us on the probability of a documentary video on builders hardware that will be done by educational institutions in Southern California.

Our own Bud Wolski, his experience and hardware will be an important part of this film.



Said to be Heisey Cut Glass knob.

A sharp eye

For those sharp-eyed readers who noted the dating discrepancy on page, 7, issue NO. 64, March-April 1994, there is a simple answer. It turns out this is a composite of ads from 1881-1888 which appeared in *Carpentry and Building*.

Get well wishes

Two of our members, Arnie Fredrick and Tom Hennessey, recently spent time in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

First twin collectors?

Members Brian and Christine Applegate are the proud parents of twin daughters born on December 24th, 1994. With Grandpa and Grandma Win & Carol Applegate and Aunt Hilary Applegate already members it is probably only a matter of time before the twins will be joining ADCA.



Glass knobs which were on exhibit at the Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, New York.

New Member Policy for 1995

Membership in ADCA follows the current calendar year. Anyone joining during the period from January through September 30 is enrolled for the current year and is sent all back issues of The Doorknob Collector for the current year. The member then continues the rest of the current year's issues of The Doorknob Collector.

Applicants for membership after September 30 are enrolled as members for the following year. They received notices of year end meetings as well as other current ADCA announcements and are told they will begin receiving The Doorknob Collector during the next year.

U. S. Patent Invention number chart

This is the third chart in a series to help you determine the approximate age of patented hardware.

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YEAR PATENT NUMBERS
1875158,350 through 171,640
1876171,641 through 185,812
1877185,813 through 198,732
1878198,733 through 211,077
1879211,078 through 223,210
1880223,211 through 236,136
1881236,137 through 251,684
1882251,685 through 269,819
1883269,820 through 291,015
1884291,016 through 310,162
1885310,163 through 333,493
1886333,494 through 355,290
1887355,291 through 375,719
1888375,720 through 395,304
1889395,305 through 418,664
1890418,665 through 443,986
1891443,987 through 466,314
1892466,315 through 488,975
1893488,976 through 511,743
1894511,744 through 531,618
1895531,619 through 552,501
1896552,502 through 574,368
1897574,369 through 596,466
1898596,467 through 616,870
1899616,871 through 640,166





Yorktown design by Yale and Towne Mfg. Co. Cut Sphere 1904

Hardware Magazine Project

The old hardware trade magazines carried interesting ads, stories and information that can be helpful to individuals doing research. It would be beneficial to have a list of the magazines published during the 1870-1940 period, along with which ones are available for viewing and where. It would further benefit those working on historical projects to have the magazines indexed. We are told there are articles that may be helpful in researching a hardware company. Where does one start? First, lets identify the magazines and the span they were published. It is hopeful that you will let us know of magazines and dates you have and the ones available at various libraries and send your information or any questions to: Hardware Magazine Project, ADCA, P.O. Box 126, Eola, IL 60519-0126.



Pressed Sphere Yale and Towne 1904

PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS?

We can't solve ALL your woes, but we CAN solve your The Doorknob Collector problems. Torn, soiled, partially-printed, or worst of all, delivered in a USPS plastic baggie? No need to return the copy - just send a postcard to ADCA - P.O. Box 126 - Eola, IL 60519-0126, and a replacement copy will be mailed free.

THE STANLEY WORKS,

MANUFACTURERS OF

WROUGHT-IRON BUTTS & HINGES, WROUGHT-IRON DOOR BOLTS, ETC.,

BUILDERS' AND

A CABINET MAKERS'

HARD

WARE

Factory,
NEW BRITAIN,
CONN.







Warehouse.



These goods are superior to all others. You will consult the interest of your clients by calling for them in your SPECIFICATIONS. THE STANLEY WORES were established in 1848, and the goods manufact-

ured by them have a reputation that should figive them the preference over all others. They can be thoroughly depended on as they are younde of the best material and in the most works man like manach.



BUILDERS

Should be particular in calling for these goods. See to it that YOUR HARDWARE DEALER keeps them; and request him to order them if he does not keep them. It will pay you to use the best when, as in this case,

the best are the cheapest.

These goods received the highest Award at the CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION Give them a trial if you have not already used them, and you will use no others.





FROM THE ARCHIVES

by Steve & Barbara Menchhofer

Catalog Order Time

Included with this issue of The Doorknob Collector is an order form for the ADCA catalog copies. Since we only offer these catalog copies for sale once or twice a year, be sure to look it over and place your order. This time eight more catalogs have been added. Instruction are included in the form. The deadline for ordering is March 1, 1995. If you have any questions, please write or call us.•

1994 ADCA Archives Financial Statement			
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Receipts			
Catalog Orders	\$1,302.81		
Donations	100.00		
Miscellaneous Receipts	1.15		
Total Receipts	\$1,403.96		
Disbursement			
Catalogs Copied	\$594.96		
Catalogs Purchased	100.00		
Admin. Operating Exp.	186.34		
Postage (Mailings)	48.45		
Insurance	201.15		
Bank Service Charge	32.63		
Miscellaneous Expenses	97.02		
Total Disbursements	\$1,260.55		
Excess or (deficit) of receipts			
over disbursements	\$143.41		
Beginning cash bal. on 1/1/94	\$726.93		
Ending cash balance 12/31/94	\$870.34		

DEADLINE

All ads, material and articles for the March-April 1995 issue of **The Doorknob Collector** should be in the hands of the editors by February 15, 1995.

The Doorknob Exchange

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.

Wanted: Bakelite and Glass Cabinet Hardware - All colors - Will pay \$1 to \$3 each. Liz's Antique Hardware (#111)

453 S. LaBrea Los Angeles, CA 90036 PH: 213-939-4403

FAX: 213-939-4387.

Wanted: Reading "Mantua" I need six knobs and other miscellaneous hardware.

Frank McMenamin (#393) 1338 N. Wicker Park Chicago, IL 60622 PH: 312-276-1663.

Wanted: Someone in the Los Angeles area to do some research on Charles W. Sager.

Contact: Ray Nemec (#350) 1424 Heatherton Dr.

Naperville, IL 60563-2233

PH: 708-357-2381 FAX: 708-357-2391.

Wanted: Pulley bell crank #21 for Sargent Bell.

Would like to correspond with other bell collectors.

Rich Wise (#269)

814 Bangs St.

Aurora, IL 60506

PH: 708-898-8377.

Wanted: #1801 Bronze Bell pull for Sargent Bell (as described in Baker & Hamilton catalog).

Rich Wise (#269) 814 Bangs St.

Aurora, IL 60506

PH: 708-898-8377.

KENNEDY KOMMENTS



by Rich Kennedy

It was brought to my attention recently that this is the 50th ADCA newsletter edited by the Nemecs. Faye and I, and I am sure many others, would like to congratulate Ray and Loretta on this milestone, and thank them for the many hours dedicated to its success.

Newsletters don't JUST HAPPEN, there is a great deal of work behind every issue. We can all help by getting articles of interest to them. The newsletter is the vehicle that keeps all of us collectors across the country connected. The ADCA has grown because of Loretta and Ray and we are thankful.•



Cut glass knob with finger tip indentions throughout perimeter

ANTIQUE DOORKHOB COLLECTORS OF AMERICA

CATALOG ORDER FORM

Copies of the catalogs listed below are available to members at the price indicated, which includes shipping charge. Copies are loose leaf. and unbound.

There are three possible order categories, but each catalog may not be available in all three categories. These three categories are:

Complete Catalog. In the case of a builder's hardware catalog, the book has been copied in its entirety. In the case of a general hardware catalog, only the builder's hardware section has been copied.

Selected Pages. Included are; title page, index, finish or other general hardware information pages, pages showing doorknobs, escutcheons, flush pulls, store door locks, push plates, cremone bolts, some mortise locks with ornate face plates, a few rim locks, furniture hardware, doorbells, keyhole plates, and limited miscellaneous hardware items that are offered in the same designs as shown doorknobs and escutcheons. In some cases, a few padlocks and keys are included.

<u>Knob Design Pages.</u> These pages pertain strictly to knobs and possibly some levers and escutcheons. Title and finish pages, if available, are included.

P & F Corbin - 1895
Keystone Hardware Mfg. Co. - June 15, 1876
A. G. Newman - c. late 1800's (selected pages only)
Morwich Lock Mfg. Co. - April, 1883
Penn Hardware Co. - 1892
Reading Knob Works - Cat. #3 - c. 1920
Sargent & Co.'s Hardware - 1901
Sargent Hardware - 1910

NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF CATALOG	PRICE	QUANTITY
Adams & Westlake - circa 1890 Railroad hardware		
Complete catalog - 438 pages	\$54.75	
145 selected pages 40 knob design pages	\$18.15 \$ 6.00	

P & F Corbin Fraternal Emblems - No Date

\$ 3.30

Complete catalog - 22 pages

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Frnishina Room - 1870
     2 selected pages
     Supplement to 1881 Catalog - Nov. 1, 1882
     3 selected pages
          5 total pages
                                                 $ 2.00
P & F Corbin - 1874-5
Hardware List. (Bronze)
45 selected pages
                                                 $ 6.75
P & F Corbin - 1895
118 selected pages
                                                 $14.75
46 knob design pages
                                                 $ 6.90
Carbin Monthly Bulletins - 1902-1903
     Lockology - 16 pages
                                                 $ 2.40
     Door Tries - 16 pages
                                                 $ 2.40
     Corbin Unit Lock Set - Selling Features
          16 pages
                                                 $ 2.40
     Corbin Unit Lock - Commercial Bldgs. Fur.
          16 pages
                                                 $ 2.40
     Corbin Unit Lock - Designs - 16 pages
                                                  $ 2.40
     Corbin Unit Lock - Residences furn. 16 pgs. $ 2.40
     Corbin Unit Lock - Residence followup 16 pgs.$ 2.40
     New Corbin Designs - 16 pages
                                                 $ 2,40
     Corbin Unit Lock - Jobs Furn. - 16 pages
                                                 $ 2.40
     The Curbin - Vol I, #7-Nov. 1902, 16 pages $ 2.40
     The Corbin - Vol I, #8-Dec. 1902, 16 pages $ 2.40
     The Corbin - Vol I. #9-Jan. 1903. 16 pages
                                                 $ 2.40
     The Corbin - Vol I, #10-feb, 1903, 16 pages $ 2.40
     The Corbin - Vol I, #11-Mar. 1903, 16 pages $ 2.40
     The Corbin - Vol I, #12-Apr. 1903, 16 pages $ 2.40
     The Corbin - Vol II, #1-May 1903, 16 pages
                                                 $ 2.40
     The Corbin - Vol II, #2-June 1903, 16 pages $ 2.40
     The Corbin - Vol II, #3-July 1903, 16 pages $ 2.40
     The Corbin - Vol II, #4-Aug. 1903, 16 pages $ 2.40
     The Corbin - Vol II, #5-Sept. 1903, 16 pages $ 2.40
     The Corbin - Vol II, #6-Oct. 1903, 16 pages $ 2.40
     The Corbin - Vol II, $7-Mov. 1903, 16 pages $ 2.40
     The Corbin - Vol II, #8-Dec. 1903, 16 pages $ 2.40
All 23 monthly bulletins - 368 pages
                                                 $46.00
Corbin Catalog No. 26 - No Date
Locks and Builders' Hardware
Complete catalog - 512 pages
                                                 $61.45
164 selected pages
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97 knob design pages
                                                 $13.10
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P & F Corbin Catalog - 1905		
Entire Catalog - 1098 pages	\$131.75	
528 selected pages	\$63.35	
130 knob design pages	\$16.25	
P & F Corbin Supplement to 1905 Catalog		
88 selected pages	\$11.90	
Corbin Special Mardware		
43 pages	\$ 6.45	
Fontaine & Vaillant - No Date		
French Hardware - Pages not in consecutive o	rder	
Complete catalog - 148 pages	\$18.50	
78 selected pages	\$10.55	
29 knob design pages	\$ 4.35	
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B F America Tec. 1814		
P. E. Guerin, Inc1914		
Catalog No. 4		
Period Hardware - Pages not in consecutive of		
Complete catalog - 205 pages	\$25.65	
116 selected pages	\$14.50	
58 knob design pages	\$ 7.85	
		
Mopkins & Dickinson Hfg. Co October, 1879		
Locks, Builders' Hardware, & Cast Bronze & E		
Complete copy - 392 pages (Several pgs. miss	• •	
102 selected pages	\$12.75	
28 knob design pages	\$ 4.20	
<u>Keystone Hardware Hfg. Co.</u> - June 15, 1876		
9 selected pages	\$ 2.00	
Lockwood History - 1953		
Bulletin with the history of Lockwood going		
back to the Nashua Lock Co.		
Total 39 pages		
25 selected pages	\$ 3.75	
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Lockwood Manufacturing Co 1914		
Complete catalog - 804 pages	\$96.50	
436 selected pages	\$54.50	
136 knob design pages	\$17.00	
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Mallory, Wheeler & Co 1882		
332 total pages		
104 selected pages	\$13.00	_ •
40 knob design pages	\$ 6.00	
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Glass Knobs and Builders Hardware		
22 knob design pages	\$ 3.30	
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Russell & Erwin - Supplement to 1870		
3 copied pages	\$ 1.50	
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Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co 1885		
6 copied pages	\$ 1.90	
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Russell & Ermin - Vol. No. 2 - 1875		
With 1877 Supplement		
Total number of pages unknown		
38 knob design pages	\$ 5.70	
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Russell & Erwin Hfg. Co Pratt & Co. Agents		
Fine Bronze Door Trimmings		
3 selected pages	\$ 1.50	
Russell & Erwin Hfg. Co 1883 Vol. X		
5 selected pages	\$ 1.70	
Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co.		
Export catalog		
9 selected pages	\$ 2.00	
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Russell & Erwin - 1897		
280 pages		
94 selected pages (47 sheets)	\$ 7.05	
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Russuin Hardware - Schools of Design		
No Date - Complete catalog - 70 pages		
36 sheets - (2 pages per sheet)	\$ 5.40	
30 Sheets - (2 pages per Sheet)	\$ 3.40	
Amparil & Cours Man Co. Uni 1A - 1866		
Russell & Erwin Hfg. Co Vol. 10 - 1909	A107 7A	
Complete catalog - 1061 pages	\$127.30	
413 selected pages	\$51.65	
134 knob design pages	\$16.75	
Russwin Catalog of Marduare - Vol. 11 - 1920		
Complete copy - 482 pages	\$60.25	
155 selected pages	\$19.40	
134 knob design pages	\$16.75	
Sargent's Artistic Mardware - No Date		
c. turn of the century		
335 pages	\$41.90	
130 selected pages	\$16.25	
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Sargent & Co.'s Hardware - 1901		
143 selected pages	\$17.90	
51 knob design pages	\$ 6.90	
Sargent Mardware - 1910		
92 selected pages	\$12.40	
46 knob design pages	\$ 6.90	
Sargent's Locks & Ndu 1922		
Complete catalog - 1001 pages	\$120.10	
252 selected pages	\$31.50	
220 knob design pages	\$27.50	
Sargent's Locks & Hdw 1926		
Complete catalog - 564 pages	\$67.70	
193 selected pages	\$24.15	
80 knob design pages	\$10.80	
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A. F. Shapleigh House, Co 1895		
308 pages	A10 0P	
96 selected pages	\$12.95	
Skillman Hardware Mfg. Co 1909		
Complete catalog - 80 pages	\$10.80	
13 selected pages	\$ 2.00	
Supplee Hdwe. Co 1893		
Complete catalog - 573 pages	\$68.75	
368 selected pages	\$46.00	
77 knob design pages	\$10.40	
Supples Hous. Co 1902		:
Philadelphia		
11 selected pages	\$ 2.00	
Technical Glass Co., Inc Cat. No. 7 - 1930		
Complete catalog - 65 pages	\$ 8.80	
21 knob design pages	\$ 3.15	
United States Steel Lock Co 1907		
Catalog No. 6		
Complete catalog - 231 pages	\$31.30	
122 selected pages	\$15.25	
20 knob design pages	\$ 3.00	 .
United States Steel Lock Co.		
Supplement No. 1 to Catalog No. 6	A	
Complete catalog - 33 pages	\$ 4.95	