

# Kohler & Chase

## San Francisco

- 1852 Andrew Kohler, toys & fancy goods, #276 Stockton St., SF
- 1856 store now includes music goods; Quincy Chase is a clerk
- 1858 now at #276 Stockton & #178 Washington St. (dir)
- 1860 another store at #424 Sansome St. is added, this is the first year the listing includes musical instruments (dir)
- 1861 now #424 Sansome, #630 Washington, & #1108 Stockton
- 1867 first listing for Kohler, Chase & Co., importers, dealers and publishers of music and musical instruments; #421 Montgomery & #424 Sansome (dir)
- 1869 now at #633 & #635 Clay St. (dir)
- 1877 now at 633 to 637 Clay St.; name now Kohler & Chase
- 1878 added pianos & organs to list as well as store at corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Washington St. in Oakland; brass instruments sold include Missenharter, Higham, Courtois, & Besson
- 1879 San Francisco store moves to #137-139 Post St. (dir)
- 1880 Oakland store at #951 Washington St. (dir)
- 1884 Oakland store now at #1105 Broadway (dir)
- 1885 founder Andrew Kohler dies in March at age 66
- 1887 Portland, Oregon store added at #71 Morrison St.
- 1889 Portland store gone from listing
- 1890 Store added in San Jose, no address given
- 1891 SF store now at #26-30 O'Farrell St.; Oakland is #1013 Broadway; they may have incorporated later this year
- 1896 Kohler & Chase now listed as incorporated; branch store in LA mentioned just this year
- 1904 SF wholesale location at #715 Mission St. (dir)
- 1906 SF store now at #1329 Sutter; no mention of Oakland (dir)
- 1907 now at #1385 Sutter, dealers in musical inst. & pianos
- 1909 new store at #26 O'Farrell St.
- 1920s only pianos are listed at this time; probably no more brass
- 1959 last year for pianos; selling real estate in 1960

Instrument photos from Horn-u-copia.net



Kohler & Chase Building,  
22 O'Farrell St. in the 1920s.