

J. W. Pepper & Son

Philadelphia – New York - Chicago

- 1853 James Welsh Pepper born March 8th in Phila. (photo 1)
- 1876 Pepper starts music publishing in his father William's shop at 5th & Chestnut St, Philadelphia (Pepper)
- 1877 Pepper opens his own business at #832 Filbert (Pepper)
- 1881 moved to #234 South 8th St. on Sept 15th; opens NY outlet at #294 Bowery at Henry Moennig's location (earliest NY *Clipper* ad found is in August)
- 1882 Henry Distin moves to Philadelphia after March (patents) to supervise a new factory to be built next to the store; son Howard E. Pepper born Sept 11
- 1883 Instrument factory opens on June 1st, 8th & Locust St; Jules Levy has a lawsuit against Distin & Pepper over using his letters of praise in their advertising (*NY Clipper*)
- 1886 Chicago store opens at #149 Wabash Ave (Pepper); the NY directory from May is the last listing for his store at #294 Bowery with Moennig
- 1897 Chicago store closes May 1 (*MTR*)
- 1910 name changes to JW Pepper & Son; instruments after this time are only imported; they move to new quarters at 33rd and Walnut St (Pepper)
- 1919 James dies on July 29th, age 66; Howard becomes pres.
- 1926 Pepper moves to #5014 Sansom St. (*MTR*)
- 1930 Howard dies leaving widow Emma as owner (Pepper)
- 1940 Pepper moves to #210 N. Broad St (Pepper)
- 1941 Pepper declares bankruptcy and is sold to a group headed by Harold W. Burch in 1942 (Pepper)

This page: 1. 1880s cornet; 2. 1890s mellophone; 3. Pepper & Son cornet



1903 catalog images this page: 1. Surprise model cornet; 2. Pryor model trombone

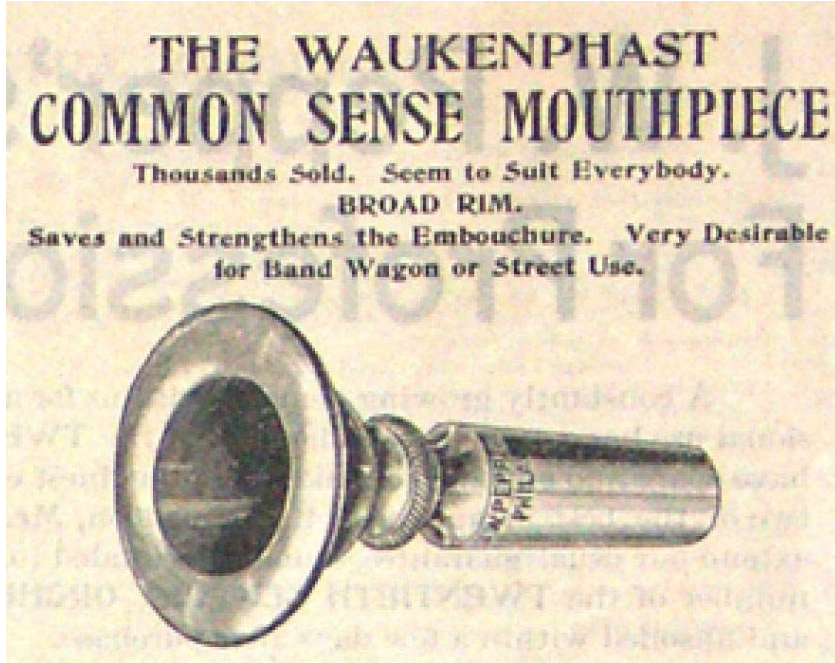


Photo 3: tuba

