## Harry B. Jay Co. Mouthpieces

## Chicago

- the Harry B. Jay Co. is established in Chicago with Fred Plain as the financial backer; uses "Columbia" trade name;
  W.K. Morris – president; Fred Plain – sec.; located on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor at #542 W. Jackson Blvd.; home at #90 LaSalle in Aurora, Illinois, musical manufacturer (census)
- 1920 address shown as #542 W. Jackson; Jay is living in Aurora, IL with wife Nellie and son Harold N. Jay (13)
- 1924 new catalog has Columbia model trumpet-cornet, trumpet, Arrigoni model trumpet, vocal cornet, Eb Alto, mellophone, baritone, trombone, bass, helicon bass, Perrone model BBb bass, & Sousaphone (new); they also have ready the new Special model trombone (*MTR*)
- 1926 Harry dies in Chicago on August 25<sup>th</sup> (Find-A-Grave)
- 1929 they are moving from #542 W. Jackson Blvd to a larger factory at #1217 W. Monroe St. (below) (*MTR*, April)
- 1930 Fred Plain is owner, band manufacturer (census)
- 1940 Fred Plain, proprietor, musical inst. repair (census)
- 1944 company probably ends with the death of Fred in Dec.

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Arrigoni model c.1924





Miller model cornet below



