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 9th 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 is now listed as incorporated & a 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 now; probably no more brass.
- 1959 Last year for pianos; selling real estate in 1960.

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