

Kohler & Son

London, England

- 1775 John Kohler (1735-1805) moves from Germany to England and becomes the Bandmaster of the Lancaster Volunteers (*Grove's*).
- 1780 Kohler establishes a music store at #87 St. James St, London (*NLI*) (photo 1, c.1785).
- 1790 French horn maker, #9 Charing Cross (directory) (photo 2, slide trumpet c.1795).
- 1791 Whitcomb St, Leicester Square, London (dir).
- 1794-1810 #89 St. James St. (dir).
- 1801 Nephew John Kohler (1770-?) is successor (*NLI*).
- 1811-1834 Kohler & Percival, #89 St. James St (dir).
- 1833 Kohler builds Thomas Harper's improved model slide trumpet.
- 1834 Kohler moves to #35 Henrietta St (*NLI*).
- 1835 Son John Augustus Kohler (1805-1878) enters his silver hallmark "IK" (*NLI*).
- 1838 John A. buys the rights to produce J. Shaw's patent swiveling disc valve then improves it with his "New Patent Lever" (*Grove's*) (photo 3).
- 1851 Kohler displays a two-valve French horn (photo 4) and is making cornepeans (photo 5).
- 1862 Kohler makes Bayley's Improved Acoustic cornet (photo 6).
- 1863 Now Kohler & Son, #35 Henrietta St., with son Augustus Charles Kohler (1841-1890).
- 1881 Kohler & Son moves to #116 Victoria St (dir).
- 1890 Kohler & Son moves to #61 Victoria under John Buxton Kohler (1869-1907) (*NLI*).
- 1896 Kohler & Son moves to #12a St. Ermin's Mansions, Great Chapel St., SW (*NLI*).
- 1901 Kohler & Son moves to #167 Ebury St., SW (*NLI*).
- 1907 The business is sold to Swaine & Adeney (*NLI*).

