

In the onward march of improvements, for which our City has become noted during the few years past, probably no house to which we can refer, has kept such even pace with the times as that of Messrs. R. A. SWAIN & Co., Importers and Wholesale Dealers in Crockery, Glass Ware, &c., at 518 Washington Street.

Their business was established in this city as early back as the year 1852, by Mr. R. A. Swain, senior partner of the firm, and conducted profitably under his auspices up to the first day of February, 1864, when Mr. WILLIAM J. MACK was admitted to an interest in the business of the house, the name and style of the firm being as above. Finding their present apartments inadequate to meet the increasing exigencies of their business, Messrs. R. A. Swain & Co. began, and have now completed a magnificent and spacious fire-proof Edifice, eligibly situated on the North-east corner of Pine and Sansome Streets. Their New Store is now open to the public, and contains one of the largest and most complete stock of goods and wares in their line, ever before offered in this market. To this end, Mr. Mack has recently visited the Eastern States and Europe, where he personally selected the elegant and recherche styles of wares and fancy goods that now grace the interior of their new edifice.

Our space will not permit us to give in detail a list of their specialities, but beg to refer you to their advertisement on the accompanying page, and, further, to invite you to call at their establishment, with the assurance that, whether you be pleased to make any purchases or not, you will be "courteously received by the gentlemanly proprietors, and no efforts spared to make your visit there a profitable and pleasant one.

To the Trade and Dealers generally, and especially to Hotel-Keepers about to furnish anew, or refurnish their houses, the above House offers especial inducements.