

Our House was established in July, 1853, at No. 81 J Street, Sacramento, and we subsequently erected and removed to the building, No. 71 J Street, where we are now, we hope, permanently located, and doing a business that has no rivalry, as to extent, in that city. During the great flood of 1862, all branches of trade were at a complete stand-still in Sacramento; and, in view of the continued increase of our trade and our facilities for doing business, we came to the conclusion that San Francisco offered to us the only additional field for the investment of our capital. And, as goods were coming to us direct from Europe and the Atlantic States by nearly every vessel that arrived, and as such shipments demanded a great amount of time to properly attend to them, we considered it politic to, and in 1863 did establish a house in San Francisco, occupying the Store No. 412 Front Street Block, where we remained for twelve months, and then removed to our present location, the spacious building, No. 117 and 119 *California Street*, and the result has justified the policy of the course we had adopted, for, not only has our house at Sacramento continued in the full tide of its success, but we have in San Francisco opened a trade in the Hardware line that equals our anticipation.

Our stock on hand, either at Sacramento or San Francisco, comprises every article in our line in demand by the *Miner*, *Farmer*, or *Mechanic*; and continued arrivals by nearly every vessel from Atlantic and European ports enable us to keep our stock *complete* in every particular, so that no orders can be made upon us for our line of goods, but we are prepared to meet them promptly, and at the lowest market rates.

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