

1/4/1893 CG&L

The Pioneer Glass Co., Knoxville, Southside, are hustling around in a lively manner, preparing for the busy season now approaching. They manufacture a beautiful assortment of plain, engraved and fancy ruby glassware, in table sets, water sets and novelties. Their make is of the highest standard and they have a continuous big demand for it. Their facilities are very large and complete since moving to their new works and they can give prompter shipments than ever before. The Messrs. Werling, who conduct the business, are skilled in the work and have a large staff of able assistants in the various departments of the concern. All who handle their goods are more than pleased with them and they never have a complaint from anyone.

2/8/1893 CG&L

The Pioneer Glass Co., Knoxville, Southside, are busily engaged on new designs in ruby and other high class decorated glassware. The big business they enjoyed previous to the holidays stays with them and they have plenty to do even for the big factory they now possess and for the full quota of hands employed in it.

2/22/1893 CG&L

The Pioneer Glass Co., Knoxville, Southside, are steadily in the swim, and have no difficulty in disposing of their big output of ruby stained and engraved glassware. The designs are more numerous and tasteful than ever and their large facilities enable them to ship with punctuality and fill orders completely in all details.

3/8/1893 CG&L

The Pioneer Glass Co., Knoxville, Southside, are working their big new factory there with a full complement of hands and are making the finest turnout of fancy glassware they ever did. The prospects for the spring are of the best and shipments are large for the season.

4/19/1893 CG&L

The Pioneer Glass Co., Knoxville, Southside, notice a steady increase in the demand for their fine ruby stained glassware. They have a large and well appointed plant here and are better able to take care of orders than when in their former location on South Sixteenth street. Their present superior equipment also tells in their favor and they challenge [sic] competition as to quality of goods, felicity and originality of design and promptness of shipment.

5/17/1893 CG&L

The Pioneer Glass Co., Knoxville, Southside, are making a line of the most elegant ruby-stained glassware in the market, their stock being replete with new designs appropriate for the season and of perfect finish. They have always kept up the high standard which has marked the goods from the start and they maintain continued popularity with the trade. **They are getting out an elegant colored catalogue** [possibly the one reprinted in Kamm 8], fully descriptive of their wares, and will mail it to the trade.

12/13/1893 CG&L

The Pioneer Glass Co., Knoxville, Southside, are doing quite a satisfactory business and their works are kept going all the time.

12/27/1893 CG&L

The Pioneer Glass Co., Knoxville, are doing a right smart trade and are running their commodious factory steadily all the time. The Messrs. Werling are experts in the art of ruby-stained glass making and the product of their kilns is surpassed by none in the world. As a consequence it gives full satisfaction to the trade and they have steady orders for all they make, large as their facilities are.

1/10/1894 CG&L

The Pioneer Glass Co., Knoxville, here have been doing a nice trade right along and are out in full force with new goods for the spring season. Their make of ruby stained glass is deservedly popular and they are up to the times in new patterns and designs. Their new enameled gold decorations, which they put on all kinds of ware, are truly superb, and samples of these and their other goods can be seen at the office of Lippincott Bros., Room 315, Ferguson Block, City.

1/24/1894 CG&L

The Pioneer Glass Co., of Knoxville, this city, manufacturers of ruby-stained and ornamental glassware, have many new things in decorations now ready an inspection of which will prove of interest and advantage to dealers. The enameled gold decorations are particularly fine and no better can be found. They have samples at Room 315, Ferguson Block, Third avenue, in charge of Lippincott Bros.

5/24/1894 C&GJ

L. J. ROGERS, of 1714 Sidney street, Southside, has purchased the works of the Pioneer Glass Co., of Knoxville, and will run them in conjunction with his old plant.

12/1897 IG&PW

L. J. RODGERS—has operated a plant for the manufacture of ornamental glassware, at 1714 Sidney street, South Side, for many years, and has attained high distinction in the art. He makes all kinds of table and bar goods and novelties, and they have long enjoyed the favor of the trade. A specialty of Mr. Rodgers is the production of lake, river and railroad globes, and his make is much admired for purity and distinctness of color. These features are important in globes used for the purposes named, and his never deviate from the high standard he has established.

1/1898 IG&PW (partial)

[Listing companies which have their own showrooms in the Pittsburgh area, and thus do not display at the Monongahela House] . . . Oriental Glass Company, Eighth and Sarah streets, South Side; Mueller Glass Staining Company, 1811 Sidney street, South Side; L. J. Rodgers, 1714 Sidney street, South Side . . .

L. J. RODGERS.—of 1714 Sidney street, South Side, makes an elegant line of ruby glass, comprising all the latest and most popular patterns. Colored lantern globes for steamboat and railroad use are specialties to the making of which he pays careful attention, and his goods in this line have a high reputation for clearness of tint and durability.

3/1898 IG&PW

L. J. RODGERS, 1714 SIDNEY STREET,—Southside, has a fine assortment of ruby stained ware, including table goods, bar ware, novelties, and a variety of miscellaneous

articles now ready. He makes a specialty of colored globes for railroad and steamboat use, and as these must be all up to a specified standard in shade of color and quality, the large trade Mr. Rodgers enjoys is evidence of the merit of his product.

4/1898 IG&PW

L. J. RODGERS, — 1714 Sidney street, Southside, is a prominent manufacturer of ruby stained glass. He makes a full assortment of tableware, bar goods and novelties, and gives special attention to the manufacture of globes for railroad and steamship purposes. They are much esteemed for their uses, being of the right shade and fast colors, and he does a large trade in them.

5/1898 IG&PW

The ruby glass staining works of L. J. RODGERS, 1714 Sidney street, South Side, makes a full assortment of table goods, bar ware and novelties, and its product has long enjoyed the reputation of being second to none in the market. Colored lantern globes for steamboat and railroad uses are specialties in the manufacture of which this house has long had pre-eminence, and it has built up a trade in them commensurate with the excellent quality of the goods.

6/1898 IG&PW

L. J. RODGERS, manufacturer of ruby stained and fancy glassware, 1714 Sidney street, Southside, is turning out a good deal of ware now and shipping all of it promptly. This has been a good season for colored ware and decorated novelties, and Mr. Rodgers has got his share of what business was going. His make is as good as can be had, here or elsewhere, and the line covers everything needful for dealers to have in table ware, bar goods, and general miscellanies. Colored lantern globes for steamboats and railroad use are specialties with this house, and it is on the top of the heap in their manufacture.

7/1898 IG&PW

L.J. RODGERS, 1714 SIDNEY STREET, South Side, is a concern that has built up a large and successful trade entirely on the intrinsic merit of its product. Tableware, bar goods, vases and novelties of various kinds can be had here in the greatest variety, and the persistence with which Mr. Rodgers' customers stick to his wares is a proof of their worth and good salable qualities.

8/1898 IG&PW

L.J. RODGERS, 1714 Sidney street, South Side, is headquarters for all kinds of railroad and steamboat lantern globes, and his make enjoys high distinction with consumers in consequence of its uniformity of quality and correctness of color. Mr. Rodgers also manufactures a full line of ruby stained table and bar ware, and his assortments this season comprises some of the neatest and most attractive patterns in the market.

MUELLER GLASS STAINING COMPANY
Pittsburgh, Pa.

4/12/1893 CG&L

D.R. Marshall, representing Dalzell, Gilmore & Leighton Co., and the Greensburg Glass Co., glassware and lamps,

Mueller Glass Staining Co., ruby stained glassware, C.W. Fisher, decorated lamps, shades, etc., J. Patterson & Son, rock and yellow ware, Empire Lamp Shade Mfg. Co., fancy silk lamp shades, and Koscherak Brothers, importers of glassware, etc., has moved from 146 Franklin street to 160 Congress street, Boston, Mass.

7/10/95 CG&L

The Mueller Glass Staining Co., 1811 Sidney Street, Southside, have all hands on in their factory and orders enough on the books to keep them busy for the remainder of the month, but as compared with earlier in the season business is very quiet. If the last half of 1895 turns out as well as the first they will be very well pleased, as they have sold an immense amount of goods thus far. The run just at present is on McKee & Bros.' "Masonic" and "Britannic" patterns, and Nos. 434 and 436 of the Riverside Glass Works, all of which have been splendid sellers. The Mueller people are constantly experimenting, and frequently strike it just right in some new direction.

10/1897 IG&PW

Pittsburg. — THE MUELLER GLASS STAINING COMPANY, of 1811 Sidney street, Southside, is the principal concern of this city engaged in the decoration of glassware. Amber and ruby staining are methods of ornamentation they employ with great success, and the colors never fade or wash off, no matter to what treatment the article they are applied to is subjected. They also make a specialty of gilding and enameling and their products in these lines will compare on even terms with those of the leading European manufacturers. They are always busy, and especially so now, as their goods are in particular demand, approaching the holiday season.

[Advertisement, without illustrations, found in same issue]

11/1897 IG&PW

Pittsburg. — THE MUELLER GLASS STAINING COMPANY, 1811 Sidney street, Southside, is another concern here that has achieved much distinction in the manufacture of amber and ruby stained, enameled and decorated glassware. Their line covers table goods, bar ware and novelties of various kinds, and their make is deservedly popular with the trade. Those dealing with them may be assured of getting the right kind of goods, and proper treatment is every way.

12/1897 IG&PW

Pittsburg. — THE MUELLER GLASS STAINING COMPANY, of 1811 Sidney street, South Side, have had their hands pretty full of business the past three months, and it looks now as if it will be that way with them right up to the holidays, as orders are coming in as fast as ever. They are running full, however, and have been able to ship orders promptly.

1/1898 IG&PW [partial]

[Listing companies which have their own showrooms in the Pittsburgh area, and thus do not display at the Monongahela House] . . . Oriental Glass Company, Eighth and Sarah streets, South Side; Mueller Glass Staining Company, 1811 Sidney street, South Side; L.J. Rodgers, 1714 Sidney street, South Side . . .

Circa 1898 (periodical and date not recorded on partial copy)

. . . Mueller Glass Staining Co. have been adding new designs and making active preparations for the summer and falltrade. A large new line of water sets in ruby, amber . . . emerald is now shown—also a number of artistically decorated specialties are about ready for the trade. The . . . is displaying a good deal of energy and taste to (meet the) demands of patrons for the remainder of the season.

6/1898 IG&PW

A.E. Mueller Glass Staining Co. is the firm name doing business at the old stand of the Mueller Glass Staining Co., South Side, Pittsburg. There was an impression that the old firm would not be re-organized, but it has been, with new facilities and increased force to handle the business which has been flooding them. The new firm solicit the patronage of their old friends and patrons, and any one wanting work in ruby, amber, gold, enameled, engraved and decorated glassware will do well to patronize them. They make a specialty of novelties. See ad in this issue. We take pleasure in calling the attention of the trade to the new firm.

6/1/1898 CG&PR

The Mueller Staining Co. will hereafter be under the exclusive management of Mrs. Anna E. Mueller, for years its leading spirit, designer and business manager.

6/30/1898 C&GJ

The Mueller Glass Staining Co. report business to be exceptionally good. They have been compelled to increase their force, and have sufficient work in sight to keep busy the coming month. Their trade in amber and ruby is better now than for two years past. Gold decorations also have an active movement.

7/1898 IG&PW

A. E. MUELLER GLASS STAINING COMPANY, of 1811 Sidney street, Southside, are putting out a line of ruby, amber-stained, gold and enameled glassware calculated to satisfy the most fastidious buyer. Besides table and bar ware they make a large assortment of novelties and their quality and attractiveness have never been gainsaid even by the most captious critic. They have a very commodious and convenient factory and can handle orders with ready promptitude at all seasons.

8/25/1898 C&GJ

The A.E. Mueller Glass Staining Co. report business at full tide at their establishment. They say there is a noted increase in small orders all over the country for specialties and knick-knacks—toothpick holders, paper weights, individual creams, sugars, etc.—and quite a revival in ruby, instead of all-gold decorations. They have just gotten out some new designs in emerald [sic] and ruby and emerald and gold on paper-weights that are decidedly pretty. Mrs. Mueller went East this week on a combined business and pleasure trip.

7/27/1899 C&GJ

The Mueller Glass Staining Co. are still working under full pressure of orders and are feeling cheerful over the business situation. Their new opal decorations are meeting excellent favor and their lines of novelties and knick-knacks continue to increase in demand. The quality of their work seems always to meet the requirements of the trade.

10/19/1899

The decorating plants here report business unusually active and their full capacity employed on orders. The Mueller Glass Staining Co. are doing all the work their facilities will admit of, and working overtime to a considerable extent. They have a fine exhibit at the National Export Exposition, Philadelphia. They are devoting a good deal of attention this fall to decorated opal and are putting out a fine line of novelties and special pieces in this popular kind of glassware.

12/28/1899 C&GJ

The Mueller Glass Staining Co. also did its largest year's business in '99, and fully maintained its excellent reputation in decorative work and its novel designs. It had large demands for its decorated opal and specialties.

4/26/1900 C&GJ

The Mueller Glass Staining Co. have resumed business at their new quarters on Eighteenth Street, and they are now very busy with their accumulated orders. Their establishment shows greatly improved conditions, and they never were so well prepared for business as at present. The Mueller has a reputation for always turning out good work; so it will be difficult to improve much in quality, even with their present superior facilities.

10/20/1900 Contract

THIS INDENTURE,

Made this 20th day of October, 1900, between Anna E. Mueller, of Pittsburg, in the County of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, Administratrix, d.b.n., of the estate of Henry Edward Mueller, deceased, party of the first part, and the National Glass Company, of said City of Pittsburg, party of the second part:

Whereas, The said first party owns the hereinafter assigned interest in Letters Patent of the United States No. 382, 105, granted to the said Henry Edward Mueller, deceased, on the first day of May, 1888, for Method of Coloring Glassware;

Now these Presents Witness, That the said first party, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars, and other valuable considerations paid by said second party, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby assign, sell and set over unto the said second party, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said recited Letters Patent and the invention therein described and secured or intended so to be, together with a like interest in all sums of money which may be or become dues as damages or profits or otherwise, by reason of the manufacture, sale or use of said patented improvements by others prior to the date hereof, and the right to sue and for recover the same.

The said second party to have and to hold the interests hereinbefore assigned to the full end of the terms of said Letters Patent.

Executed the day and year first above written.

Anna E. Mueller (Seal)
Administratrix

11/15/1900 IG&PW

The National Glass Company has secured control of the good will, patents and equipment of the A.E. Mueller glass-staining company, of Pittsburg, and will move the new purchase to Jeannette, where it will be operated soon as a special department of the National Glass Company's business.

The National Glass Company have purchased the business of the A.E. Mueller Glass Staining Company, including the various patents, good will and everything else connected with it.

12/15/1900 IG&PW

The National Glass Company has just put in operation its addition to its Jeannette (Pa.) factory, for the decoration of ruby glassware, giving employment to 250 additional men. The patents of the Muehler Staining Company [sic] have been secured.

OTHER RUBY DECORATING FIRMS

COHN & NIMICK
Pittsburgh, Pa.

A January 1, 1891 Crockery and Glass Journal made the following notation about the firm of Usher & Osborne, a manufacturers' representative handling the accounts in New York of: "**COHN & NIMICK, manufacturers of ruby stained tableware and lantern globes, Pittsburgh**"

1/1/1891 C&GJ

In Boston, Usher & Osborne also handled the wares of Oriental Glass Co., Pittsburgh and the W.H. Tatler Decorating Co., Trenton, NJ, among other non-decorating specialists (Northwood, Atterbury, Crystal, Model Flint, etc.)

5/6/1891 CG&L

Cohn & Nimick, stained glass manufacturers and decorators, 170 South Nineteenth street, find business pretty brisk especially in the finer grades of ware. Their specialty is ruby flash and decorated glass, but they are putting in an engraving plant and will make a line of engraved goods too. They do not manufacture their own glass, but look to extending the business to include that too. The samples they showed us were in color and finish equal to the best imported ware and they mean to keep up this standard. They have ruby lantern globes of a superior color, tableware, decanters, wine sets, blown tumblers, novelties and numerous other things, and these will meet any imported goods. They are running full on contracts and until very recently have been working nights. They are experimenting on other colors as well as ruby and have just perfected a beautiful shade of green. This is an enterprising concern and deserves the patronage of those who want really superior goods and are not so cranky as to prefer inferior foreign wares to those made at home, just because they are foreign.

BEAUMONT GLASS COMPANY

Martin's Ferry, Ohio

1/5/1898 CG&L

The "Croesus," the new pattern of the Beaumont Glass Co. just placed on the market for the spring trade is made in two colors, royal purple and gold and imperial green and gold, and both of these are beautiful. In the Croesus line there are about thirty pieces, the rococo pattern being used and it is very pretty and is bound to sell, every house that has seen samples has given nice big orders for both royal purple and imperial green, and they promise to become very popular. The Esther line, which is made in emerald and gold, and the X Ray in crystal, emerald and gold continue to sell well and will be made this year, together with the Croesus. The outlook for business at the beginning of the new year is better than ever. The force of decorators has been increased and three additional kilns are to be built, making eleven in all.

STEUBENVILLE GLASS COMPANY

Steubenville, Ohio

8/18/1897

CG&L Advertisement

S.G. ROBINSON, President
W.T. Garrett, General Manager
Robert Engelhardt

Steubenville Glass Co.
Manufacturers and Decorators of
PRESSED AND BLOWN
Table and Bar Glassware
Steubenville, Ohio.

[Pictures Tarentum's CHICAGO pattern spooner and creamer with Gold Decoration No. 400]

9/8/1898 C&GJ

The Tarentum Glass Co. have added a decorating department to their establishment and have it now in active operation under the management of Wm. Erbe, late of Steubenville. Mr. Erbe is an expert in several lines—engraver, decorator and burner. The Tarentum bought the decorating kilns of the Steubenville Glass Co. (now defunct), and Mr. Erbe and Jas. A. Robenson, connected with the Steubenville, engaged with the Tarentum.

1/5/1898 CG&L

[Rob]ert Englehardt, formerly employed by the Steubenville Glass . . . has gone into the deocrating business at 401 Main street [Wheeling], decorating both china and glass.

AMERICAN GLASS SPECIALTY CO.,
Monaca, PA.

2/26/1903 C&GJ

A distinctively new ruby effect of glass tableware, with engraved designs and gold lined edge, is displayed by

William E. Doctor at 46 West Broadway. The line is from the American Glass Specialty Co., Monaca, Pa.

3/3/1910

The American Glass Specialty Co. are operating two decorating shops this season—one at Monaca, and another, recently acquired, at Jeannette, Pa. Many new specialties have been added to their souvenir lines.

MCGEE-DIETERS GLASS CO.

Brilliant, OH.

(1904 to circa 1910)

"History of Jefferson County" (published 1911)

"In the latter part of 1904, N.H. McGee and W.E. Deiters [sic] formed a corporation under the name of McGee, Deiters Glass Company, and built a plant at Brilliant for the manufacture of fine decorated ware and especially ruby lantern globes. A good trade was carried on but insufficient capital necessitated the appointment of B. W. Mettenberger, as receiver, early in 1909. Mr. Mettenberger and others are now operating the plant."

10/1904 G&PW

The McGee-Dieters Glass Company (Brilliant, Ohio) is the name of a new decorating concern likely to become an important factor in the trade. For some time its business has been contract work for the McKee-Jeanette Glass Company, Cambridge Glass Company and other well known houses [I think Riverside also]. The company is composed of practical men of artistic tastes and modern ideas. They use a ruby stain which they believe equal to anything yet produced. In gold decorations the company shows some strikingly beautiful effects. The company expects to sell ruby stain and decorated glass to the general trade and invites correspondence.

6/3/1906 CG&L

"According to Ohio Valley reports a small tank is to be erected at the decorating plant of the McGee-Dieters Glass Co., Brilliant, O., which will be used for making small fancy articles. A good-sized warehouse will also be erected in the near future.

6/9/1906 CG&L

It is reported that Henry Rithner, the Brilliant, O., flint glass manufacturer, intends to enlarge the capacity of his plant next fire and may move to another locality. He makes a considerable amount of glass for decorating purposes and is now developing a special color in ruby. [see K5, p. 48, para. 8—Diders-McGee & Co. (sic)]

9/29/1906 CG&L

At Brilliant, O., the McGee-Dieters Glass Co. have increased their capital stock to \$50,000 and are about ready to begin erecting a pot furnace and two small tanks on the present location. They expect to make glass before the first of the year and intend to cater chiefly to the five and ten cent novelty trade and may make a small amount of high grade bar goods and a few other lines for which their trade is making inquiries. One of the small tanks will likely be operated on opal. Five new kilns have just been completed for the manufacture of ruby wart.

PATTERSON GLASS AND SPECIALTY COMPANY

Uniontown, Pa.

5/1900 IG&PW

George W. Fry, for many years connected with the sales department of the Rochester Tumbler Company, and more recently with the National Glass Company, in a similar capacity, has resigned his position with the latter. With several others he has secured the Thompson Glass Works, at Uniontown, near here, and the plant, which has been idle for several years, will be made ready for operation as soon as possible. The new concern will be called the George W. Fry Glass Company, and a charter for it will be obtained next month. The product will be tableware, bar goods and a general line of glassware.

8/15/1900 IG&PW

In the July issue of this journal it was stated that the "George W. Fry Company, Uniontown, Pa., will engage in the manufacture of glass, glassware, etc., and a charter obtained; capital stock, \$8,000." We wish to correct the foregoing, which came to us as a news clipping, by saying instead of small a sum as is named, it should have been, "capital, \$80,000." This company, thoroughly familiar with the business, widely known and responsible, have ample means to conduct any business in which they may engage. We are glad to make the amende honorable.

11/15/1900 IG&PW

At Uniontown, Pa., Patterson & Fry have commenced a new plant for the decoration and tinting of glassware, to be known as the Patterson Glass and Specialty Company.

12/15/1900 IG&PW

A new decorating plant is now in course of erection at Uniontown, Pa. The main building will be a two-story frame structure 110x140 feet and will cost about \$8,000. The company was recently organized here. It is expected to have the factory in operation in a few months.

6/20/1901 C&GJ

The National having absorbed the Uniontown glass plant will put that in operation on blown tumblers July 15. Messrs. Thompson, Case, Martin, Carle and Herron made an inspection of the Uniontown Works the past week and were agreeably surprised to find a good sixteen-pot plant in first-class condition with an abundant supply of natural gas. Work is progressing favorably at their Cambridge plant, which is to be completed also by October 1.

5/15/1902

George Fry is remodeling the Patterson Decorating plant at Uniontown, Pa., for the purpose of establishing a cut glass plant, for light cuttings mainly, for popular use. He will get his blanks from the National Glass Co's plant at that place, and expects to start work about the first of next month.

7/10/1902

. . . [National's] George Fry plant at Uniontown is reported to have done excellent work the past year, after it started . . . te of any kind.