

HISTORICAL FACT SHEET Telephone Industry Related Companies



COMPANY Novelty Electric Company

DATE ORGANIZED 1883

WHERE ORGANIZED Philadelphia, PA

FOUNDER(S) Charles E. Trump

NATURE OF BUSINESS Manufacturer, Wholesaler

Subsequent names or significant changes resulting from acquisitions, consolidation, sales or bankruptcies:

DATE

Founded as an electrical company making fans, electric
motors, etc

1883

Manufactured interior telephones

1900

Last ad found was in Western Electrician

1922

REMARKS The company slogan was "Everything Electrical." Manufactured
annunciators, fans, motors and interior telephones.

Source: Western Electrician 1902, 1915, 1922; Telephony 1895

Book: City of Philadelphia as it appeared in 1894

The Novelty Electric Company, Philadelphia.



"Everything Electrical."

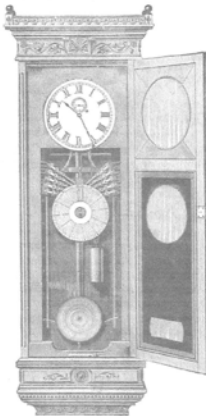
No other element ministering to the good of mankind has ever proven such a versatile servant as electricity, nor one so speedily indispensable in the economy of our every day affairs. It brings far distant friends together, transports us swiftly to and fro, illumines the dark places, stands guard over our sleep and wakens us in the morning. It is used in countless departments of science and medicine, in the arts of peace and war. Ever since the day when Franklin wooed the lightning with his storied kite in a Philadelphia field, invention has been taxed to provide the mechanism of electrical application, each successive discovery in electric science opening new lines of effort for the skilled mechanic and experimentalist.

"Everything electrical" includes a great variety of appliances and their parts, and in Philadelphia the Novelty Electric Company leads in the manufacture and importation of goods of this sort.

The offices, salesroom and factory of this concern, which was a pioneer in this business, having been established in 1883, are at 50, 52 and 54 North Fourth Street, within a stone-toss of the grave of Benjamin Franklin.

The extensive catalogue of the Novelty Electric Company includes all descriptions of batteries, burners, lighting keys, push buttons, call bells, ornamental door pushes, gong bells, speaking tubes, annunciators, switches, window and door springs, porcelain and glass insulators, pins and brackets, linemen's tools, construction material of every sort, electric light material, testing instruments, watchmen's clocks and registers, medical batteries, dynamos and motors, electrical toy motors, telegraph instruments, storage batteries, wind indicators, insulated wire and cable, telegraph and telephone wire, electric turn-tables for show windows, etc. A late improvement is indicated upon this page in the Acme watchman's time detector, which is a perfect magneto-electric register for mills, factories and public buildings where watchmen are employed. This apparatus requires no battery, a current of electricity being generated by the magneto every time the watchman turns the handle at the station. It never fails; requires no replenishment or attention.

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With Office Regulator Time Clock.

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Alternating



Current.

