

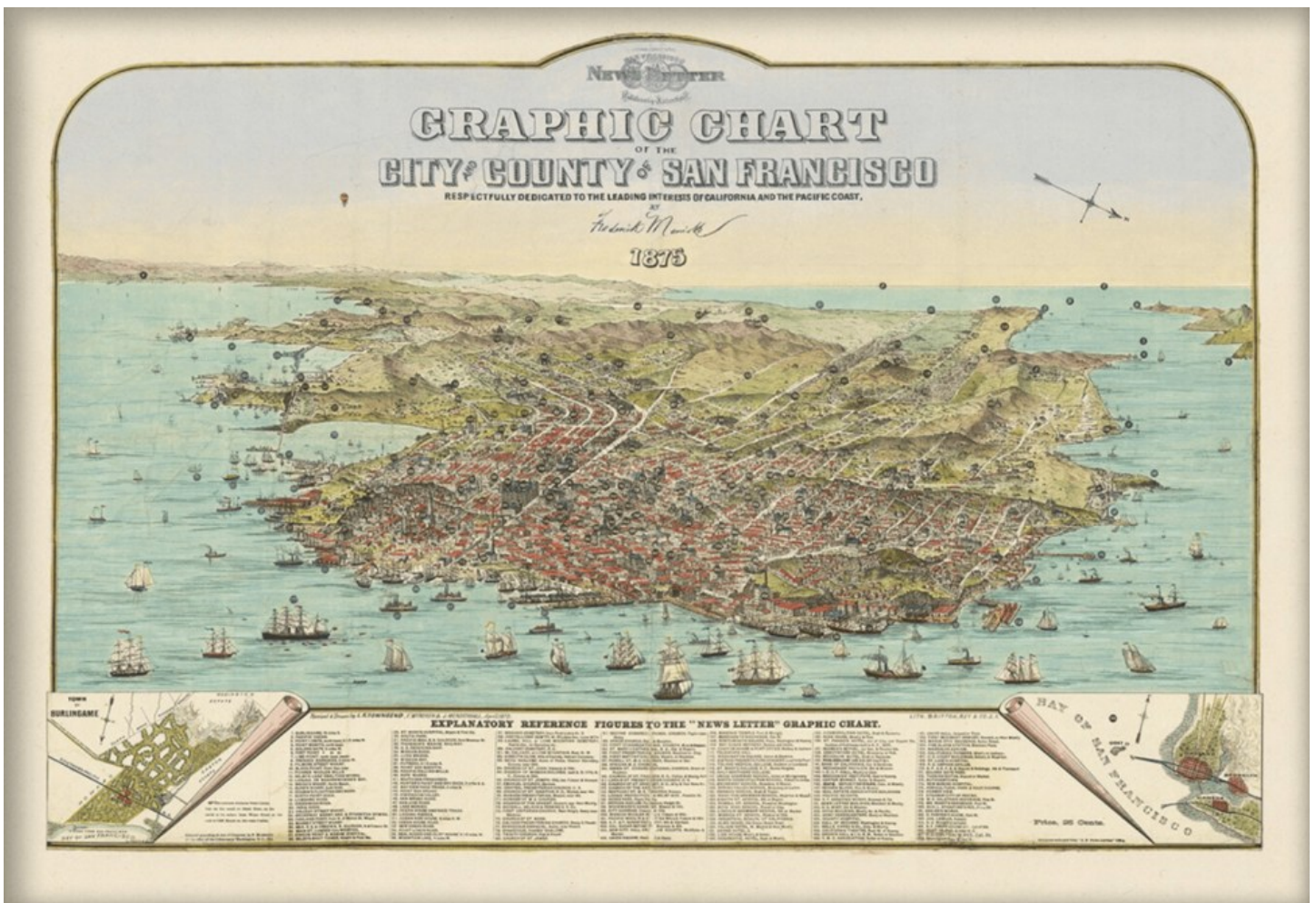
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Walking Tour of 1875 San Francisco

By vintagecorkscrews on January 24, 2026 (Josef L'African)

I have been doing a little research into early San Francisco corkscrews and their makers, and what occurred to me, is that while there was a population boom in San Francisco as a result of the gold rush, prior to the boom, San Francisco was a fairly small community and the manufacturers and retailers would like be in fairly close proximity to one another.

So, let's consider a walking tour of 1875 San Francisco—post gold rush boom...



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Let's start at 140 Montgomery Street, where Will & Finck had their retail location.



Haviland & Co., was located at 335 Pine Street, and as mentioned the other day, Will & Finck's retail space was located at 140 Montgomery.

Walking, that is just about .10 miles away.

A three minute walk...

And, according to today's mapping, you could stop for a Peet's coffee along the way.

So, for those of you wanting to trace those steps, Haviland & Co., can also be sought out—not that it still remains.

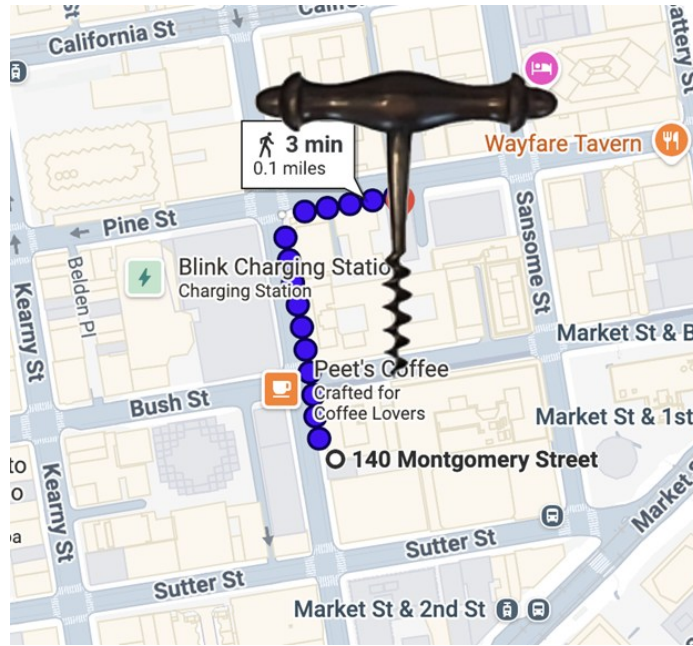
But. you can get coffee!

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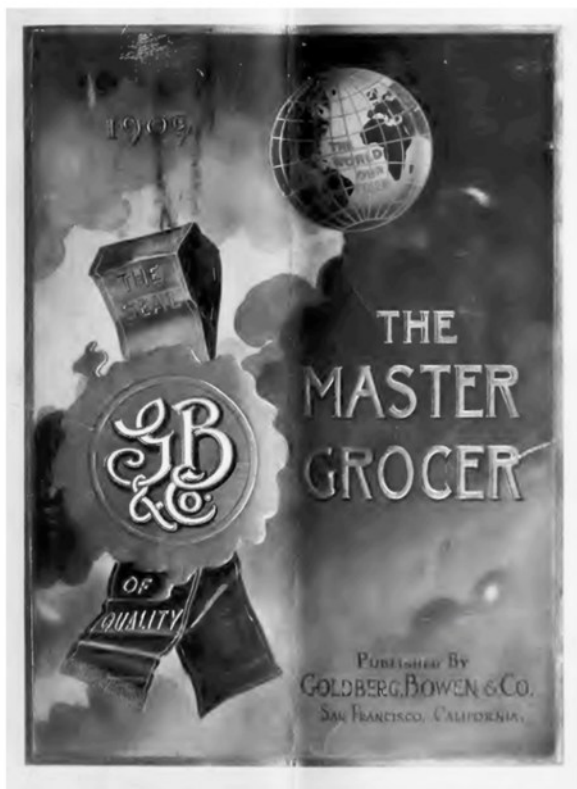
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That would put Haviland & Co., literally around the corner from Will & Finck.



If you walked 2 blocks south, you would arrive at Goldberg, Bowen & Co.;
the retailer to the well-heeled.



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If you then walked 2 blocks west, and 2 blocks north, you would arrive at B. Nathan & Co.



If you then took a short jaunt north (3 blocks) you would arrive at M. Price's location.

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Another 3 blocks north, and one block over to the west,
and you would likely bump into J. H. Schintz.



Schintz J. Herman, cutler and corkscrew manufacturer, 10 Stevenson, r. 112 Tehama

A bit more north, the longest distance of the day;
5 blocks north would bring you to J. Caire's retail location.

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Essentially next door to J. Caire, was the Pioneer Wine House of Koehler & Frohling. Might there a Koehler & Frohling marked corkscrew? Or perhaps marked K & F?

