

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

Henry David Thoreau



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GETTING OFF

DRUMMER's big move from Harriet Street to Folsom Row was about two and a half blocks and has taken over four years. We looked South of Market over when we first came to San Francisco but nothing suitable was available so we found a great old Victorian on Divisadero and were there for two years. Then when we took over our own distribution we needed ground floor space and we bought 15 Harriet, which at least got us to South of Market. After four years, it was becoming apparent that we had outgrown that building. Then the former location of The Trading Post became available and we went for it. Several months later here we are, after interminable delays from the fire department, spacey realtors, non-functioning workmen and the weirdest set of rules ever fostered on indifferent contractors by a building department since the great quake.

It was an off-again, on-again show and months overdue, but the new offices are turning out better than we expected. More room, new people should produce a better product. That's the theory.

But the big change will be the new STUDSTORE on the main floor, where Taste Of Leather/Trading Post used to be. Now when you are in San Francisco you can come in to our new showroom. There are lots of exciting happenings planned and we are looking forward to meeting you in person.

The address is 960 Folsom, which the Post Office is having difficulty learning. We have had mail returned instead of forwarded and are taking measures to put a stop to that. If you have problems, make sure your mail to us is:

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We can remember having this problem virtually every time we have moved. It is just that the tonnage is so much heavier this time around.

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