

Advertisement for Frederick Coombs, 1 May 1851

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SPRING CAMPAGIN OPENED.—F. COOMBS, Pioneer Daguerrean—over Wells & Co., corner of Clay and Montgomery sts, having greatly enlarged his gallery and received ten cases of the latest style stock of every size and elegant varieties, flatters himself he can now please every taste; his admirable facilities and perfect arrangements enables him to produce pictures of unrivalled richness and brilliancy, and at one half his former prices

Every size and style of apparatus and stock for sale.

Pupils wanted.

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EDITOR'S NOTES:

Although the Wells & Co. building was considered “fire proof,” it was destroyed in the fire of 4 May 1851. Coombs briefly recounts his perilous experience during the fire in his eccentric volume, F. Coombs, *The Dawn of the Millenium! Splendid Discovery!* (New York: F. Coombs, 1869): 44–48.

Additional information regarding Coombs is found in Peter E. Palmquist and Thomas R. Kailbourn, *Pioneer Photographers of the Far West: A Biographical Dictionary, 1840-1865* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2000): 181–83.

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