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NOTICE

W. S. Hill Company
323 Fourth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Attention: Allen F. Heinecke, Vice-President

Dear Sir:

My attention has been called to your letter of March 11 relative to the catalog entitled "Superior Quality Hall Vitrified China." This identical title appears on both the front and back parts of the cover, but the notice of copyright appears on the back part of the cover instead of on the front part.

Were it not for this repetition of the title there can be no doubt that the position of the notice would not be in compliance with the requirements of the law. For Section 19 expressly provides "That the notice of copyright shall be applied, in the case of a book or other printed publication, upon its title-page or the page immediately following." However, the fact that the same title, identical in every respect, likewise appears on the other part of the cover, gives some ground for a contention of compliance with the spirit of the law if not strictly with its letter. On reconsideration, therefore, the Office is disposed to give the applicant the benefit of the doubt and make the registration in this particular case.

In regard to the dummy submitted (returned herewith), the notice should be printed on the title-page or the page immediately following in compliance with the express provisions of the law, instead of on the page facing the title-page.

Enclosures:

Dummy returned
Form A-1

Respectfully,
C. L. BOUVÉ
Register of Copyrights

By

"The title appearing in application agrees with front cover and the unusual feature is that the same identical title is repeated on rear part of cover. This raises a doubt in my mind whether we should reject. I recommend entry after writing"--H. A. Howell 4/11/40.