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Larkin's Furniture

The historic records of the Monterey History and Art Association became richer when Dr. Boyd Huff, a research assistant of the Giannini Foundation of the University of California, presented a photostatic negative of an original order from Thomas Oliver Larkin, first and only American consul to Monterey, for furniture for the Larkin House and clothing for himself.

Omitted from the copy is the name of the firm from which Mr. Larkin ordered, but the list of objects and the price to be paid is as follows:

Four dozen chairs, with arm and rocking chairs, \$35 to \$40.

One pair of sofas, 6 1/2 by 7 feet long, \$90 to \$100.

One pair of sofas that can be used as beds, \$90 to \$100.

Two ladies' work tables, \$15 to \$20.

Two wash hand stands, \$10 to \$15.

One pair of large dining tables for a hall, \$35 to \$45.

One pair of heavy round tables, \$35 to \$45.

Two pairs of mirrors, each different pattern, per pair, \$40 to \$50.

Some other furniture to match, about \$100.

Four large national pictures, handsome frames, each \$15 to \$20.

I made a regrettable mistake in the column regarding the old Golden Bough Theatre. I mixed up the Browns. It is De Marcus Brown who is associated with the theatre at the University of the Pacific at Stockton and not Maurice Browne, the author of "Too Late to Lament," published in 1956. There is a copy of this book in the Carmel Library.

Among items in the Bolton collection now on display in a case at the Custom House, are two lacquer boxes, probably brought from China and used as sewing and jewel boxes, and many fine old photographs and historical papers. A very fine large leather - covered, colorfully-decorated camphor chest from Mrs. Bolton is a prized possession displayed in Casa Serrano. The Casa, is open each Wednesday afternoon from 1 until 4 o'clock to interested visitors. Two hostesses, members of the History and Art Association, are on duty that day

to welcome anyone who cares to visit the historic old adobe at 412 Pacific street.