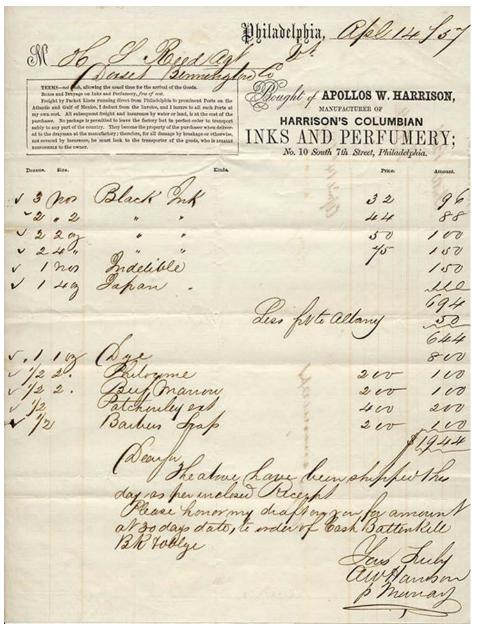
## Harrison's Columbian Inks at 1857 Prices

by Lucy Faulkner

The Harrison Columbian Ink Company of Philadelphia is familiar not only to ink collectors, but to just about any bottle collector. Perhaps it is because these bottles are some of the easiest to find of the embossed pontil era ink bottles . The small bottles allow the average collector to have a pontiled ink at a modest cost. The small aqua ones can sell for as little as fifty dollars while the master size in cobalt can bring many thousands. Apollos Harrison would be amazed.

Did you know that in 1857 you could get a dozen of the smallest size for as little as thirty-two cents? And they contained ink and had a full label! Take a look at the billhead below and just imagine a full dozen of these.

Old ads, billheads, or advertising of any kind is hard to find for Harrison's Columbian Ink. From what we have been able to find, the perfumery part of the business was the most heavily promoted and advertised.





Harrison's Columbian Ink.

We have been favored by the manufacturer with a bottle of Black, of Red, and of Blue Ink—and have made trial of them. The ink runs smoothly from the pen, and the colors are beautiful. We can cheerfully recommend them—They are manufactured by A. W. Harrison, Philadelphia, and arcfor sale at the BOOK & Stationery Store of Kellsa Kuarz, opposite the Bank.

1848 Gettysburg, PA newspaper ad

