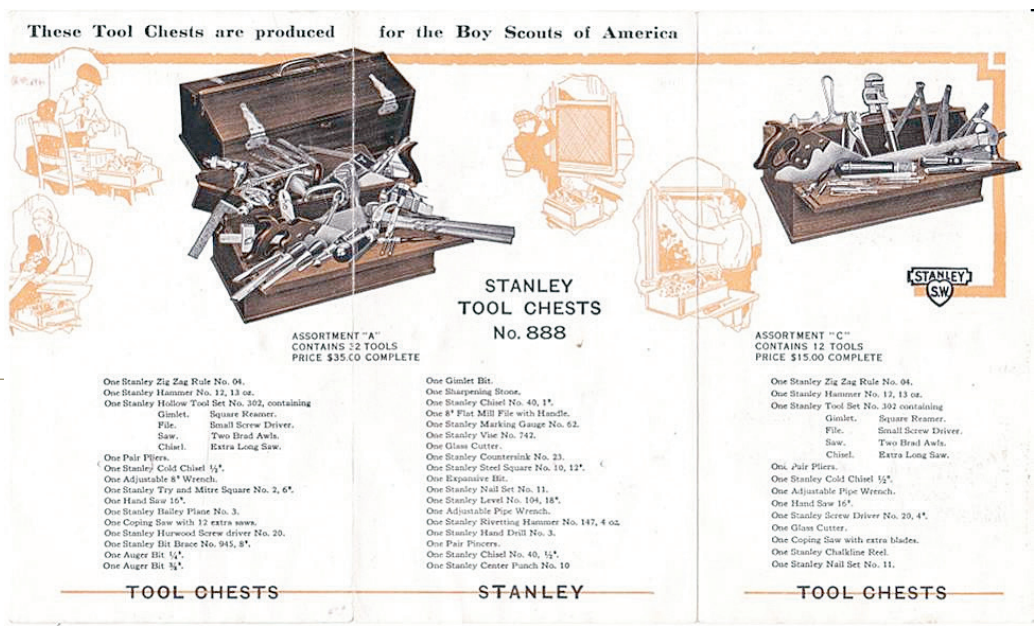
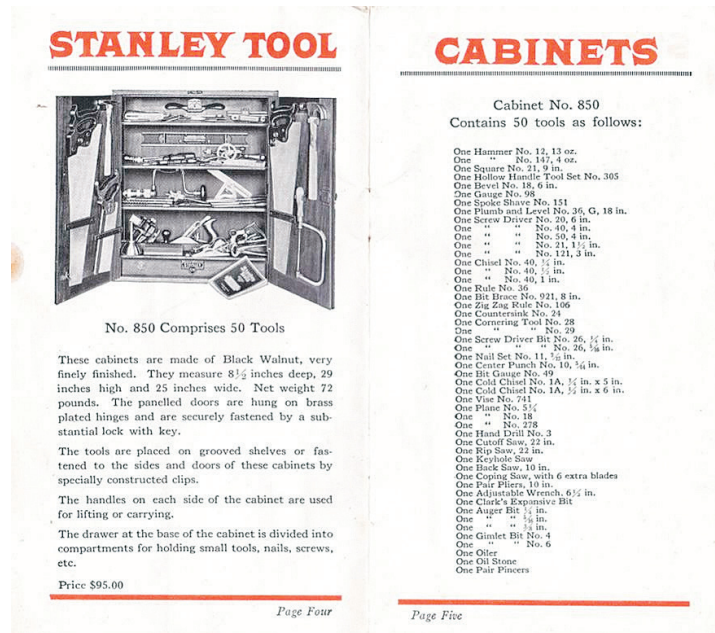


by David E. Heckel

They had only just added Leonard Bailey's bench planes to their line of rules and levels and this was one of their first catalogs issued. They produced many other small pocket sized catalogs from 1870 to the 1960s. These small catalogs were usually about 3 ½" X 6 ½" in size and were in the form of a booklet or a fold out brochure. They were easy to mail upon a request from a customer and they also were packed in the shipping box of many of Stanley's tools.

Also in 1922, Stanley produced another pocket catalog that was aimed at the boy who was a member of the Boy Scouts of America. This second pocket catalog was entitled STANLEY TOOL CHESTS No. 888. The # 888 Stanley tool chests were available in four assortments, A, B, C, and D. They ranged in price from \$35.00 to \$15.00. Those prices kept the chests probably out of the reach of many boys.





# STANLEY TOOLS IN CHESTS AND CABINETS

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**STANLEY CHEST No. 903**  
CONTAINS 17 STANLEY TOOLS  
Size 11 1/4" wide, 4" deep, 19 1/4" long. Weight 14 lbs.  
Chest is made of wood, finished in dark Mission stain and sturdily constructed with three hinges, two clasps and a carrying handle. All of the tools are held each in its place in wooden pockets.

**Price \$18.00**

*This Chest contains the following:*

1 Hammer	13 oz.	No. 12
1 Screw Driver	3"	No. 20
1 Screw Driver	4"	No. 50
1 Rule, zig-zag	4 ft.	No. 04
1 Saw	14"	No. 2
1 Try and Mitre Square	7 1/2"	No. 2
1 Marking Gauge		No. 62
1 Plane		No. 50
1 Chisel	3/4"	No. 945
1 Auger Bit	3/8"	No. 26
1 Auger Bit	1/2"	No. 741
1 Auger Bit	5/16"	No. 26
1 Auger Bit		No. 741
1 Vise		No. 741

**STANLEY CHEST No. 902**  
CONTAINS 20 STANLEY TOOLS  
Size 10 1/2" wide, 4 1/4" deep, 24 1/4" long. Weight 17 1/2 lbs.  
Chest is made of wood, finished in dark Mission stain, sturdily constructed with three hinges, two clasps and a carrying handle. Small tools and edge tools are held in the cover, each in wooden pockets; the heavy tools are in the bottom of the chest but separated by partitions.

**Price \$22.00**

*This Chest contains the following:*

1 Hammer	13 oz.	No. 12
1 Screw Driver	3"	No. 20
1 Screw Driver	4"	No. 50
1 Rule, zig-zag	4 ft.	No. 04
1 Saw	14"	No. 2
1 Try and Mitre Square	7 1/2"	No. 2
1 Marking Gauge		No. 62
1 Plane		No. 50
1 Chisel	3/4"	No. 945
1 Auger Bit	3/8"	No. 26
1 Auger Bit	1/2"	No. 741
1 Auger Bit	5/16"	No. 26
1 Auger Bit		No. 741
1 Vise		No. 741

**STANLEY CHEST No. 904**  
CONTAINS 12 STANLEY TOOLS  
Size 11 1/4" wide, 4" deep, 19 1/4" long. Weight 11 1/4 lbs.  
Chest is made of wood, finished in dark Mission stain and sturdily constructed with three hinges, two clasps and a carrying handle. All of the tools are held each in its place in wooden pockets.

**Price \$12.50**

*This Chest contains the following:*

1 Hammer	13 oz.	No. 12B
1 Screw Driver	4"	No. 70
1 Rule	2 ft.	No. 68A
1 Saw	14"	No. 20
1 Try Square	4 1/2"	No. 41
1 Marking Gauge		No. 102
1 Plane		No. 50
1 Chisel	3/4"	No. 945
1 Bit Brace	3/8"	No. 26
1 Auger Bit	5/16"	No. 741
1 Auger Bit		No. 741
1 Vise		No. 741

**STANLEY TOOLS IN CHESTS AND CABINETS**

The catalog showed boys making or repairing various projects. This is a very scarce catalog.

The third catalog issued in 1922 was entitled **STANLEY TOOLS IN CHESTS AND CABINETS**. It pictured five of the lower priced sets. The chests and cabinet were listed as being made of wood and the box was made of a fiber material, but they still had the better quality tools.

In 1923 a new line of tools was developed by Stanley. This line was called **FOUR - SQUARE** and was promoted to the homeowner or to the Do It Yourself market. The tools were first marketed to the user in 1924. This pocket catalog listed 16 different tool sets, of which five were **FOUR**

– **SQUARE** sets. This catalog was titled **STANLEY TOOLS - in sets** and it unfolded into a 10 1/2" X 12 1/2" brochure, rather than being in a booklet format. It also showed some of the sets in full four-color and six of the sets were packed in cardboard boxes that had a plan included to show you how to make your own tool chest. This catalog was one of the brochures included in the M-WTCA Special Publication which was sent to members in 2002.

The next pocket catalog was issued in November 1923 and was titled **STANLEY TOOL ASSORTMENTS** and it was graced with reproduced paintings by noted artist G. W. Gage. These paintings showed the average homeowner usually dressed in suit jacket or in a vest and tie making

**STANLEY TOOLS**  
- in sets

**No. 861 32 Tools Price \$40.00**  
Strongly constructed, stained oak cabinet, size 11 1/4" wide, 7" deep, 29" high. Weight 45 lbs.  
**32 STANLEY FOUR-SQUARE HOUSEHOLD TOOLS**

1 Hammer, 14 1/2 oz.	1 Auger Bit, 1/4 in.
1 Rule (Zig Zag), 4 ft.	1 Auger Bit, 1/2 in.
1 Rule (Boxwood), 2 ft.	1 Auger Bit, 1 in.
1 Screw Driver, 5 in.	1 Vise
1 Screw Driver, 4 in.	1 Pipe Wrench, 10 in.
1 Screw Driver, 2 1/2 in.	1 Jack Plane, 11 1/2 in.
1 Screw Driver, 1 1/2 in.	1 Black Plane, 6 1/2 in.
1 Saw (Hand), 24 in.	1 Chisel, 3/4 in.
1 Pair Pliers, 6 1/2 in.	1 Chisel, 1/2 in.
1 Awl, 5 in.	1 Chisel, 1/4 in.
1 Pry Bar, 18 in.	1 Chisel, 1 in.
1 Hand Axe, 18 in.	1 Try and Mitre Square, 7 in.
1 Bit Brace, 8 in.	1 Level, 18 in.
1 Auger Bit, 1/2 in.	1 Mill File, 8 in.
1 Auger Bit, 3/4 in.	1 Slim Taper File, 8 in.
1 Auger Bit, 1/2 in.	1 Putty Knife

**No. 860 34 Tools Price \$50.00**  
Wooden parts of spruce stained inside and out. Steel legs and braces. Work bench folds against back when not in use. Size 47 1/2" high, 48" long, 13 1/2" wide. Height to top of bench 32 1/2". Weight complete 188 1/2 lbs.  
**34 STANLEY FOUR-SQUARE HOUSEHOLD TOOLS**

1 Hammer, 14 1/2 oz.	1 Auger Bit, 1 in.
1 Rule (Zig Zag), 4 ft.	1 Vise
1 Rule (Boxwood), 2 ft.	1 Pipe Wrench, 10 in.
1 Screw Driver, 5 in.	1 Jack Plane, 11 1/2 in.
1 Screw Driver, 4 in.	1 Black Plane, 6 1/2 in.
1 Screw Driver, 2 1/2 in.	1 Chisel, 3/4 in.
1 Screw Driver, 1 1/2 in.	1 Chisel, 1/2 in.
1 Saw (Hand), 24 in.	1 Chisel, 1/4 in.
1 Pair Pliers, 6 1/2 in.	1 Chisel, 1 in.
1 Awl, 5 in.	1 Try and Mitre Square, 7 in.
1 Pry Bar, 18 in.	1 Level, 18 in.
1 Bit Brace, 8 in.	1 Mill File, 8 in.
1 Auger Bit, 1/2 in.	1 Slim Taper File, 8 in.
1 Auger Bit, 3/4 in.	1 Putty Knife
1 Auger Bit, 1/2 in.	

**No. 859 35 Tools Price \$75.00**  
Bench is identical to No. 860 but contains 35 Stanley Tools of highest quality. Weight complete 188 lbs.  
**35 STANLEY FOUR-SQUARE HOUSEHOLD TOOLS**

1 Hammer, 14 1/2 oz.	1 Auger Bit, 1 in.
1 Rule (Zig Zag), 4 ft.	1 Vise
1 Rule (Boxwood), 2 ft.	1 Pipe Wrench, 10 in.
1 Screw Driver, 5 in.	1 Jack Plane, 11 1/2 in.
1 Screw Driver, 4 in.	1 Black Plane, 6 1/2 in.
1 Screw Driver, 2 1/2 in.	1 Chisel, 3/4 in.
1 Screw Driver, 1 1/2 in.	1 Chisel, 1/2 in.
1 Saw (Hand), 24 in.	1 Chisel, 1/4 in.
1 Pair Pliers, 6 1/2 in.	1 Chisel, 1 in.
1 Awl, 5 in.	1 Try and Mitre Square, 7 in.
1 Pry Bar, 18 in.	1 Level, 18 in.
1 Bit Brace, 8 in.	1 Mill File, 8 in.
1 Auger Bit, 1/2 in.	1 Slim Taper File, 8 in.
1 Auger Bit, 3/4 in.	1 Putty Knife
1 Auger Bit, 1/2 in.	

**No. 888A 32 Tools Price \$45.00**  
Hardwood chest, stained. Has sliding drawer for small tools, nails, etc. Size 20 1/2" long, 11" wide, 8" deep. Weight with tools 32 lbs.  
**32 STANLEY FOUR-SQUARE HOUSEHOLD TOOLS**

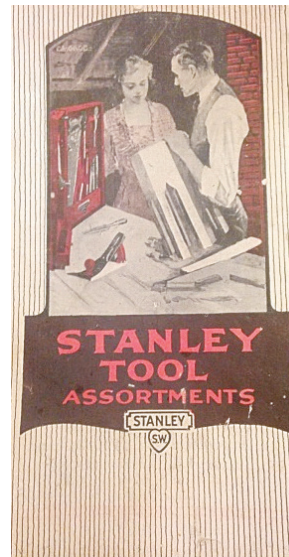
1 Hammer, 13 oz., No. 12	1 Level, 18 in., No. 104
1 Hammer, 4 oz., No. 147	1 Gauge (Marking), No. 62
1 Saw (Hand), 14 in., No. 100	1 Nail Set, 1/4 in., No. 11
1 Saw (Coping) with 12 extra blades, No. 100	1 Center Punch, 1/4 in., No. 10
1 Screw Driver, 4 in., No. 20	1 Hand Drill No. 411
1 Rule (Zig Zag), 4 ft., No. 04	1 Hollow Handle Tool Set No. 302—contains one each—Chisels, File, Saw, Chisel, Hammer, Screw Driver, two Brad Nails and extra 6 1/2 in. Saw
1 Auger Bit, 1/2 in., No. 741	1 Adjustable Pipe Wrench, No. G
1 Expansive Bit (Clark's) No. 23	1 Pair Pliers No. 50
1 Chisel, 3/4 in., No. 40	1 Pair Pliers No. 50
1 Chisel, 1 in., No. 40	1 Flat Mill File, 8 in., with handle
1 Cold Chisel, 1/2 x 6 in., No. 1A	1 Glasse
1 Vise, 1 1/2 in. Jaw, No. 742	1 Sharpening Stone
1 Carpenter's Steel Square, 12 in., No. 10	1 Package Corrugated Fasteners
1 Try and Mitre Square, 6 in., No. 2	



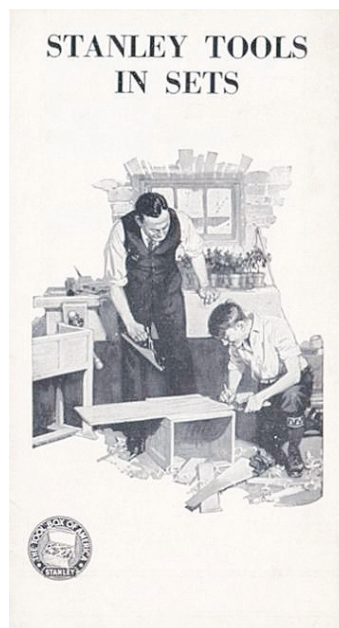
items for use in his home. These paintings were also available from Stanley as six different advertising posters reproduced on heavy poster board that were for display in a hardware store to promote the tool boxes, chests and sets.

The last small size pocket catalog was issued in 1935 and was titled **STANLEY TOOLS IN SETS**. It used the new **THE TOOL BOX OF AMERICA** logo on the cover which Stanley began using in 1934. This catalog folded out into a 10 1/2" X 12 1/2" brochure. It also offered the first tool boxes to be made out of metal. Also shown in the catalog were two sets that contained the new numbered **FOUR – SQUARE** tools, which were introduced in 1935.

After this pocket catalog was issued in 1935, future references to tool sets were shown in the Stanley No. 34 catalogs that were issued periodically for the next 40 years.



Tool Chest Advertising Posters



### STANLEY TOOLS IN SETS

**No. 880 14 Tools \$8.00**

An exceptional value that a "boy carpenter" will own and use with pride. Wood Chest 26" x 7 1/2" x 3 1/2" black lacquer finish. Fourteen genuine tools and three miscellaneous items as listed below. Shipping weight 14 lbs.

1 Plane (Block), 6 1/2 in., No. 1247	1 Chisel, 1/2 in., No. 1251
1 Hammer, 10 oz., No. 212 1/2	1 Bit Brace, 8 in., No. 966
1 Hand Drill No. 1218	1 Vise, 1 1/2 in. Jaw, No. 707
1 Hand Drill Bit	1 Auger Bit, 1/2 in.
1 Panel Saw, 12 in.	1 Level No. 1260
1 Screw Driver, 3 in., No. 121	1 Plan "How to Make Bird Houses"
1 Screw Driver, 5 in., No. 1270	1 Box Assorted Screws
1 Zig Zag Rule, 6 ft., No. 86	1 Box Assorted Nails
1 Square, 6 in., No. 1280	

**No. 881 9 Tools \$5.00**

A popular priced boy assortment of real tools in a Wood Chest 17 1/2" x 7 1/2" x 3 1/2" black lacquer finish. Nine genuine tools and three miscellaneous items as listed below. Shipping weight 12 lbs.

1 Plane (Block), 7 in., No. 1247	1 Square, 6 in., No. 1280
1 Hammer, 7 oz., No. 213	1 Chisel, 1/2 in., No. 1251
1 Hand Drill No. 1218	1 Plan "How to Make Bird Houses"
1 Panel Saw, 12 in.	1 Box Assorted Screws
1 Screw Driver, 3 in., No. 1270	1 Box Assorted Nails
1 Screw Driver, 5 in., No. 1270	
1 Zig Zag Rule, 6 ft., No. 86	

### STANLEY TOOLS IN SETS • for Pleasure and Profit • STANLEY TOOLS IN SETS

**No. 882AB 15 Tools \$8.00**

Tools in Metal Boxes Nos. 882, 882A, 882AB

Popular priced assortments for boys, home owners, and handy men. Green lacquered, sturdy metal box, fitted with a hinged panel, compartments and hooks for tools, two catches, and a carrying handle. Closed it measures 24 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 7".

**No. 876 14 Tools \$10.00**

Size 22 1/2" x 8 1/2" x 4"

1 Plane (Block), 7 in., No. 1247	1 Level, No. 1260
1 Hammer, 10 oz., No. 212 1/2	1 Marking Gauge, No. 61
1 Panel Saw, 14 in.	1 Bit Brace, 10 in., No. 1253
1 Screw Driver, 3 in., No. 1270	1 Auger Bit, 1/2 in.
1 Screw Driver, 5 in., No. 1270	1 Auger Bit, 3/4 in.
1 Rule (Glaswood), 2 ft., No. 68	1 Slim Taper File
1 Square, 6 in., No. 1280	1 Plan "How to Make Bird Houses"
1 Chisel, 1/2 in., No. 1251	1 Box Assorted Screws
1 Vise, No. 707	1 Box Assorted Nails

**No. 875 25 Tools \$15.00**

Size 24 1/2" x 10 1/4" x 4"

1 Hammer, 10 oz., No. 212 1/2	1 Bit Brace (Ratchet), 10 in., No. 1253
1 Plane (Block), 7 in., No. 1247	1 Marking Gauge, No. 61
1 Screw Driver, 3 in., No. 1270	1 Try Square, 6 in., No. 1280
1 Screw Driver, 5 in., No. 1270	1 Scratch Awl, No. 1
1 Screw Driver, 6 in., No. 1270	1 Brad Awl, No. 1
1 Screw Driver, 8 in., No. 1271	1 Vise 1 1/2 in. Jaw, No. 707
1 Rule (Glaswood), 2 ft., No. 68	1 Pair Pliers
1 Auger Bit, 1/2 in.	1 Screw Driver Bit, 1/2 in., No. 26
1 Auger Bit, 3/4 in.	1 Nail Set, 1/2 in., No. 1211 1/2
1 Auger Bit, 1 in.	1 Box Assorted Screws
1 Saw, 14 in.	1 Box Assorted Nails
1 Level, 18 in., No. 1294	1 Package Wiggle Nail
1 Chisel, 1/2 in., No. 1251	1 Plan "How to Make Bird Houses"
	1 File (Slim Taper)

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