

Alice Raymond

Springfield, IL

- 1867 Alice Raymond born in Springfield, IL (*NY Clipper*, 1892)
- 1881 First professional appearance at age 14. (*NY Clipper*, 1892)
- 1888 Alice performs for two weeks at Glendale Park Music Hall and is called, "America's Greatest Lady cornet Player."

November: "The lady cornet soloist, Miss Alice Raymond, enjoys a reputation which may well be envied by soloists of the sterner sex." (*British Bandsman*)

"The great musical attraction in New Orleans is Miss Alice Raymond, the eminent cornetist. [With the memory of all the great cornet solos we have heard,] we can turn with great pleasure to listen to those of the pretty little lady now playing at West End (photo 3), and give her the applause which she honestly earns. Levy himself was delighted with Miss Raymond and complemented her warmly, as do all who hear her. Her tone is silvery, clear and strong, her playing accurate, expressive, sympathetic and her repertoire choice." (*American Musician*)

- 1892 A *New York Clipper* article from September 24th has a picture of Alice (photo 1) along with a short biography. They say that she studied in New York, had her first professional appearance at the University Club in NY, played before the President with the US Marine Band, plays at Nantasket Beach, MA in the summers, and was to appear at the Pittsburg Expo.
- 1893 Alice is in Conn ads for the Chicago Expo.
- 1895 Alice performing in San Francisco in March, Shea's music hall in Buffalo in April and Blake's in Grand Lodge, MI. (news articles)
- 1899 Alice performing with a Conn wonder cornet (ads) and does recordings with Berliner.
- 1901 Alice replaces Bohimur Kryl as the first chair cornet and soloist in Thomas Brook's Chicago Marine Band, a bold thing to do in this era. "She had a warm tone, lilting rhythm, and a mastery of phrasing that fit the Brook popular dance format to perfection."
- 1902 Alice performs at the Grand in Indianapolis and is referred to as a tall, blonde Western girl.
- 1905 Alice has her London debut with John Kurkamp. (*NY clipper*)



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1908 Alice is playing in Brooklyn. (ad)

1919 Alice performs with the Winkler Band in Washington DC.
(*Jacob's Monthly*)

Herbert Clarke listed Alice Raymond as one of the greatest
cornet virtuosi ever to play.

