

# William E. Leeder

## Springfield, Illinois

- 1863 William Edward Leeder is born on October 27 in Springfield, Illinois to William & Flora (census & Find-a-Grave).
- 1880 William is learning the machinist trade (census).
- 1893 William applies for a patent on a cornet mouthpiece design on April 22. His application declares that the heavy weight acts as a counterbalance for the horn and the large face aids in reducing fatigue while playing.
- 1896 William receives patent #556,757 on March 24 (below).

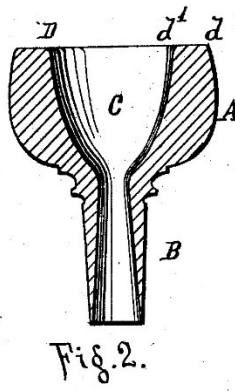
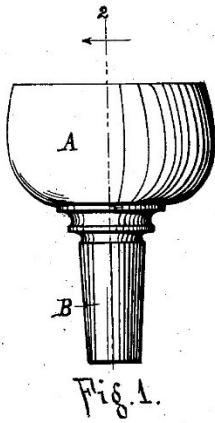
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W. E. LEEDER.

MOUTHPIECE FOR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

No. 556,757.

Patented Mar. 24, 1896.



- 1924 William dies on May 6. His death certificate says that he died at the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium in St Louis and was buried in Springfield. He was a musician. His wife Lizzie dies three days later in Springfield.

Photos are of the only known example and from an internet auction.

