

Jean Marbeau Band Instruments

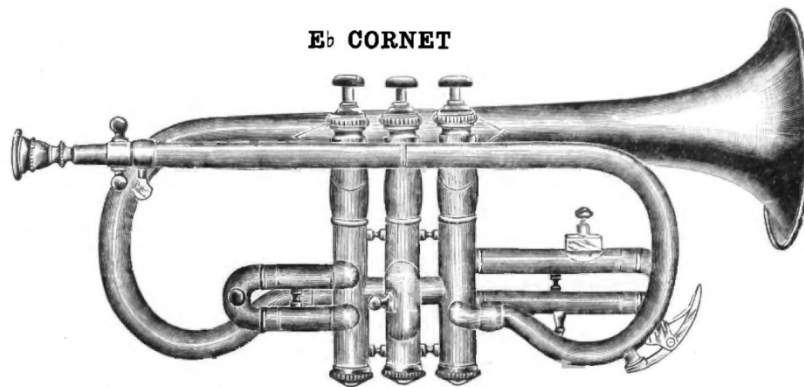
Paris

The Jean Marbeau band instruments were a line sold through Sherman, Clay & Company in San Francisco, California in the 1890s to early 1920s. These may have come from various sources, but if the cornets are any example, they were made by Bohland & Fuchs of Graslitz, Austria (later Kraslice in the Czech Republic); one of the largest factories in Europe and the most commonly found import to the US from that period.

A. Rosenberg started a music store in San Francisco in 1853 and sold the business to Lander Sherman and Clement Clay in 1870. In 1892, they incorporated as Sherman, Clay & Co. By the 1980s, they had sixty stores nationwide and in 2013, they sold the last stores to Steinway & Sons.

According to their 1915 catalog, the Jean Marbeau line of band instruments had been sold by them “for almost a quarter century.” Below are some images from their 1915 catalog and examples of instruments found on the internet. An article in the May 1922 *Music Trade Review* stated that their catalog still had Jean Marbeau band instruments but only clarinets were still being sold by another catalog listing in February of 1929.

1915 Eb Cornet model R200



Nos. R200—R200SB

Each instrument supplied with mouthpiece, music lyre and shank for low pitch.

No.	Each
R200 —Best quality brass, highly polished.....	\$ 9.50
R200N —Same, nickel plated	11.50
R200SF —Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, inside of bell highly burnished	16.00
R200SB —Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout.....	17.50

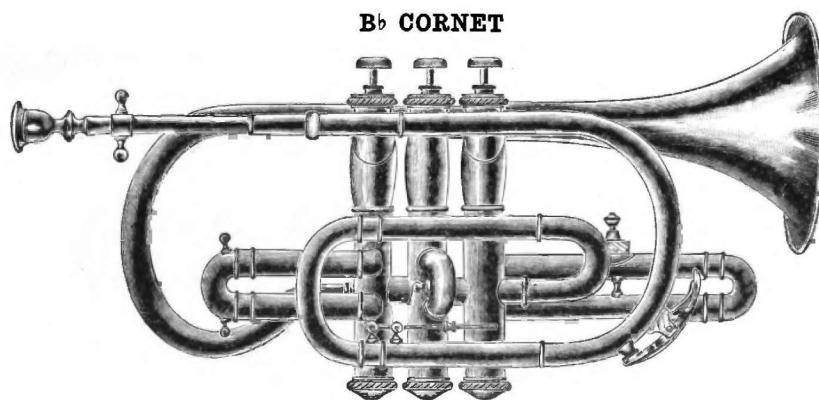
Burnished gold plating inside of bell, \$3.00 extra.

This example above illustrates some standard details used by Bohland & Fuchs: straight-through air passage between the valves, second slide perpendicular to the bell, and water key base with flared bottom.



1915 Bb Cornet model R202

One of
our most
popular
Cornets
with young
bands.



Easy
Blowing,
Correct
Scale,
Fine Tone
Quality.

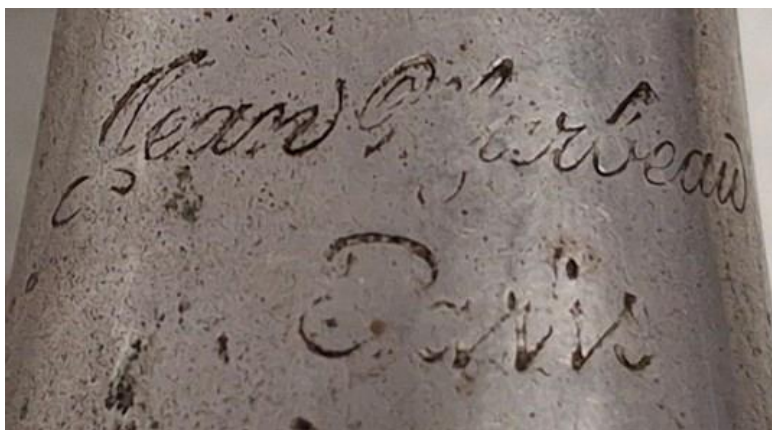
Nos. R202—R202SB.

THE BEST AND MOST SERVICEABLE CORNET MANUFACTURED AT THE PRICE

Fitted with Low Pitch Rod and Button Device located where it is out of the way of the fingers when playing.
Each instrument furnished with B $\flat$ and A shanks, mouthpiece and music lyre.

No.	Each
R202—Best quality brass, highly polished.....	\$12.00
R202N—Same, nickel plated.....	14.00
R202SF—Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, inside of bell highly burnished	18.50
R202SB—Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout.....	20.00
Burnished gold plating inside of bell, \$3.00 extra.	
A C crook can be fitted to the above instrument at an extra cost of \$6.00 in brass, \$6.50 nickel plated, \$7.00 silver plated satin finish, \$7.50 silver plated burnished finish.	

Close match to the R202N in nickel plate (internet auction photos).



1915 C Cornet model R203 (no image shown)

C CORNET

To play with piano in C or B $\flat$ in band. Equally well in tune in both C and B $\flat$

Each instrument fitted with Rod and Button Low Pitch Attachment and furnished with C shank, B $\flat$ crook, mouthpiece and music lyre.

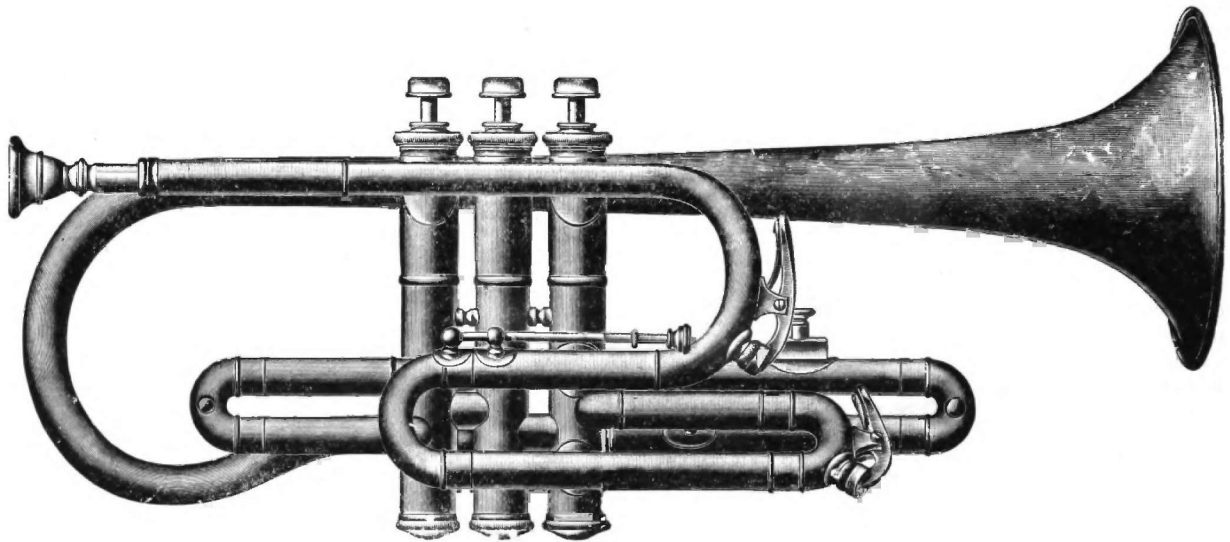
No.	Each
R203 —Best quality brass, highly polished.....	\$12.00
R203N —Same, nickel plated	14.00
R203SF —Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, inside of bell highly burnished	18.50
R203SB —Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout.....	20.00

Burnished gold plating inside of bell, \$3.00 extra.

1915 B $\flat$ Long model Cornet R260

American Trumpet Style or Long Model Cornet

B $\flat$ AND A HIGH AND LOW PITCH



Nos. R260-R260SB

In this instrument we offer a high-grade Cornet of the latest design at a very moderate price. It is splendidly balanced, has a good valve action and is equipped with a quick change attachment from B $\flat$ to A. Note the continuous mouthpipe branch—no shanks required. Large bore. Free blowing. Pearl inlaid finger buttons. Furnished with mouthpiece and music lyre.

No.	Each
R260 —Best quality brass, highly polished.....	\$14.00
R260N —Same, nickel plated	16.00
R260SF —Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, inside of bell highly burnished	20.50
R260SB —Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout.....	22.00

Burnished gold plating inside of bell \$3.00 extra.

Black or russet solid sole leather satchel, nicely embossed, flannel lined, for the above cornet, \$4.00. Green felt bag, \$0.60.

1915 Bb Courtois model Cornet R220

JEAN MARBEAU SILVER PISTON BAND INSTRUMENTS

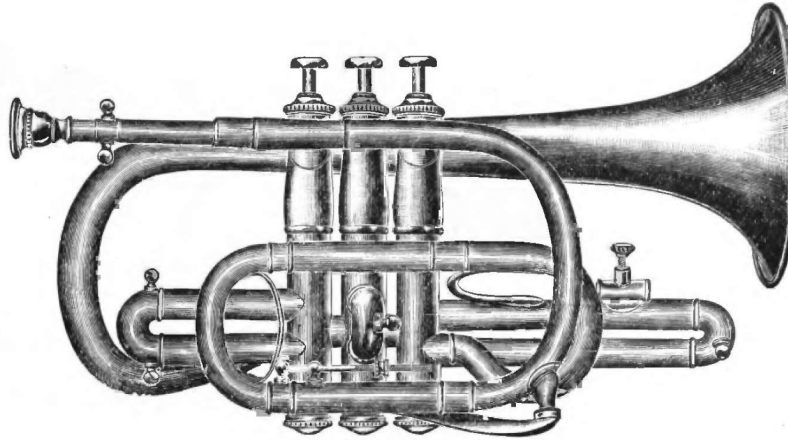
Latest American Models. Short, Light Action. Easy Blowing. Correct Scale

HIGH AND LOW PITCH

B $\flat$ CORNET

COURTOIS MODEL

DOUBLE WATER KEY



Nos. R220-R220SB

This popularly priced high-grade Courtois Model Cornet is fitted with Rod and Button Low Pitch Device located where it is out of the way of the fingers when playing.

Free air passage of liberal bore, making an easy-blowing, full-toned Cornet.

Each instrument furnished with B $\flat$ and A shanks, mouthpiece and music lyre.

No.	Each
R220 —Best quality brass, highly polished.....	\$14.00
R220N —Same, nickel plated	16.00
R220SF—Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, inside of bell highly burnished	20.50
R220SB—Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout	22.00

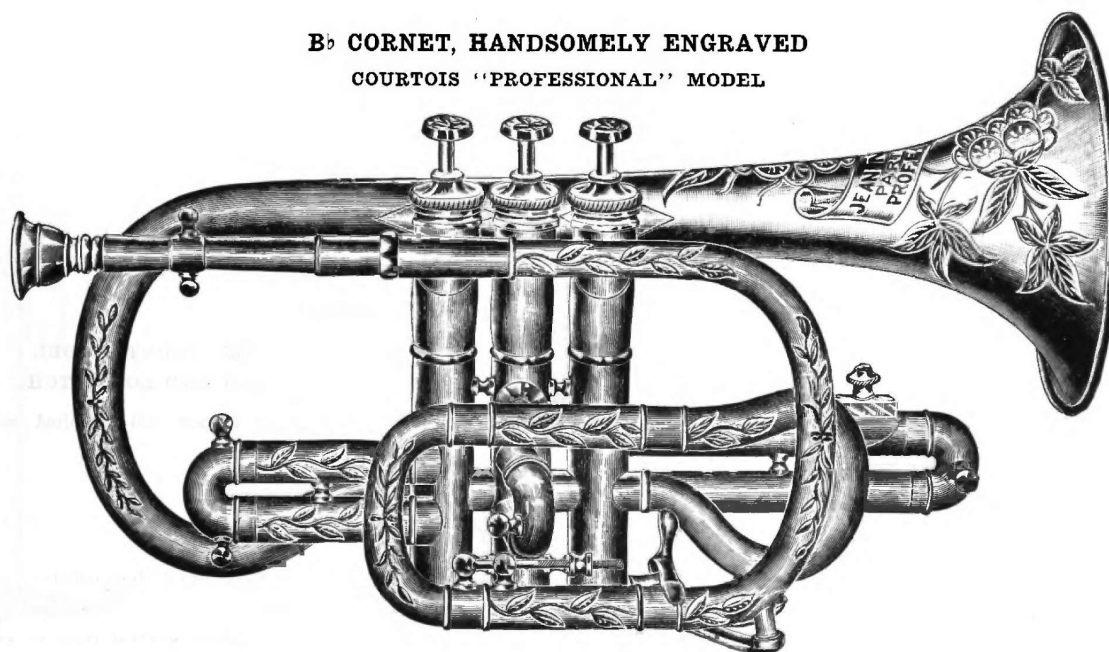
Burnished gold plating inside of bell \$3.00 extra.

Matching example of R220SF or R221SF (internet auction photos).



1915 Bb Courtois Professional model R221

B $\flat$ CORNET, HANDSOMELY ENGRAVED COURTOIS "PROFESSIONAL" MODEL



Nos. R221—R221SB

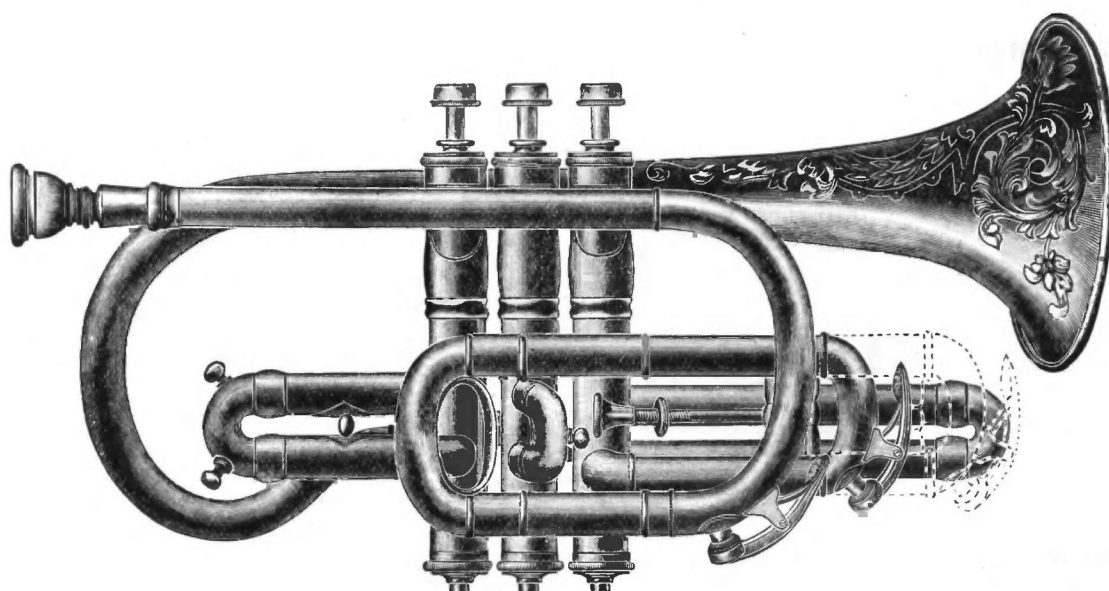
Furnished with attachment for Low Pitch, B $\flat$ and A shanks, mouthpiece and music lyre

No.		Each
R221	—Best quality brass, highly polished and handsomely engraved	\$20.00
R221N	—Same, nickel plated, handsomely engraved.....	22.00
R221SF	—Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, handsomely engraved, inside of bell highly burnished.....	26.50
R221SB	—Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout, handsomely engraved	28.00
Burnished gold plating inside of bell, \$3.00 extra		

Example found matching the R221SF (internet auction photo).



1915 Bb/A Artist model R250



B $\flat$ AND A CORNET

JEAN MARBEAU "ARTIST" MODEL

Sole leather Satchel to fit, \$3.75

A splendid leather, silk and plush lined case, \$8.50

This is a superior instrument, of perfect scale and fine valve action. It has a beautifully engraved bell and is equipped with an instantaneous change attachment from B $\flat$ to A or vice versa. No shanks are required, the continuous mouthpipe branch obviating the necessity for these. The finger buttons have milled edges and are inlaid with pearl. A beautiful model, very easy blowing, and one of our most popular instruments. An extra slide is included for Low Pitch, also a silver-plated mouthpiece and a music lyre.

No.	Each
R250 —Best quality brass, highly polished, beautifully engraved bell	\$24.00
R250N —Same, nickel plated, beautifully engraved bell.....	26.00
R250SF—Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, bell beautifully engraved and highly burnished inside.....	30.50
R250SB—Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout, bell beautifully engraved	32.00
Burnished gold plating inside of bell, \$3.00 extra	

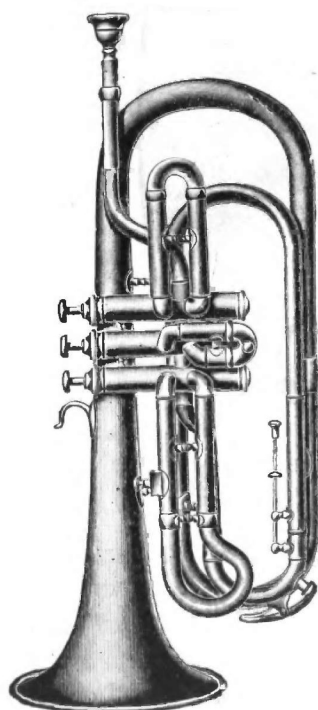
A close match marked "Solo" model (internet auction photo).



Another match to the Courtois model cornet (Horn-u-copia.net).



1915 Eb Solo Alto model R206



Nos. R206—R206SB
Solo E $\flat$ Alto

SOLO E $\flat$ ALTO

CORNET SHAPE
NEW AMERICAN MODEL

BELL FRONT MODEL
HIGH AND LOW PITCH

Each instrument equipped with rod and button low pitch device and supplied with music rack and mouthpiece.

No.	Each
R206 —Best quality brass, highly polished.....	\$17.50
R206N —Same, nickel plated	21.00
R206SF—Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, inside of bell highly burnished.....	26.00
R206SB—Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout	28.50
Burnished gold plating inside of bell, \$4.00 extra Fine Sole Leather Satchel Case to fit, \$4.50	

1915 Eb upright Alto model R204

E $\flat$ ALTO—UPRIGHT PATTERN

New American Model. High and Low Pitch

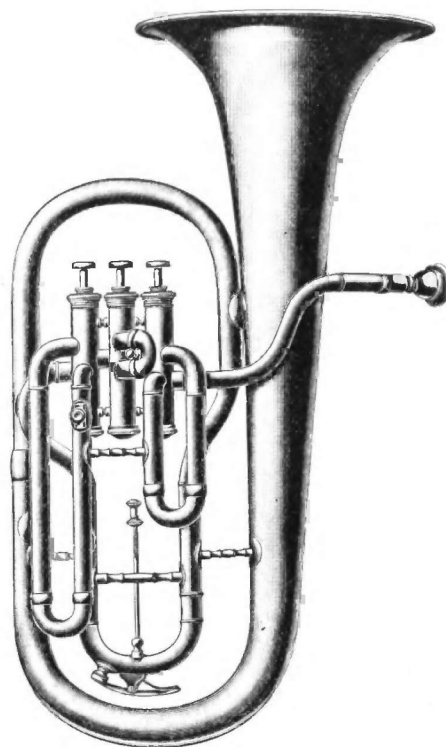
A compactly and gracefully built Alto with a good big clear bore, considerably larger than most other Altos of similar price. The action is short and light, the German-silver pistons being accurately fitted, and the tone is full, rich and round and very easily produced. The tuning slide draws to Low Pitch and is equipped with substantial rod and button device for the purpose. Furnished with mouthpiece and music lyre.

No.	Each
R204 —Best quality brass, highly polished.....	\$17.50
R204N —Same, nickel plated	21.00
R204SF—Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, inside of bell highly burnished	26.00
R204SB—Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout.....	28.50

Burnished gold plating inside of bell, \$4.00 extra

Green Felt Bag to fit, \$1.00 Sole Leather End Opening Case, \$9.00

Splendid Plush-lined Side-opening Seal Grain Leather Case, \$12.50



Nos. R204—R204SB E $\flat$ Altos

1915 Bb Tenor model R208

B $\flat$ TENOR

New American Model

High and Low Pitch

Furnished with mouthpiece and music lyre. Tuning slide of sufficient length to draw to Low Pitch and equipped with substantial rod and button device. A Tenor of liberal bore possessing the real tenor quality of tone. Very substantially made throughout—observe the numerous braces.

No.	Each
R208 —Best quality brass, highly polished.....	\$20.00
R208N —Same, nickel plated	24.50
R208SF—Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, inside of bell highly burnished	30.00
R208SB—Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout.....	32.50

Burnished gold plating inside of bell, \$5.00 extra

Green Felt Bag to fit, \$1.10

Fine Sole Leather Case, \$9.50



Nos. R208—R208SB B $\flat$ Tenors

1915 Bb Trombone models

Latest American Models. Short, Light Action. Easy Blowing. Correct Scale
HIGH AND LOW PITCH

Bb TENOR VALVE TROMBONE

LONG PATTERN

New American Model High and Low Pitch

The best low-priced Valve Trombone on the market. The model is the latest up-to-date long pattern used by the best American makers and the playing qualities will be an agreeable surprise. It has a 7½-inch bell (the cut is a little out of proportion), German silver pistons accurately ground into the casings, is of strikingly big tone and very correct in intonation. The tuning slide draws to Low Pitch and is equipped with the rod and button device used on all Marbeau instruments. Furnished with mouthpiece and music lyre.

No.	Each
R209 —Best quality brass, highly polished.....	\$20.00
R209N —Same, nickel plated	25.00
R209SF—Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, inside of bell highly burnished.....	31.00
R209SB—Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout	34.00
Burnished gold plating inside of bell, \$4.00 extra	
Green Felt Bag to fit, \$1.25	Sole Leather End-opening Case, \$9.00
Fine Side-opening, Plush-lined Seal Grain Leather Case, \$12.50	



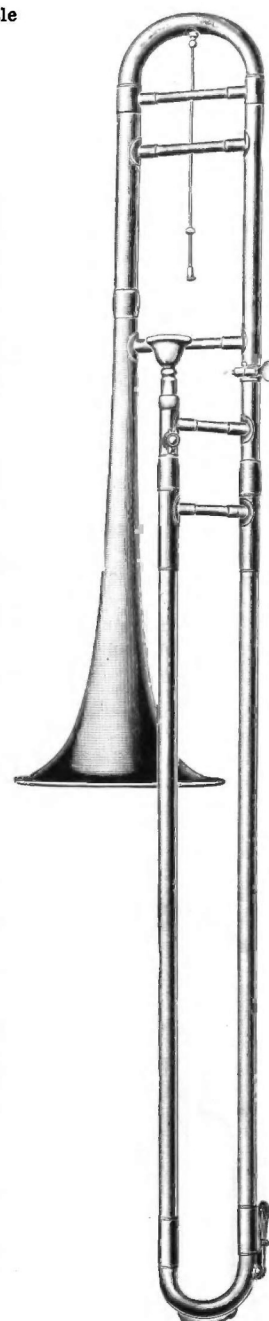
Nos. R209—R209SB
Bb Tenor Valve
Trombones

Bb TENOR SLIDE TROMBONE

New American Model High and Low Pitch

A well-balanced Trombone with the best slide action of any instrument on the market at the price. The German silver stockings are the same length as in the finest American makes, giving plenty of bearing surface, thereby decreasing the wear and adding to the smoothness of operation. The bell is 7½ inches in diameter. The instrument is medium large bore producing a big, snappy tone. Built in High Pitch with slide drawing to Low Pitch. Mouthpiece and music lyre included.

No.	Each
R207 —Best quality brass, highly polished.....	\$16.00
R207N —Same, nickel plated	19.00
R207SF—Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, inside of bell highly burnished.....	23.50
R207SB—Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout	26.00
Burnished gold plating inside of bell, \$4.00 extra	
Green Felt Bag to fit, \$1.35	Sole Leather End-opening Case, \$8.50
Fine Side-opening Plush-lined Seal Grain Leather Case, \$12.00	



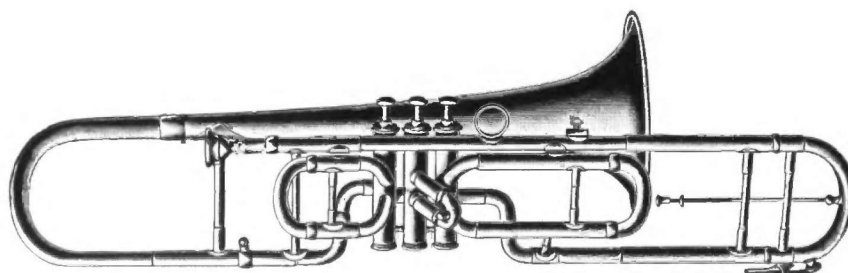
Nos. R207—R207SB
Bb Tenor Slide
Trombones

1915 Eb Valve Trombone model 205

Eb ALTO VALVE TROMBONE

New American Model Graceful Design
High and Low Pitch

No.	Each
R205 —Best quality brass, highly polished	\$17.50
R205N —Same, nickel plated.....	21.00
R205SF—Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, inside of bell highly burnished	26.00
R205SB—Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout	28.50
Burnished gold plating inside of bell, \$4.00 extra. Sole Leather End-opening Case, \$9.00	



Nos. R205—R205SB Eb Alto Valve Trombones

1915 Bb Baritone model R210

Bb BARITONE

New American Model High and Low Pitch

A compactly modeled Baritone of large bore and substantial construction which is guaranteed to give satisfaction at the price. The tone is full and round and easily produced, the scale well in tune. Light, short action German silver pistons. Tuning slide draws to Low Pitch and is provided with rod and button device. Mouthpiece and music lyre are included.

No.	Each
R210 —Best quality brass, highly polished.....	\$25.00
R210N —Same, nickel plated	30.00
R210SF—Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, inside of bell highly burnished	37.50
R210SB—Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout....	41.50
Burnished gold plating inside of bell, \$5.00 extra	
Green Felt Bag to fit, \$1.25 End-opening Sole Leather Case, \$11.00	
Fine Side-opening Plush-lined Seal Grain Leather Case, \$15.00	



Nos. R210—R210SB Bb Baritones

1915 Bb Bass model R212



Nos. R212—R212SB Bb Bases

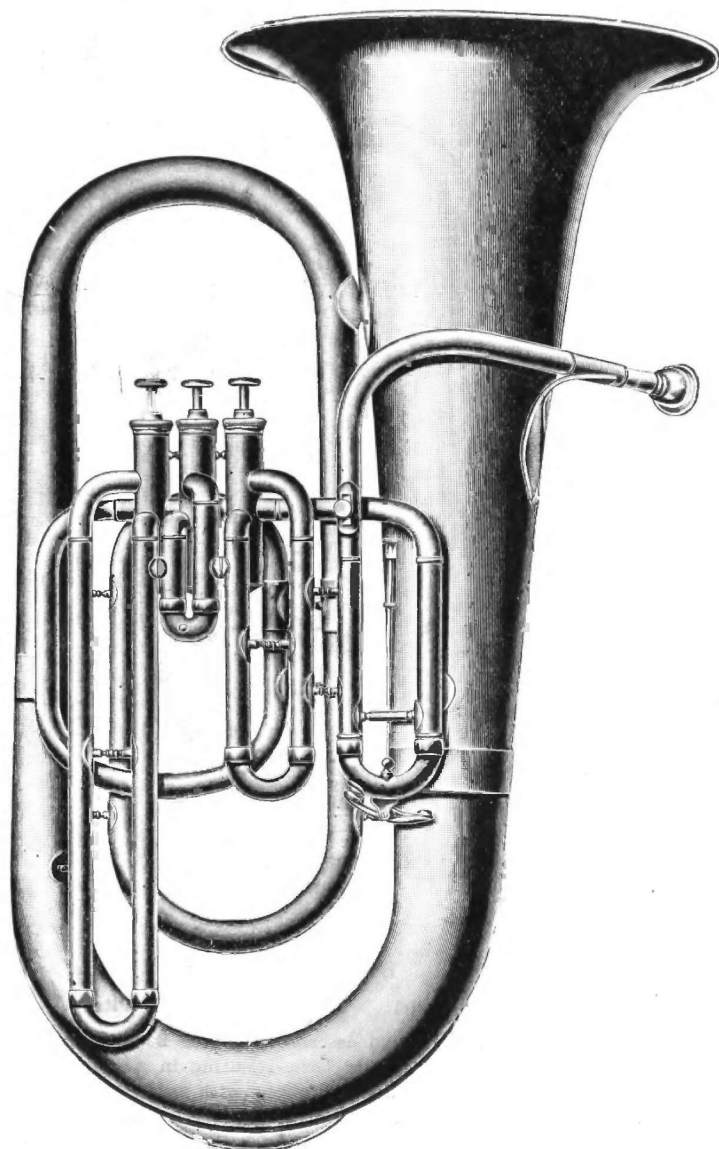
Bb BASS

New American Model High and Low Pitch

Of the same general model and description as the Baritone, this Horn is built in a larger size and heavier bore, resulting in a greater volume of tone. It can, in fact, be used as a Baritone with excellent effect in the larger organizations where a heavier, bigger tone is required. As in all other Marbeau instruments the tuning slide pulls to Low Pitch and is equipped with rod and button device. Mouthpiece and music rack are included.

No.	Each
R212 —Best quality brass, highly polished.....	\$27.50
R212N —Same, nickel plated	33.50
R212SF—Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, inside of bell highly burnished	45.00
R212SB—Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout...	50.00
Burnished gold plating inside of bell, \$6.00 extra	
Green Felt Bag to fit, \$1.40 End-opening Sole Leather Case, \$12.00	

1915 Eb Bass model R214



E_b BASS Upright Pattern

NEW AMERICAN MODEL High and Low Pitch

A strongly and compactly built Bass of large bore which will stand a lot of hard treatment and give splendid satisfaction at the price. Big, sonorous tone easily produced. Tuning slide long enough for Low Pitch. Mouthpiece and music lyre included.

Nos. R214—R214SB E_b Bases

No.	Each
R214 —Best quality brass, highly polished.....	\$36.00
R214N —Same, nickel plated	43.50
R214SF —Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, inside of bell highly burnished	56.00
R214SB —Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout.....	62.00

Burnished gold plating inside of bell, \$8.00 extra

Green Felt Bag to fit, \$1.50

End-opening Sole Leather Case, \$17.50

1915 Eb Helicon Bass model R215



Notice how substantially all Jean Marbeau instruments are braced. In many other makes sold at similar prices, the instruments are merely held together by soldering one part of the tubing to another.

Nos. R215—R215SB Eb Basses, Helicon Model

In the Jean Marbeau Helicon Bass we offer an instrument of immense tone power, easy of production because of the lack of twists and turns in the tubing. Its graceful circular shape makes it particularly easy to handle in street work, as it fits nicely around the body of the player and is carried practically without effort. The action is light, short and conveniently located. Furnished with a set of extra Low Pitch tubes, mouthpiece and music lyre.

No.	Each
R215 —Best quality brass, highly polished.....	\$55.00
R215N —Same, nickel plated	62.50
R215SF—Same, triple silver plated, rich satin finish, inside of bell highly burnished	75.00
R215SB—Same, triple silver plated, highly burnished throughout.....	81.00

Burnished gold plating inside of bell, \$7.00 extra