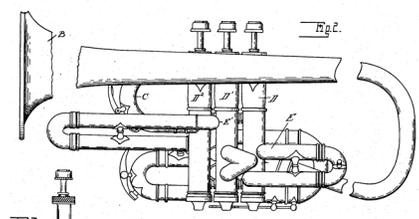
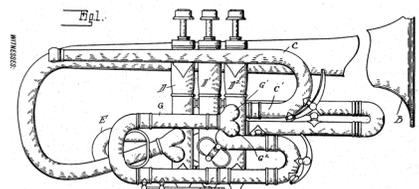
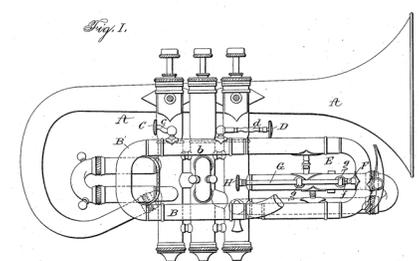


Seidel Band Instrument Co.

Elkhart

- 1848 William F. Seidel born in Germany (census)
- 1870 Seidel moves to London, making brass instruments (*NLI*)
- 1878 Seidel marries Harriet
- 1881 Conn meets Seidel in London and has him move to the US to help in his factory (*NLI*)
- 1890 Seidel & Conn granted patent #442,955 for a cornet tuning slide design (photo 2 from patent)
- 1894 Seidel is naturalized a US citizen
- 1900 Seidel is living at #208 N. Main St., Elkhart; listed in the census as a horn maker (census)
- 1910 now listed in census as foreman for horn factory; a 1916 article says he was the superintendent for the entire plant
- 1911 C. G. Conn incorporates with directors Conn, Seidel and J. F. Boyer (*Music Trade Review*)
- 1913 Seidel resigns from Conn due to health yet also establishes the Seidel Band Instrument Company (*NLI*)
- 1914 Seidel applies for a patent on October 31st for a new valve port design that eliminates one port and shortens the stroke (design drawings photos 3 & 4)
- 1915 the plant of the William Seidel & Co has been added to the industries of Elkhart (*Music Trade Review*, Oct); articles of incorporation filed this week for William F Seidel & Co with \$15,000 capital; directors Seidel, Jacob Geiss & Thomas Wilkinson (*MTR*, Dec)
- 1916 Seidel granted patent #1,178,030 for valve design
- 1917 the Sanborn map below shows his factory at #313 N. Main and made from concrete blocks; the site in 2017 is a parking lot for the Salvation Army store
- 1918 the company is sold to Couturier
- 1920 the census still has him living at #208 N. Main St.; he is listed as a laborer in a horn factory (Buescher)
- 1922 failing eyesight causes Seidel to commit suicide



Seidel factory from 1917 Sanborn fire insurance map

