M. Dupont

Paris, France

1902 The Sears catalog has a two-page spread featuring M. Dupont band instruments (next page) and claim to have secured the US agency for Dupont and present them for the first year. They claim that they are "made by M. Dupont of Paris, France" and that they are a "leading French manufacturer of well known reputation." This would imply that people knew about these previously yet the name is not on any list of French makers. It's likely that this is a trade name used by Sears and made by Couesnon, one of the largest factories in the world at the time.

1908 Sears no longer lists the Dupont line in their catalog.

Some of these early cornets are stamped "France".

Later era Dupont instruments such as the trombone and trumpet below are made in Czechoslovakia and will be stamped on the lead pipe inlet. The cornet below is a Besson style and appears to be a B&F model 7.



The below cornet has "Pat Oct 18, 1904" yet that doesn't appear to match up with any known US patent.



Photos 3 & 4 author's collection; others Horn-u-copia.net























