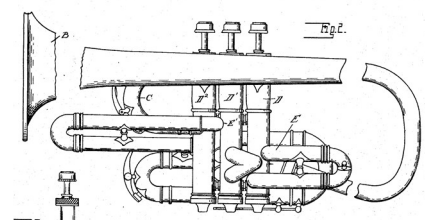
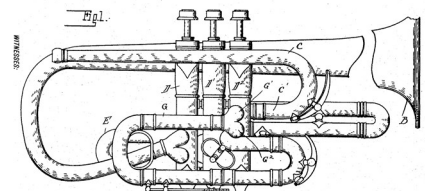
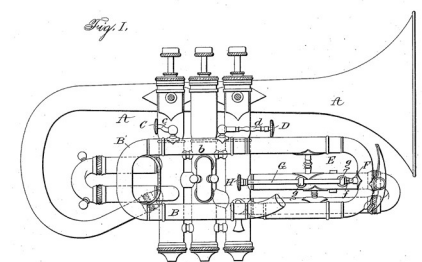


Seidel Band Instrument Co.

Elkhart

- 1848 William F. Seidel is 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 are 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 are filed this week for William F Seidel & Co with \$15,000 capital. Directors are Seidel, Jacob Geiss & Thomas Wilkinson (*MTR*, Dec).
- 1916 Seidel is granted patent #1,178,030 for a 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

