

Basic Detail Report



Cornet, B-flat

Date

1900 ca.

Primary Maker

Emile Mennesson

Description

Nickel-plated brass, double loop, main tuning slide at second bow, removable shank (B-flat), three Périnet valves (1, ½, 1½), bottom-sprung, modèle français, windway W 1-2-3. Nickel-plated B-flat tuning shank; unsigned silver cornet mouthpiece (not original); nickel-plated lyre. Emile Jean Mennesson (b. 1841) is listed from 1892-1893 as holder of a magazine (shop) of pianos and violins at 10 rue Tapissiers in Reims. From 1911-1912, the magazine E. Mennesson, E. Fortin successor, is located at 10 rue Carnot. While Mennesson acted as dealer, it is very likely that Gautrot aîné (by that time owned by Couesnon & Cie) is the actual maker of this cornet. This can be conjectured from the letter "G" stamped on the second

valve casing, and some decorative features, such as the shape of the valve slide knobs and the outer slide stabilization rings. The present cornet is not only unusual in having two shepherd's crook bows, but also in having a very short leadpipe, leading directly into the first valve.

Dimensions

Height: 326 mm Tube length: 1241 mm, 1321 mm Bore diameter (initial, minimum, main tuning slide, valve slides): 11.9 mm, 9.6 mm, 10.9 mm, 10.7 mm Bore diameter (shank, initial, minimum): 9.8 mm, 9 mm Bell diameter: 118 mm