

**HOWLING OF A DOG
DEVELOPS BAND
LEADER**

**How Will Huff, Son of a
Local Photographer Got
His Start.**

SIMPLE MOUTH ORGAN

Made the Casino Yell Because of
Inharmonious Results to Him—Boy
Noticed and Traveling Orchestra
Followed Then Came a Boys' Band
—Then the Real Thing With Com-
position as a Chorus.

Think back over the histories of
some of the composers whom you
can remember. Can you think of
who owes the development of his
genius secondarily to the physical in-
ability of custom to appreciate good
music? Now you can put it down
that you won't find one. The first to
lay claim to that record is a Buckeye,
and he has relatives here.

His name is Will Huff, a name that
is familiar to all band men in the
country, for Huff's marches are get-
ting to be popular favorites every-
where, and the band that plays Huff's
music is the band that makes a hit.

Mr. Huff's father, Thomas Huff,
the photographer, resides on South
First street, and the son's place of
residence is always distinguished by
the fact that it has a good brass band.
He has lived in this part of the state
for the greater part of his life, and
has been a member of several of
Ohio's best bands.

The relation of the peculiarities of
a dog's conception of sound to the
development of the latest qualities
of musical genius in a small boy as
spelled in a Will Huff case is this:

When a bare-footed youngster
with a sun-burned face, young Huff
had a chum who had a dog, an ad-
mirer of rather indelicate origin as far
as pedigree was concerned, but
which was a better dog than most
throughout, for the reason that
he stood far more than the average
cousin of high birth is expected to
stand for in the way of an outrageous
display of his personal feelings.

To the combination of two boys
and a mongrel dog, young Huff con-
tributed a mouthorgan of rather in-
different tone, and the result put the
"bug" into the boy's mental facul-
ties. Whenever Huff played the
mouth organ, the dog howled and
barked, and kept it up as long as
the boy played.

That gave the chums an idea. They
went about town giving concerts,
Huff playing the dog howling, and
the other boy getting the money. In
time, however, the popularity of the
new form of entertainment declined,
and Huff, with his chum and several
other boys, organized a boys' band.
They saved up their money to buy in-
struments, and with the financial aid
of a secret society to which they be-
longed, the pieces were finally ac-
quired.

After several weeks of rehearsal,
the boys finally made their first ap-
pearance, and for many years the
boys' band was a popular organiza-
tion of the town. Huff after a while,
secured a place in a big band, and
has since gone up the ladder step by
step, adding to his reputation as a
musician, his fame as a composer of
marches.

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