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Your expertise is needed!

We are searching for information regarding noted American composer and arranger Harry La Forrest Alford (1875-1939). This information will be used to document, for the first time, the life and career of this brilliant musician. Can you help us?

The following Alford materials are needed:

- 1) Lists of arrangements and original compositions for band, orchestra, and piano. Any type of list you could provide would be appreciated; the following format would be additionally valuable to our research:

BANANA PEEL RAG (orchestra)--Gus Winkler, Arr. Alford. Will Rossiter Publisher: Chicago, 1912.
PURPLE CARNIVAL MARCH (band)--Harry Alford. G. Schirmer Publications: New York, 1933

- 2) Newspaper and trade magazine articles or advertisements referring to Alford and his Chicago arranging bureau, or to his work in vaudeville and marching band music.
- 3) Manuscript band and orchestra scores. Text or method books on arranging or orchestration.
- 4) Photographs of Alford, his staff, clients, or office.
- 5) Letters, contracts, brochures, catalogs, or other business documentation pertaining to the Alford Studios, or the Alford-Colby Music Library.
- 6) Phonograph recordings (acoustical and electrical) of Alford compositions and arrangements.
- 7) The recollections of persons who may have known Alford.

Any information or photocopies of the above materials would be gratefully received by:

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