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Subject: Re: Caliber 96 (United Watch Co + Gruen Guarantee)

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Thanks, Liz! A close evolution on those bits, and in the next 2 years after mine--this, along with the factory marks & some older info I see on the OS thread, makes it clear I'll have to backtrack on my backtrack above. Appears Favre could indeed be the maker of this caliber 96. Mikey's Caliber 94 database post has the same sort of winding/setting layout; similar bridges; similar factory marks. His is also from 1913. Caliber 94 design was protected in 1909 by Marc Favre & Cie. Seeing the similar stamps & evolution of the mechanism, these were all likely finished by Favre vs. ebauched to Frey.

United, yes, Gruen trademark. United Watch Co., well, it appears complicated. Seems Goering owned that one. How they interacted is an interesting question. Haven't yet located either trademark to view first usage/who's on it.

United was pre-Gruen Guarantee stand alone. That switch appears to have occurred in 1913-1914. Hoping to share more on that soon.