Subject: Re: Blue observatory

Posted by DRGM on Thu, 27 Aug 2020 16:42:26 GMT

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Jenneke wrote on Tue, 25 August 2020 16:41 Where did you find the patent of yours? Hi Jenneke,

I found the design patent regarding the "gray egg" on google patents:

https://patents.google.com/

Searching for pre-1976 US design patents is a frustrating job. At least, you may find some on google, but only few. Obviously, google is using some kind of OCR technique making it possible to find some, but not all patents. The USPTO has - in principle - all design patents on its site, but you can find these pre-1976 patents there only by the number or by the US patent class. And that's a sophisticated system, to say the least. Watch boxes can fall in US Patent class D03 or in D09, maybe in other classes, depending on the official who decided. Let's take a look on D03 ("Carrier or Storage Container"):

https://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/classification/uspcd03/sch edd03.htm

The first Curvex box (US Design Patent No. 101,129) is in class D03/294 ("Enclosed - Hinged closure"), while the "gray egg" is classified in class D9/420:

https://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/classification/uspcd09/sch edd09.htm

As I said: sophisticated and if you don't guess the matching class right, it's next to impossible find the design patent you are after.

Well, I tried to find the "observatory" patent - without success.

Regards

Martin

File Attachments

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1) US-Class-D03-294.jpg, downloaded 1593 times
             272
                                 Trunk or shipping container type
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             273
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     Д
                                  Enclosed
             274
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                                 Combined with diverse article
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                                  Mirror
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                                 With carrying handle or provision therefor
             277
         P
                                  Wickerwork
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                                  Provision for hanging garment
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                                  Wheeled
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         P
                                  Horizontally divided and separated at base
     Д
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     Д
         P
                                  Recessed handle
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         P
                                  Molded integral handle
             283
         P
                                  Plural compartment
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             284
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                                  With zipper closure
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                                  With shoulder strap
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                                  Plural panels forming closure
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                                  Flap or strap closure
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         P
                                  Handle centered on lid
     Д
             292
                                  Pivoted cooperating jaws closure
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             294
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     Д
                                  Compartmented or with drawer
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                                   Drawer
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                                 Sliding closure
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                                 Folding or roll-up type, or with flap closure
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