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Subject: Re: Circa 1926 Swiss-Cased 14k Green Men's Tank

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Okay, so not a 1670. The ID hunt continues, though I can certainly accept that it may never materialize.

Jenneke wrote on Fri, 10 September 2021 01:22 But if there is one picture, there must be more! I was thinking along the same lines, and hopefully that's true. But looking at those pictures, they are photographs of the watches, and not really consistent with any Gruen photography I'm familiar with. For example, Gruen was consistent about photographing and illustrating watches at 8:20. These are all set to around 9:23. My guess would be that these are photographs taken by S. Kind & Sons (thanks Barney!) of their actual stock.

Case wrote on Fri, 10 September 2021 07:45 Also interesting to see price for 14k green gold case was less. Could it be yellow was an import, green gold cincinnati?

I've noticed that on a number of watches, generally not later than the mid-1920s. After that, the prices mostly seem to be equal. And it's not about origin. You can see it for models that clearly had the same case maker (in fact, I don't think there are any models, at least that I'm aware of, that used more than one case maker). My guess is that it has something to do with the contents of the alloy. Maybe a higher palladium content in earlier white gold?

Also, thanks for the thoughts on the movement. This is the only "997" (or is it really just a 17j 98?) I have. I have one other 98, but I think it's the usual 15j version. And yesterday I was going to post the SN to see if that could narrow down the date of production. Then I realized it's under the dial. And my rule is that when I have a serviced watch with a clean dial, I'm not letting my grubby hands anywhere near it. Taking it out for pictures is the farthest I'll go.