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Subject: GRUEN purse watch / travel watch

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I have announced to get an interesting Gruen a few weeks ago, after 2 month I got it in the post yesterday. Here are a few quick and dirty photos. I found only one single photo in the web of such a model before. There I have seen that it did have a bow to wear the watch attached to some kind of chain.

The case is stamped GRUEN W. Co. twice, the dial says GRUEN and the movement GRUEN GUILD, so it is all authentic for a true Gruen. The hallmarks in the sterling silver case are for the Huguenin frères Niel factory in Le Locle, there is also a patent mark with the #98835 in the case which is the patent for such kind of folding case for this case factory. It was filed for in 1922 and issued in 1923, so 1923 is the earliest possible date for this watch. The 885 movement would put it towards 1925 or later. The watch is not mentioned in the 1927 or 1929 Guild books or the 1931 amendment so I tend to believe the watch might be from 1925 or 1926. Any thoughts about a date?

Model name : unknown

Type : purse watch / travel watch

Period/date : ca. 1930

Gender : bi

Case Maker : Huguenin frères, Fabrique Niel

Case Material : Sterling silver with Niello filling

Case Serial : 18578

Case Style no : n.a.

Caliber : 885

Movement Maker : Gruen Guild (FHF?)

Movement Serial: 148876

Bracelet : none

Other info : bow missing

Closed front view

Open front view

Inside, marked Gruen W. Co. on the upper right

Movement container back

Movement

## File Attachments

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18578

GRUEN W. CO.  
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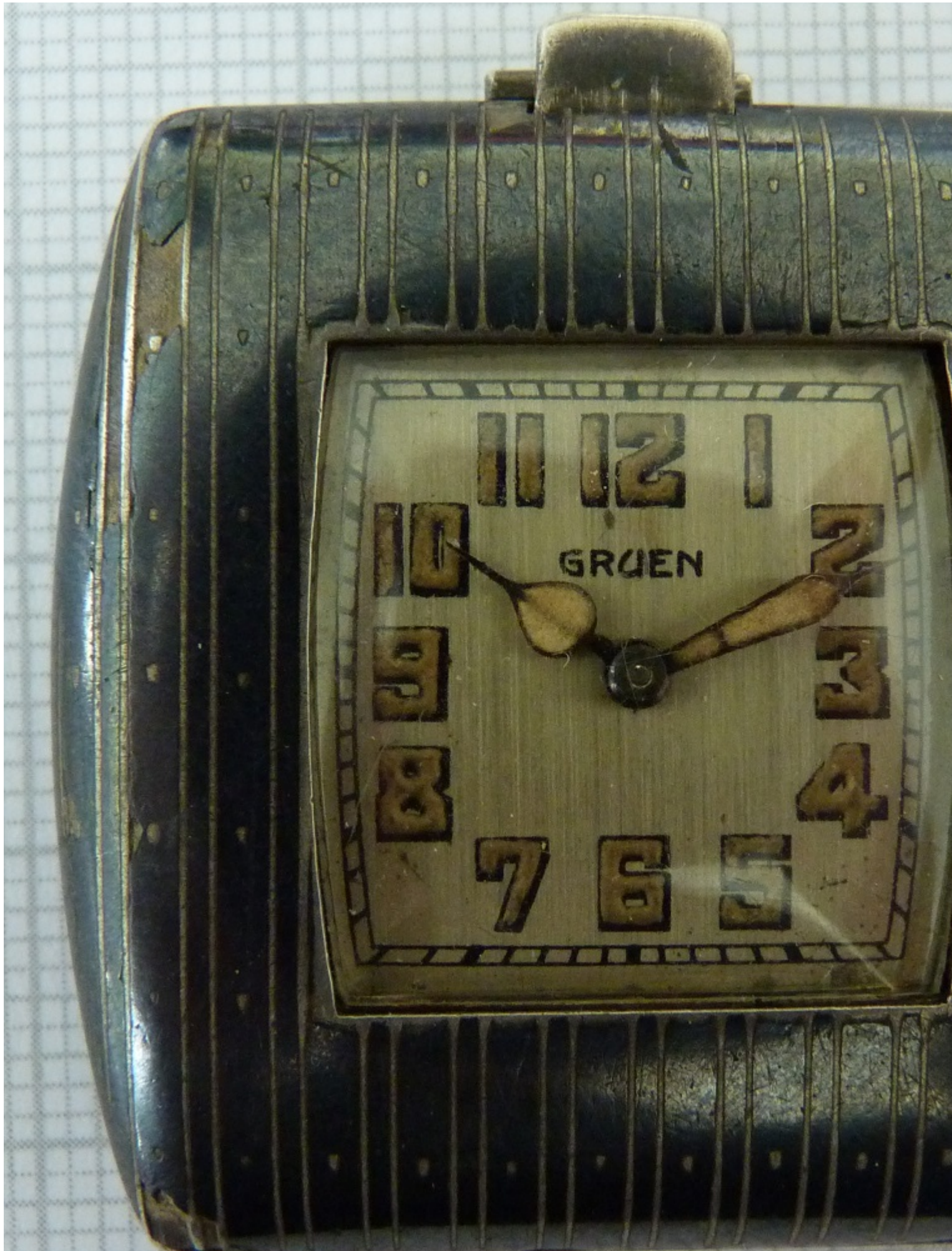
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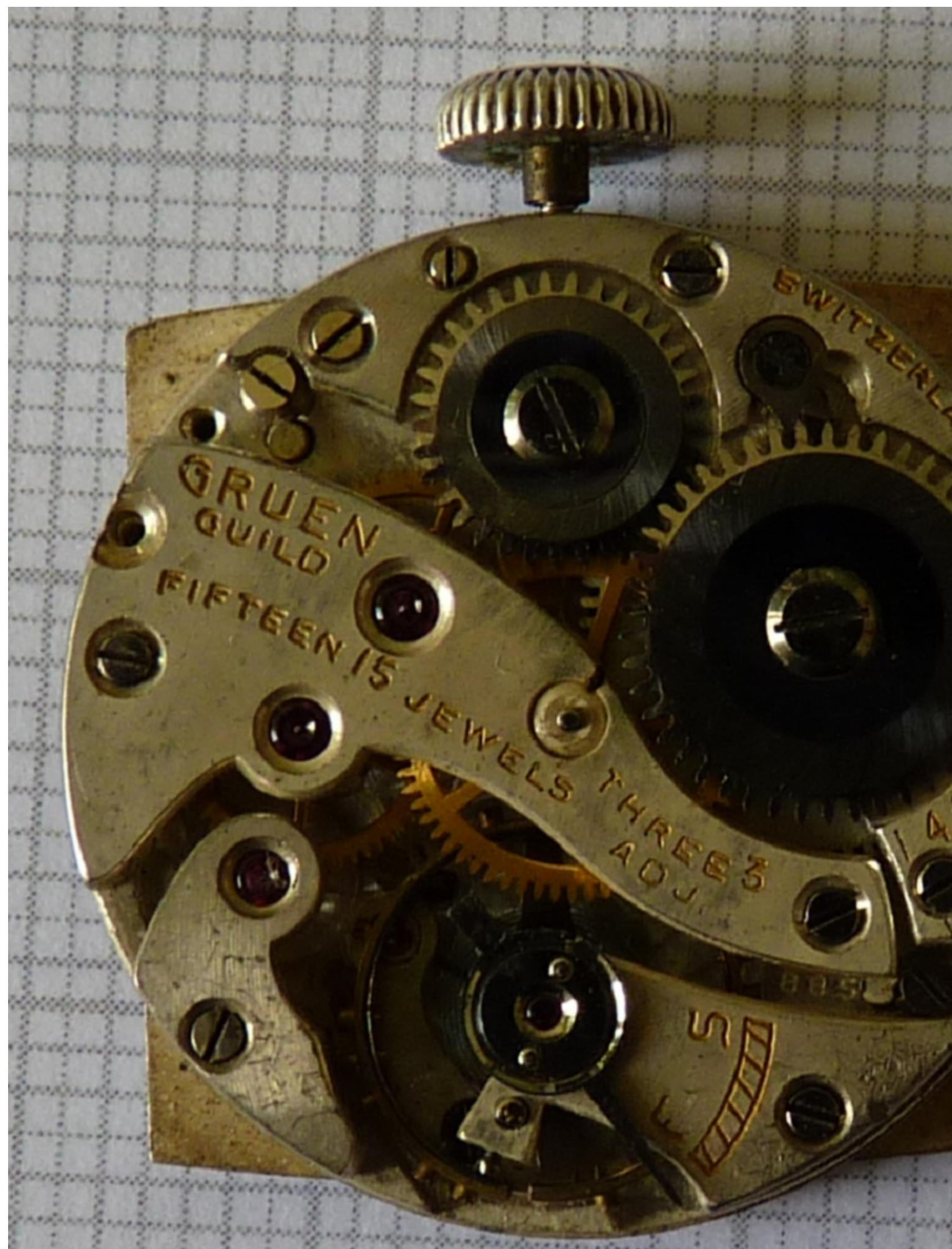


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