Subject: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by Jenneke on Tue, 01 Sep 2020 07:56:19 GMT
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Description
Fake leather paper and wood box. Greek golden rim. Sloping watch holder (not original).gruen service crest inside.

Period : 1925-1930
Watch type : unknown (wristlet?)
Size : 11cm wide, 4 cm high, 6.2 cm deep.
Inventor : unknown
Patents : pat. Mar. 10. 1925 (USD66772 Harold R Haerr) & pat. Pending

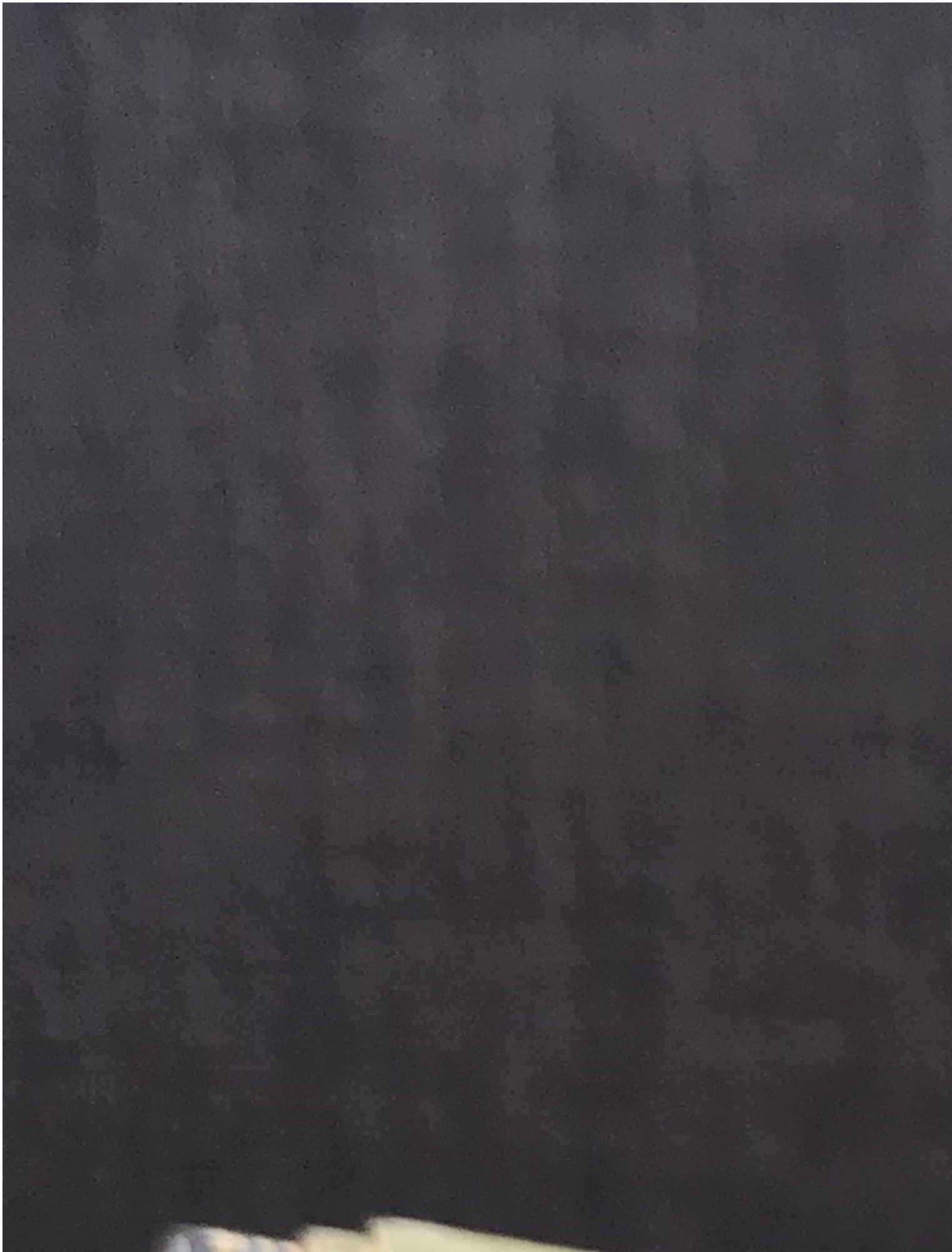
Box maker : unknown

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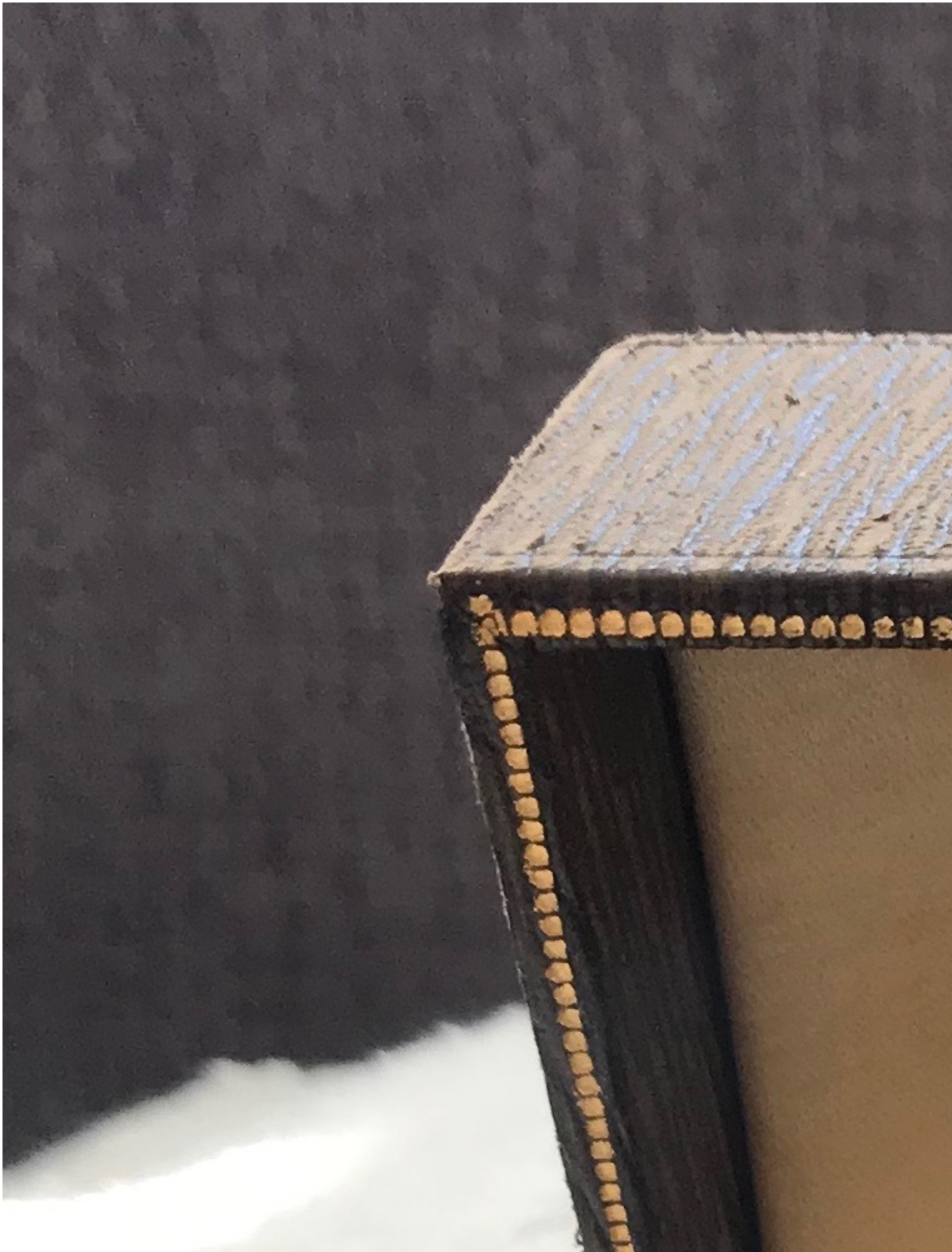
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Subject: Re: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by Jenneke on Tue, 01 Sep 2020 08:00:10 GMT
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I made the insert. Because of the slope I choose flat. Did not find an ad, this comes close:

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Subject: Re: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by Ephemerald on Tue, 01 Sep 2020 16:20:10 GMT
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I have ads for both display boxes you are showing, when I run across them I will post. If I remember correctly, the second one is quite a bit older than the first.

On a side note....have you ever wondered who supplied....these? (Nameplates)

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Subject: Re: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by Jenneke on Tue, 01 Sep 2020 18:53:24 GMT
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I’ve seen the second one in an ad. But mine not. Would be great if you find it (even better, with a specific watch displayed).

Yeah, I like to order some. Where can I buy them?  :d
Making the insert from the velvet back of a picture frame is doable. But a shiny label with gold  :?

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Subject: Re: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by Ephemerald on Tue, 01 Sep 2020 19:35:46 GMT
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Jenneke wrote on Tue, 01 September 2020 12:53I’ve seen the second one in an ad. But mine not. Would be great if you find it (even better, with a specific watch displayed).

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Yes, I own the same box w an original insert so I looked into it.

Unfortunately, L.F. Grammes & Son's (maker of the nameplates) disappeared about 1970, so you might have a hard time getting a hold of them.

The company began in 1876. Was founded by Louis F. Grammes, Allentown, PA. They made an unbelievable amount of metal products, around 12,000 different ones in 1927.

Czech out this advertising card from my collection.

If you are interested, I can show you some other things they made for Gruen, when I get home to take photos, lmk:)

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Subject: Re: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by Jenneke on Tue, 01 Sep 2020 20:18:54 GMT
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Ephemerald wrote on Tue, 01 September 2020 21:35
The company began in 1876. Was founded by Louis F. Grammes, Allentown, PA. They made an unbelievable amount of metal products

Metal, not paper? 8o
I have seen a patent somewhere for the nameplate, but where.

And yes please, show us more. Research or reference  topic?

Subject: Re: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by Ephemerald on Tue, 01 Sep 2020 20:42:32 GMT
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Jenneke wrote on Tue, 01 September 2020 14:18Ephemerald wrote on Tue, 01 September 2020 21:35
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Yes, metal, but some of the "Met-a-label" ("metal print craft") were paperbacked to help them glue on. I've only inspected mine that have fallen off naturally, though, and there seems to be different thickness to the "foil" and purposes of the tiny tags, "pricesticker" (whatever you'd like to call them). Some fold, some stay on top...

You can not overestimate the amount of different products Grammes produced, from so small to big machines that made boxes, etc. They have patents for metal box making processes and techniques. I've looked at over 30 of their patents for matches for my Gruen stuff, none exact so far.

Cool I'll share more.
Yeah, I would *love* to see that patent.....
I'll get the date for this card too, I was always curious what watch it may be...

Subject: Re: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by Jenneke on Wed, 02 Sep 2020 17:29:20 GMT
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More grammes info (including above) can be found in the research forum!

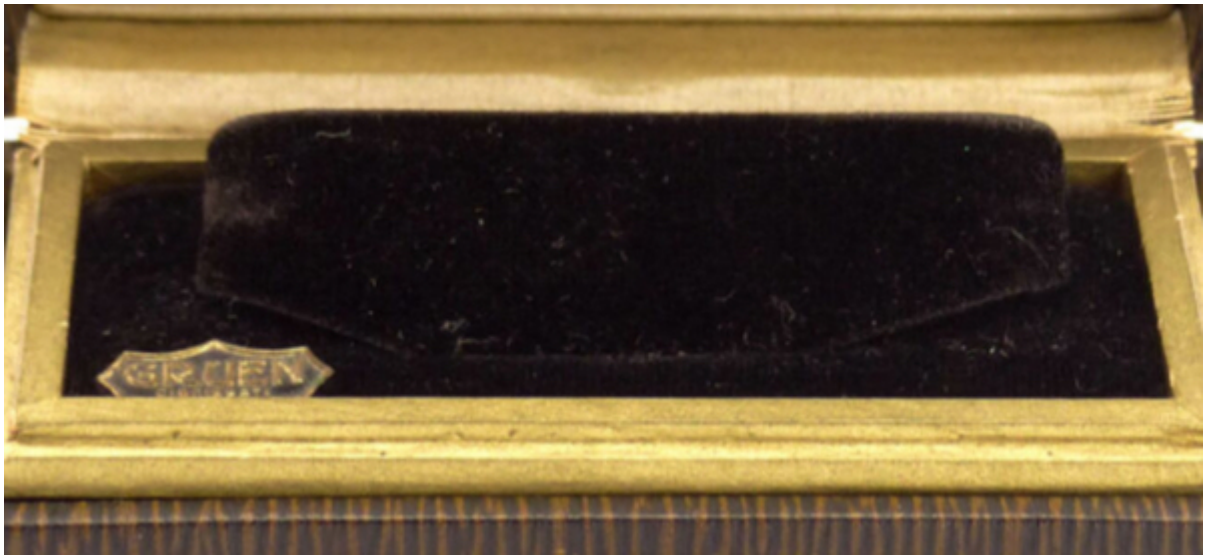
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Subject: Re: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by Jenneke on Sat, 17 Oct 2020 16:00:50 GMT
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I now know it should look like this. Back to the craft corner to make one :?

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Subject: Re: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by Jenneke on Sun, 07 Mar 2021 19:14:50 GMT
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Pfff, made the holder from cardboard, glue and velvet. And a piece of metal. Not my favourite job.

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Subject: Re: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by Ephemerald on Tue, 18 May 2021 00:48:11 GMT
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Hi Jenneke,
I saw this box in an ad that seemingly was a close match of a box of mine. It's quite similar to yours here but there are differences like the gold bead trim. I do not know if it's enough to convince you that this box could possibly be for a men's watch but thought I'd share, whadyathink?
The date on it is San Fran Examiner, December 13, 1931.

My box.
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The ad.

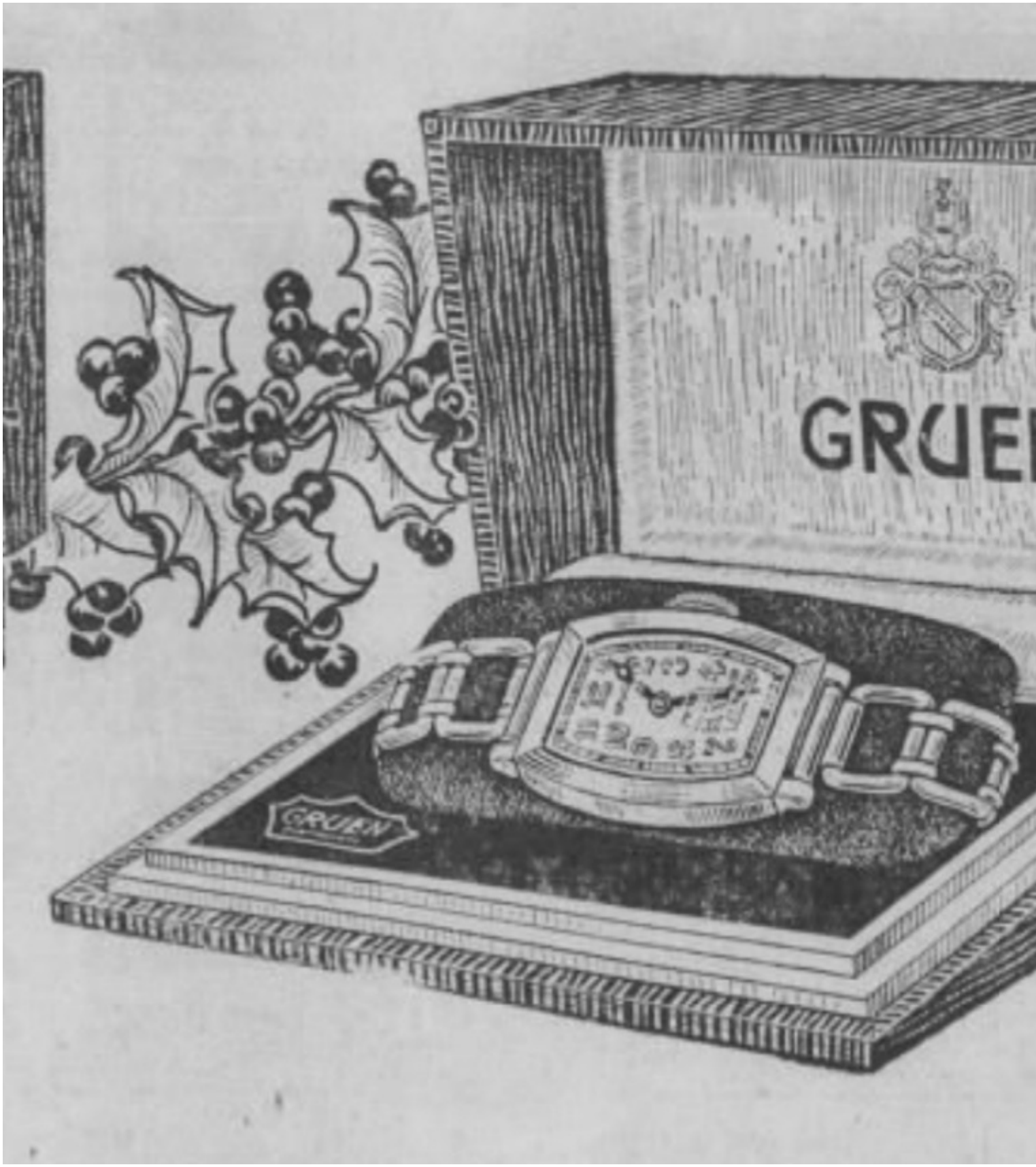
And I have some baguette boxes to show you if you'd like, ones really cool, art deco.

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Subject: Re: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by Jenneke on Tue, 18 May 2021 08:12:58 GMT
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Yours look crisp. Does your box have the greek pattern on top?
And I see your box is tipping back too without a watch in it.

It convinces me it is for bracelet watches (with foldable clasp?). Mostly mens watches. :) . But also maybe cord (with safety catch), mesh, flex ladies watches... So watch bands without open ends.

Ephemerald wrote on Tue, 18 May 2021 02:48
And I have some baguette boxes to show you if you'd like, ones really cool, art deco.

After this teaser... yes please!

Subject: Re: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by afire on Tue, 18 May 2021 15:12:30 GMT
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Jenneke wrote on Tue, 18 May 2021 03:12It convinces me it is for bracelet watches (with foldable clasp?). Mostly mens watches. :) . But also maybe cord (with safety catch), mesh, flex ladies watches... So watch bands without open ends.
I've always assumed that men's watches with bracelets shared smaller boxes with ladies models. Cool to see an ad that at least somewhat supports that notion, although this being different (and larger) than most short boxes may indicate that this particular box was for men's bracelet watches, not the smaller usual ladies boxes.

Subject: Re: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by Ephemerald on Tue, 18 May 2021 18:30:39 GMT
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Yes mine has the Greek meandros on top.

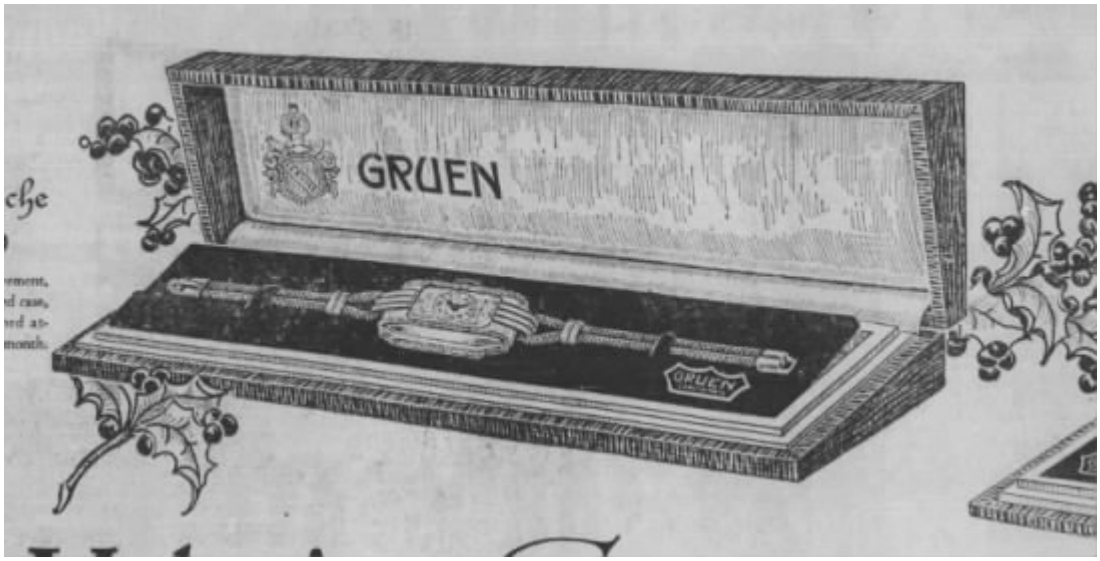
Here is one baguette box, the companion to the men's, Dec 1931.

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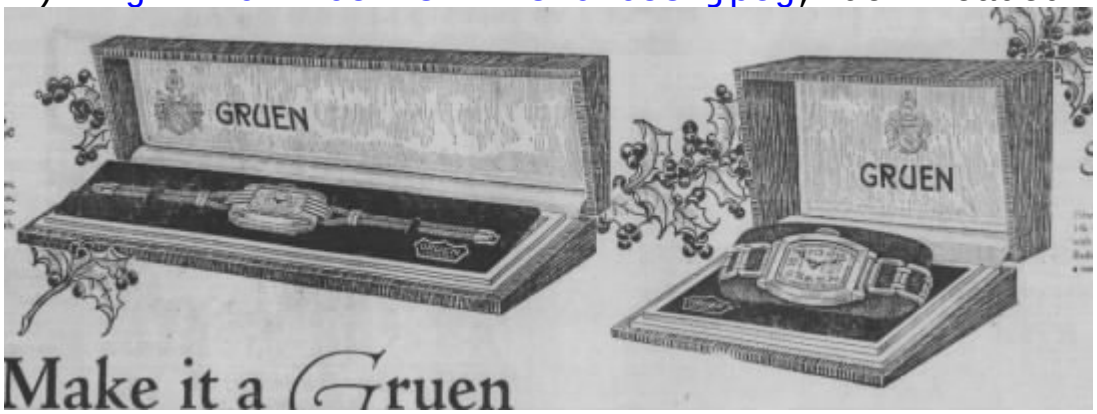
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Bbs w the other art deco baguette box...

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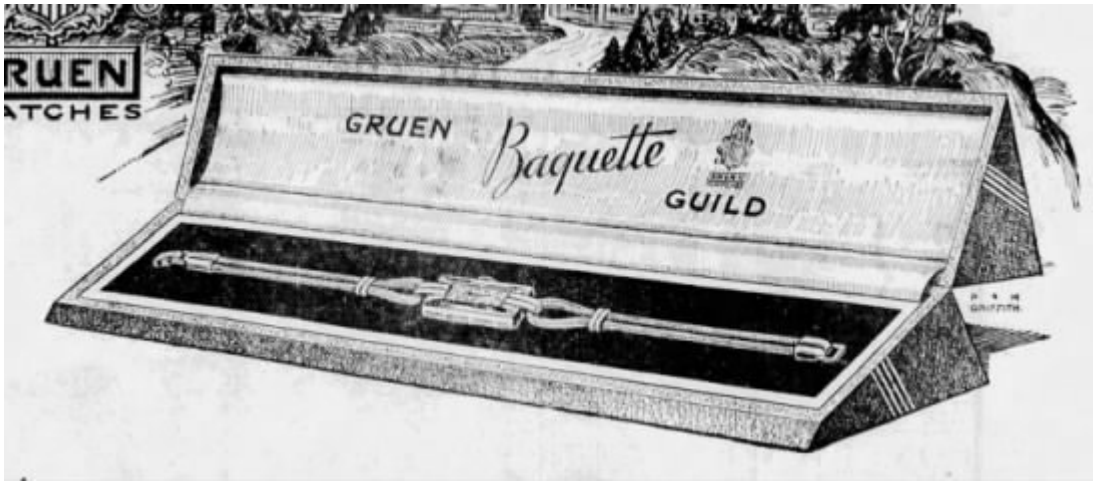

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Subject: Re: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by Ephemerald on Tue, 18 May 2021 18:50:29 GMT
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This is the one w a really unique shape, wish we could see the tops design but the sides give a clue.
Sept 27, 1931.

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Subject: Re: High oblique Service box brown
Posted by Jenneke on Tue, 18 May 2021 19:01:39 GMT
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No debate on that one. Baguette text inside the lid!  And Guild.
Texture different from the brown service boxes. And those lines... nice.

Artist impression by P O? M griffith.

Never seen an example.