Subject: March 10, 1925 Patent Box (& Pat Pending) with a false bottom.
Posted by Ephemerald on Sat, 23 Jan 2021 19:38:47 GMT
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Period :Mid 1920-1930
Watch type : ladies
Size :tbd
Inventor :Harold R. Haerr (assigned to Gruen Watch Co)
Patents :66772 (Filed May 20, 1922. Patented March 10, 1925)

Box maker. Unkown.

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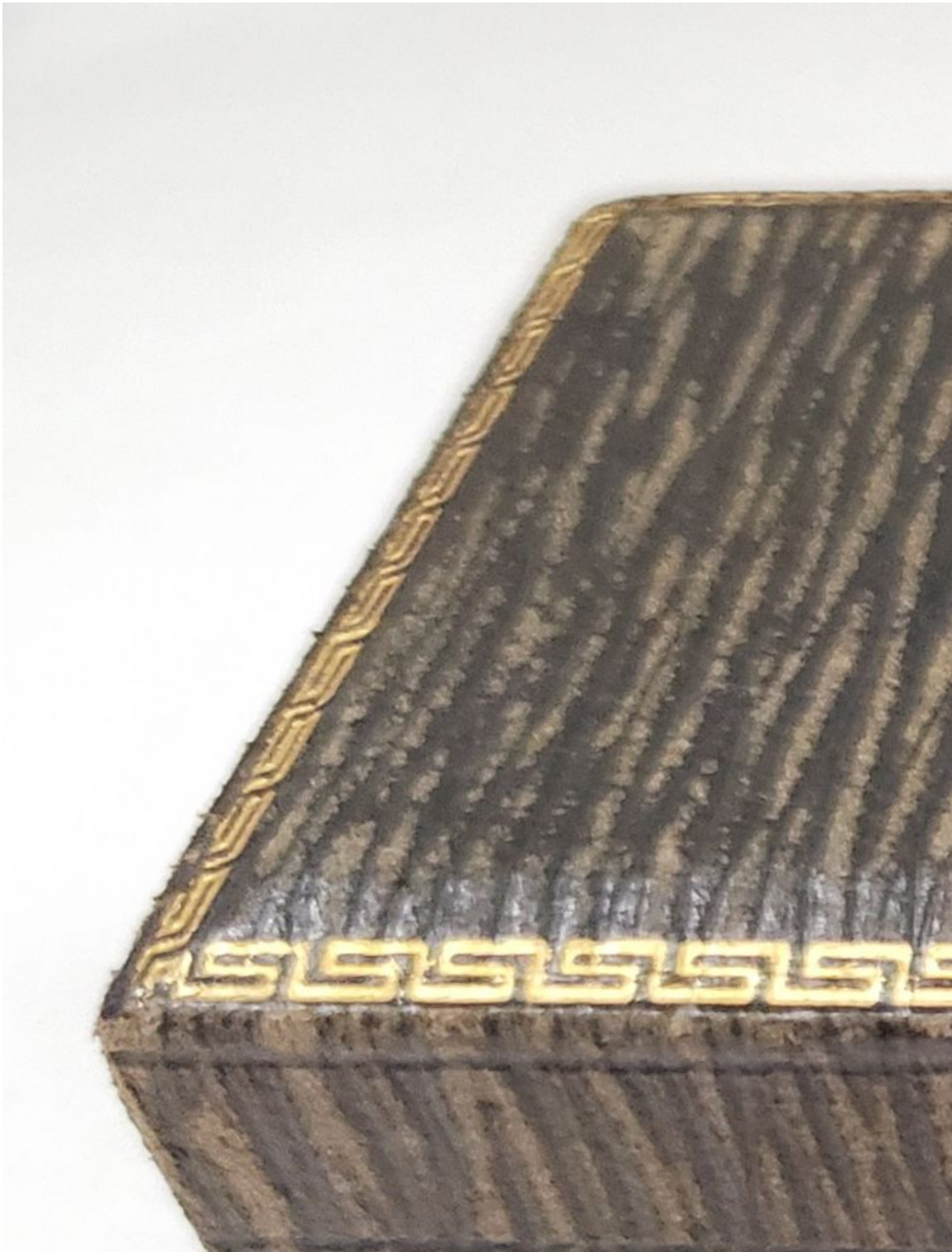
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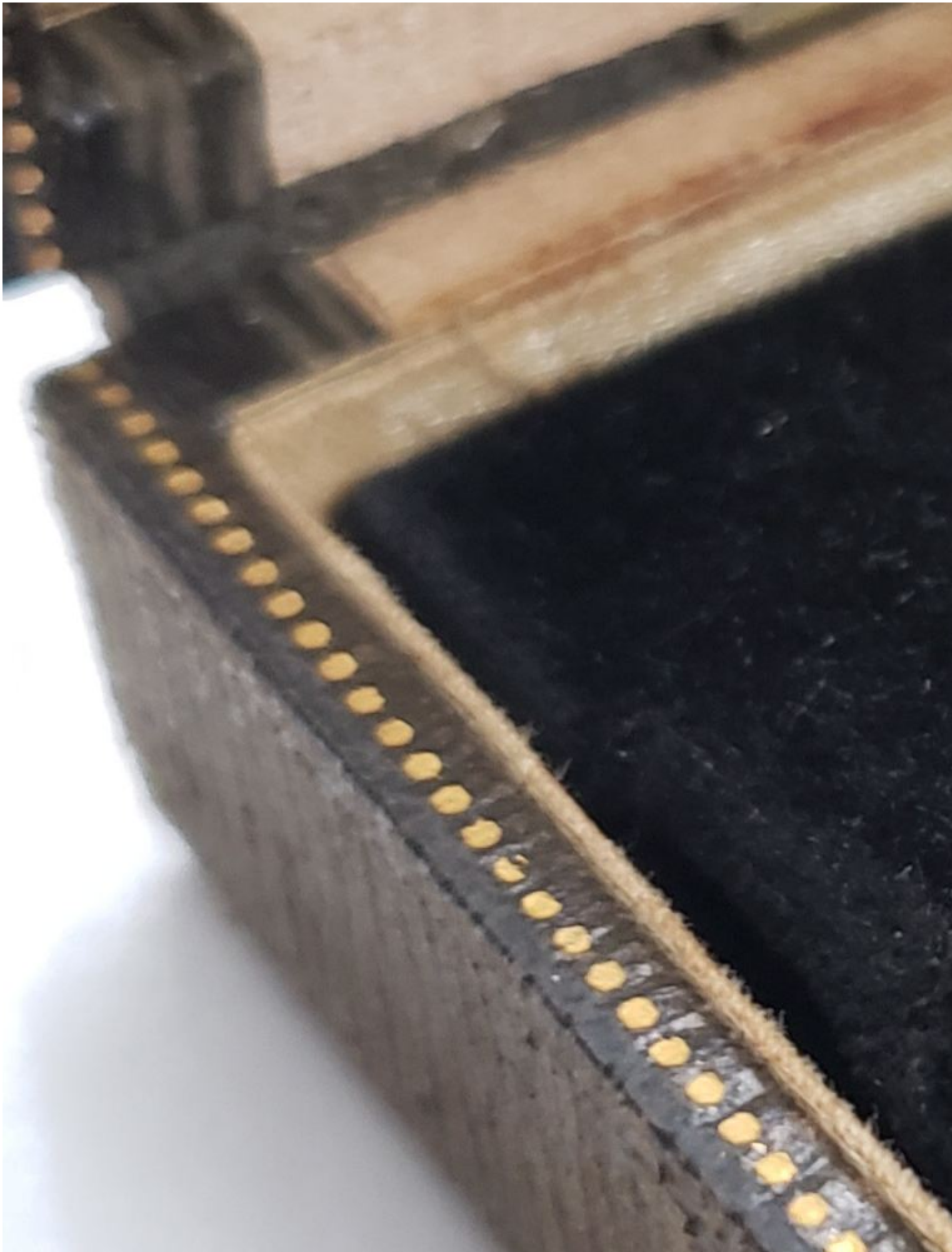
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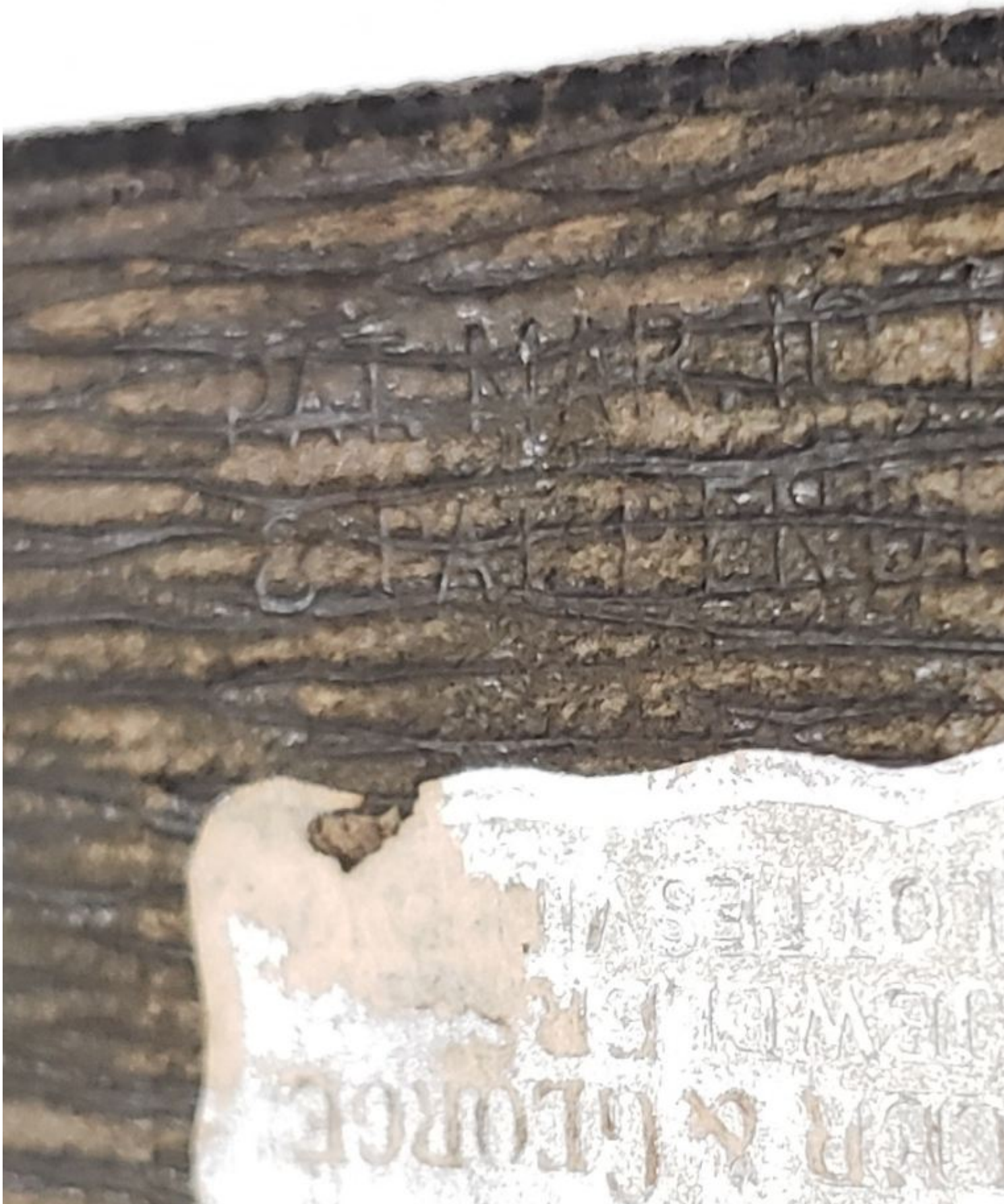
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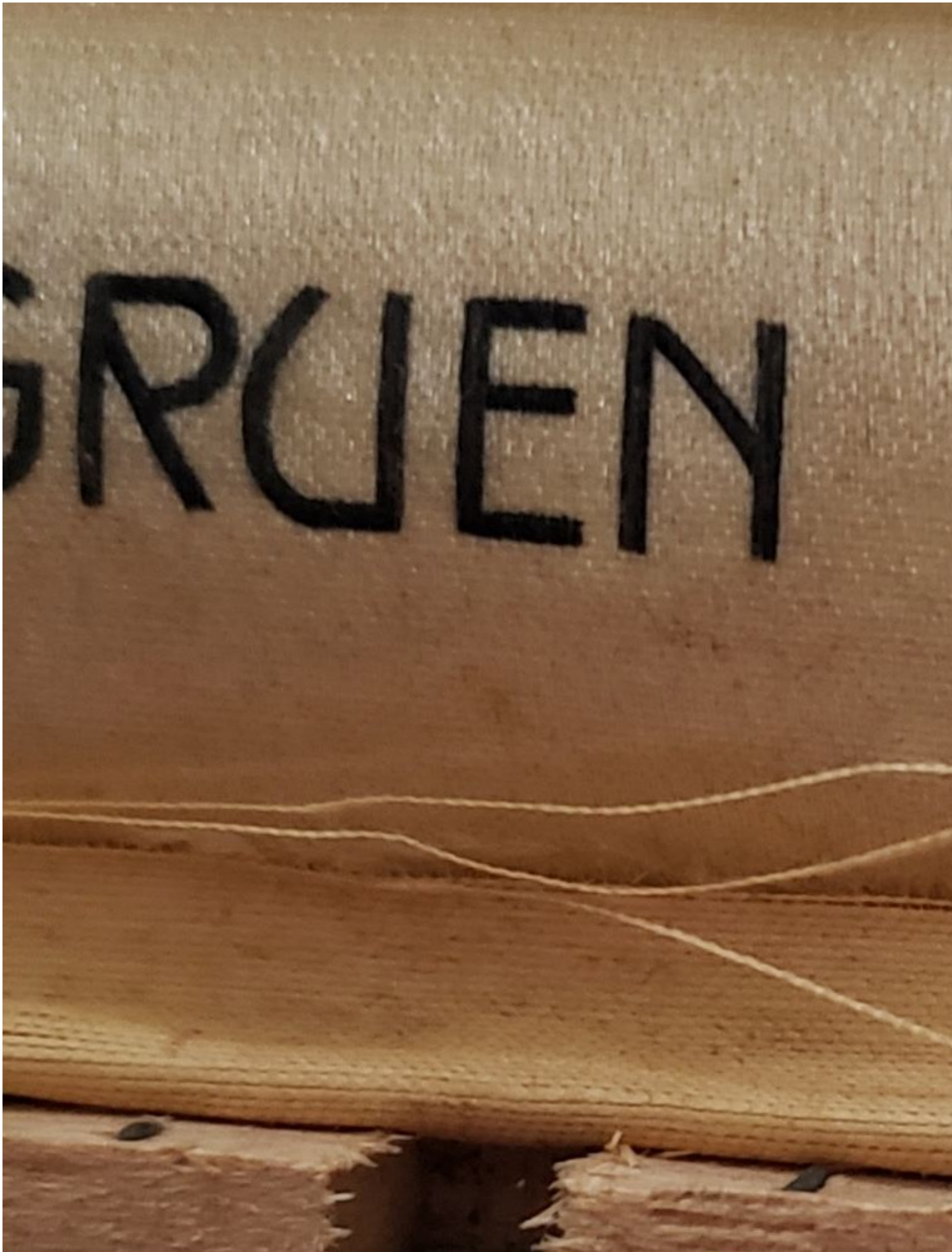
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This box is like....an olive green colour. Compared here to another box for colour & size.

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I have two things of interest to mention that I have learned.

First, Harold R. Haerr was a lifelong employee of Gruen. He held various positions including salesman, office manager, assistant to the president.....and of course patent holder,

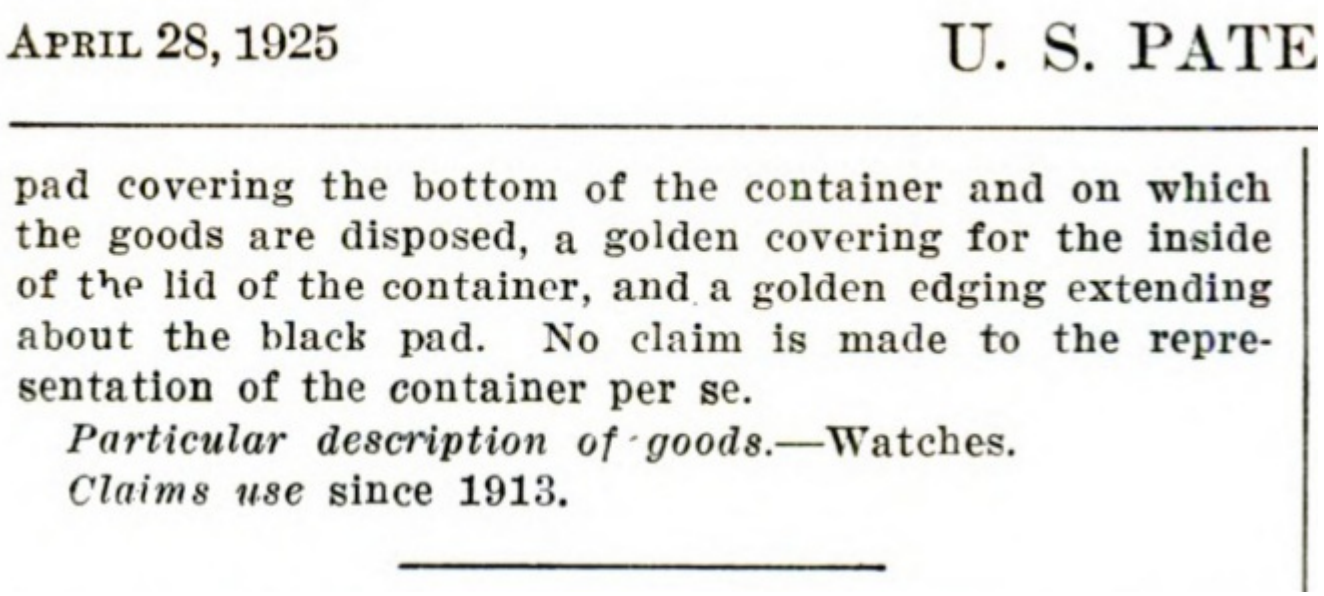
Second, even though this box is green...Gruen filed for trademark the color scheme in 1923 of brown outer box, inner black bottom, inner gold top, and gold trim on edge claiming use back to 1913. Past examples of "claims use" in patents have turned out to be accurate. Brown, gold, black is a Gruen signature.

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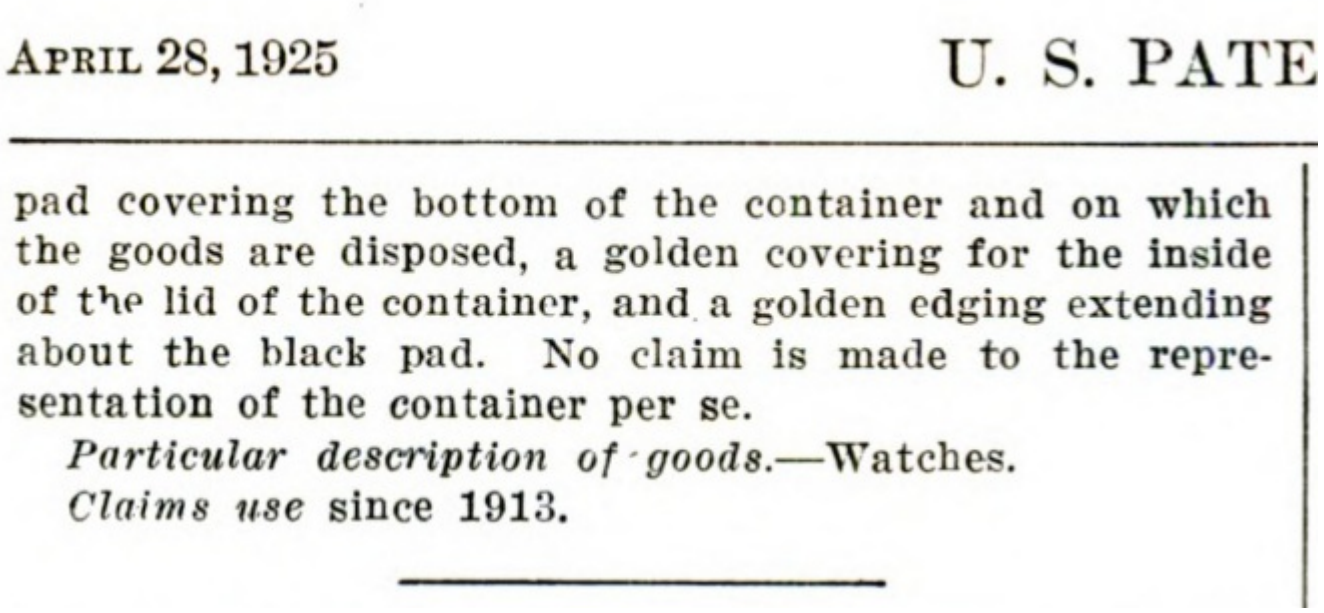

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Particular description of goods.—Watches.

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I wonder if Gruen ever got that color scheme patent approved. Btw, is that the “& Pat Pending” referenced on the box?

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Posted by Jenneke on Mon, 25 Jan 2021 18:28:57 GMT
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There is brown and brown. I would call this dark brown with olive “ flames”. Others are dark brown with brown, or brownred or middle brown or beige. Or.. 8)

These boxes withe golden dots inside preserve well. The gold outer trim doesnt fade. And the box feels softer to the touch. So would call this a higher quality box. Maybe for the more expensive watches?

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Yes, there’s definitely a higher material quality box line out there. I’ve a Quadron box with a noticeably different feel in the hand, like a true shark skin leather. I’ll look if ones posted already, if not I’ll post mine.

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Yes it's stamped "Pat Mar 10 1925 & Pat Pending"

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"Maybe for the more expensive watches?".

Yes, possibly for 14k Cartouches. Heres a pic from my collection showing the closest match to my box, many similarities but biggest difference is mine lacks metal clasp other than that they are close, minor difference the colour. Key similarities, size, false bottom, notched black velvet pad for ribbon attachment, etc. I'll have to dub czech but I think thid dates from 1929. And I believe my box predates what I am showing here.
Deleted the second photo bc it was only confusing what I was saying.

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