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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/schedd03.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/schedd09.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

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File Attachments

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1) [US-Class-D03-294.jpg](#), downloaded 1851 times

			272	. Trunk or shipping container type
-			273	. Enclosed
-			274	.. Combined with diverse article
			275	... Mirror
-			276	.. With carrying handle or provision therefor
			277	... Wickerwork
			278	... Provision for hanging garment
			279	... Wheeled
			280	... Horizontally divided and separated at base
			281	... Recessed handle
			282	... Molded integral handle
-			283	... Plural compartment
-			284	.... Interior
			285	.... With zipper closure
			286	.... Symmetrically arranged
			287	.... With shoulder strap
			288	... Plural panels forming closure
			289	... Zipper closure
			290	... Flap or strap closure
			291	... Handle centered on lid
			292	... Pivoted cooperating jaws closure
			293	.. With exterior hook or hanger
			294	.. Hinged closure
-			295	... Compartmented or with drawer
			296	.... Drawer
			297	.. With drawer
			298	.. Sliding closure
			299	.. Folding or roll-up type, or with flap closure
			300	.. Sleeve type

2) [US-Class-D09-420.jpg](#), downloaded 1831 times

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. Bilaterally symmetrical

**BOX OR PACKAGING CONTAINER**

- . With display or hanger panel (14)
- . Pull tab or tear strip opening
- . Specific flow director or spout
- . External display aperture, window, or magnifier
- . Ribbon, strip, or filament (1)
- . Swinging closure (2)
- .. Plural (15)
- .. Rotating into enclosure
- .. Planar top parallel to base
- . Molded or stamped type, i.e., cast, vacuum formed, etc.
- .. Flanged
- ... Joined similar halves
- ... Perforated bottom
- ... Circular or oval
- .... Plural ribs or grooves
- . Polygonal in plan
- .. Upwardly diverging or converging walls
- .. Rectangular or square