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

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GaryM wrote on Thu, 09 September 2021 08:35How does the back come off, not like a tank I'm guessing?

Standard hingeless snap-back construction.

One of the defining characteristics of a Tank model is the patented construction where the bezel and back are stamped from a single piece of metal, and the lugs are part of both the top and the back, not one or the other.

GaryM wrote on Thu, 09 September 2021 08:35Looking though the ads here I'm getting the vibes that this could be a gents cartouche, given no second hand and the slim look.

Definitely not a Mantouche, with a round movement (and no seconds because the 98 is a Lepine caliber). I know they cheated on that distinction and designated a few ladies' watches with round movements as Cartouches, but the only men's watches I've ever seen referred to as a Cartouche in advertising would be those early 1920s models with the big 16j calibers.

The only ghost of my collections past that kind of reminds me of this one was a Swiss cased sterling tank (lower case "t") with a cal. 127. I believe this sterling one predates the Master Book, which kind of makes me think the 14k green one may as well.