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Subject: GRUEN ASSMANNS

Posted by [artbissell](#) on Wed, 12 Jun 2013 08:20:15 GMT

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Posted by [artbissell](#) on Wed, 12 Jun 2013 16:03:28 GMT  
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Thojil wrote on Wed, 12 June 2013 05:38 Trying to make me jealous

CERTAINLY NOT . Do not want to offend a fine source for Gruen history and good judgement about watch mechanical details and varieties. art b.

Do you have some knowledge about the Assmann/Gruen small movements 0 size and 17''' ?

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Posted by [Thojil](#) on Wed, 12 Jun 2013 21:05:05 GMT  
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Unfortunately my knowledge of the Assmann movements is very limited. I will check if I can find something on the German Forums.

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Subject: Re: GRUEN ASSMANN  
Posted by [paul-s](#) on Sat, 29 Jun 2013 00:59:38 GMT  
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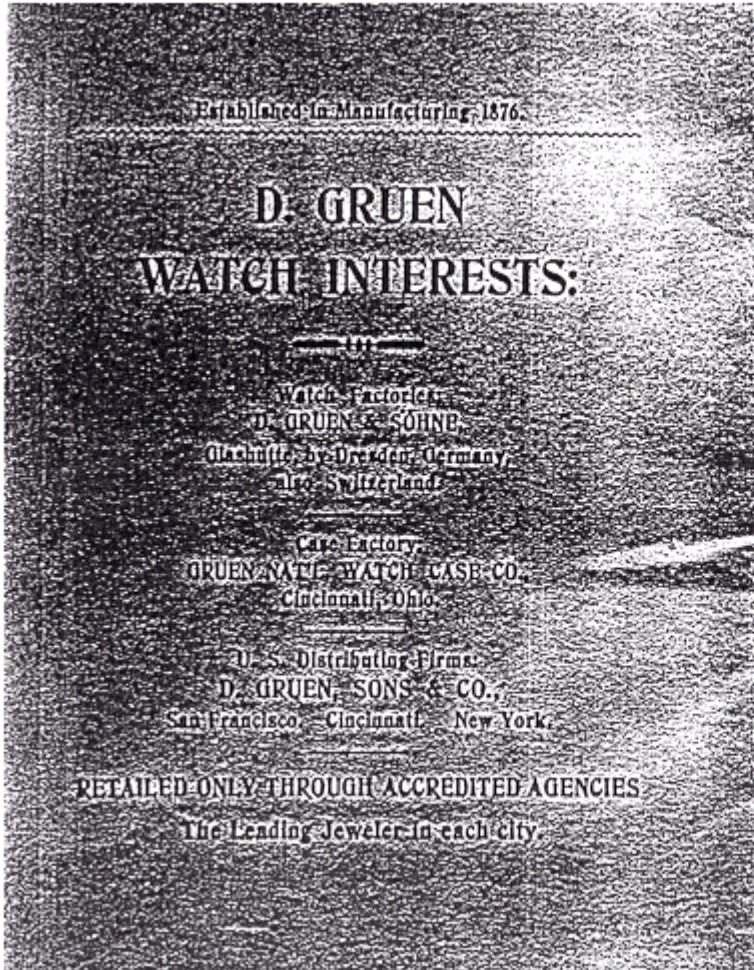
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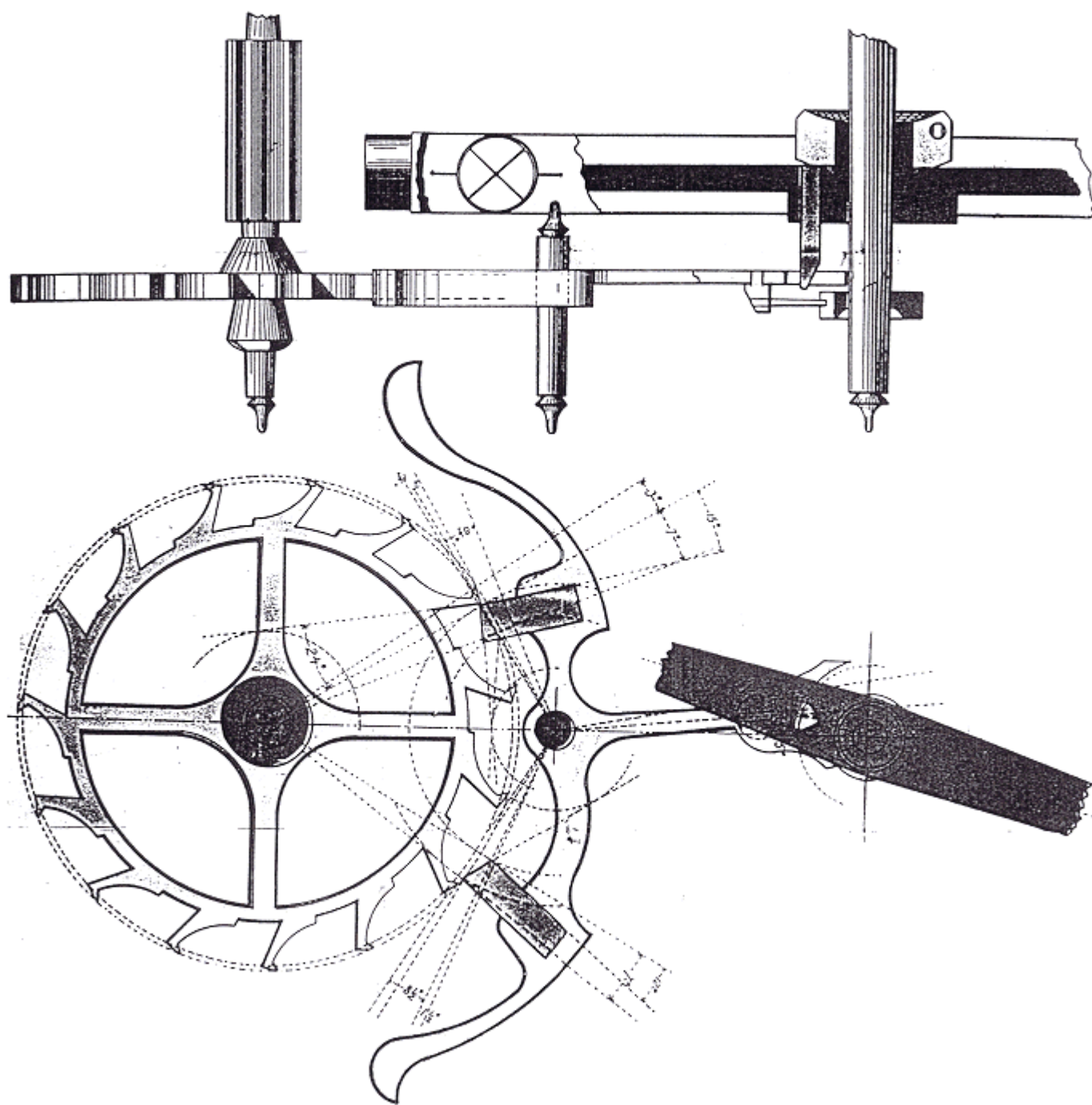
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Posted by [artbissell](#) on Sat, 29 Jun 2013 16:43:42 GMT

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First time seen listing of sizes available. Nice Grossmann details.   THANKYOU   Paul.   art b.

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Subject: Re: GRUEN ASSMANN'S

Posted by [Thojil](#) on Mon, 01 Jul 2013 12:47:04 GMT

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Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Mon, 01 Jul 2013 16:59:47 GMT

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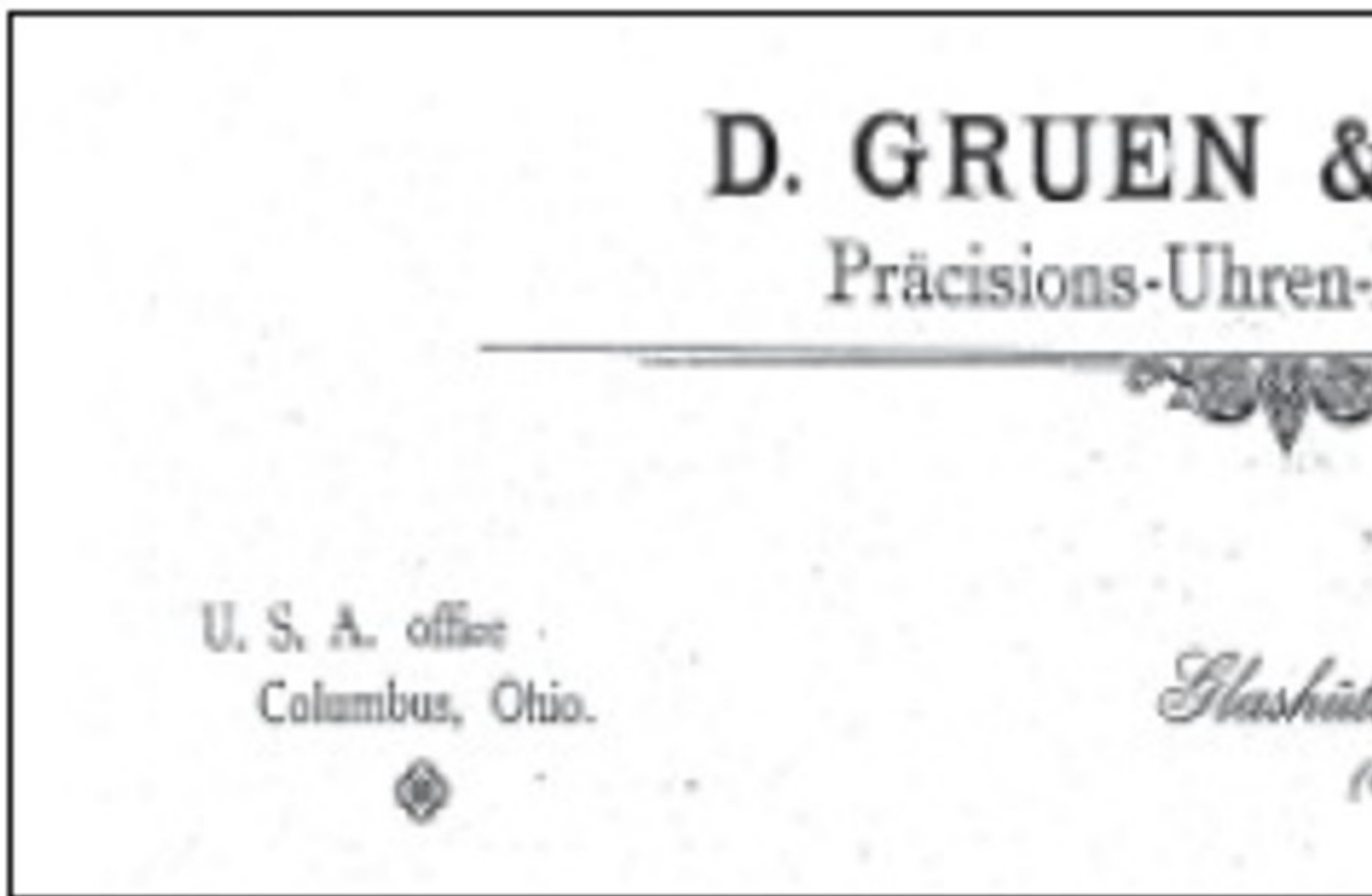
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See also (in German): [http://watch-wiki.org/index.php?title=Gruen\\_Watch\\_Company/de](http://watch-wiki.org/index.php?title=Gruen_Watch_Company/de)  
It gives some info on Assmann and the "Grünsche Uhrenfabrikation Grün und Assmann".

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Subject: Re: GRUEN ASSMANNS

Posted by [artbissell](#) on Mon, 01 Jul 2013 18:06:52 GMT

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Posted by [Thojil](#) on Mon, 01 Jul 2013 20:42:48 GMT  
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Jenneke wrote on Mon, 01 July 2013 18:59 They started earlier with precision movements. See picture below. It says "Präcisions Uhren" and is dated 20 August 1898.

You are right, I wasn't really clear by what I meant. I was referring to the movements that Gruen started selling after they stopped the Assmann joint venture and switched to Swiss produced movements.

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Subject: Re: GRUEN ASSMANN'S  
Posted by [Thojil](#) on Mon, 01 Jul 2013 20:56:13 GMT  
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Thanks that explains the size.

I was not referring to the VeriThin Extra Precision, but Calibers 50 and 56 Extra Precision (and also cal. 35 & 21 normal Precision)

Thomas

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Subject: Re: GRUEN ASSMANN  
Posted by [Dennis8745](#) on Mon, 19 Oct 2015 21:26:59 GMT  
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Thanks, that answers my question. Best Regards

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Subject: Re: GRUEN ASSMANN  
Posted by [mikey](#) on Tue, 20 Oct 2015 02:29:41 GMT  
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Dennis8745 wrote on Mon, 19 October 2015 17:26Thanks, that answers my question. Best Regards

Thojil & Art are two of our more knowledgeable members when it comes to Gruen pocket watches.

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Subject: Re: GRUEN ASSMANN  
Posted by [Case](#) on Thu, 03 Jun 2021 13:05:25 GMT  
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Reviving this thread, because I can now pinpoint that this catalog was published between January & April 1901. Note that the Grossman escapement insert had been included in Gruen catalogs since the very first one published in 1895 (always printed in full color), and it was used at least until the one circa 1906-1907 that I posted in the Reference section.

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