Subject: Part Box
Posted by Gary on Mon, 03 Aug 2020 23:11:16 GMT
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Description
Fake wood box with gold inscription. Has a nice slide out locking feature, why would they not use this over the dreaded hinge or snap they use today? Liz or someone who has the full set please post, the box belongs to a very nice set of boxes. I only have bits and pieces of the full set.

Period : 1920
Box maker : Unknown

Outer Box

Inner Box -Look at those baby blues!

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Subject: Re: Part Box
Posted by Ephemerald on Tue, 04 Aug 2020 00:35:28 GMT
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I like these ones with the slide too. This box section has peaked my interest in my boxes. I'd like to add some to the database but many I don't know the years to them. Does anyone know when the paper boxes (paper mache) were in use? I thought 30s but not sure...

Subject: Re: Part Box
Posted by Gary on Tue, 04 Aug 2020 00:51:05 GMT
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Matt, you can take a guess and post. When known one of the moderators can move them to the

correct forum.

The mysteries of Gruen.;-)

Subject: Re: Part Box
Posted by Case on Tue, 04 Aug 2020 03:33:10 GMT
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Gary—I have a couple of these, and the wrap around the box seems to be a leather of some sort (later 1930s ones I have a cloth faux leather of similar pattern). I'd read something somewhere about this being shark skin, on these and the early verithin & Quadron boxes.

Am I recalling that correctly?

I think these are all hand-crafted. Masterpieces of the Guild craftsmen in their own right, IMO

Subject: Re: Part Box
Posted by Gary on Tue, 04 Aug 2020 03:43:07 GMT
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Dan, the ones I have feel paper cloth like, maybe the ones I have are from the 30's.

Liz might check for the skin version on hers whatever they might be.

Subject: Re: Part Box
Posted by timeliz on Tue, 04 Aug 2020 03:56:20 GMT
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Mine are all cloth backed textured paper.

Subject: Re: Part Box
Posted by Barney Green on Tue, 04 Aug 2020 14:53:24 GMT
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Same are mine...

Subject: Re: Part Box
Posted by timeliz on Tue, 04 Aug 2020 15:27:03 GMT
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I'm not surprised if the watch cases were done in leather. I'll need to look closer at mine.
Parts cases really didn't need to be as they weren't meant for display.

Subject: Re: Part Box
Posted by Ephemerald on Tue, 01 Sep 2020 03:47:29 GMT
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timeliz wrote on Mon, 03 August 2020 21:56Mine are all cloth backed textured paper.
Digging into your Star Case Co lead....it was mentioned several times of their use of "Fabrikoid" and also..."paper Fabrikoid".

"Fabrikoid was an artificial leather manufactured by DuPont. Fabrikoid consists of cotton cloth coated with nitrocellulose. Among other uses it has been used for luggage, bookbinding, upholstery and dress trimmings".
And I saw several references to "display boxes"

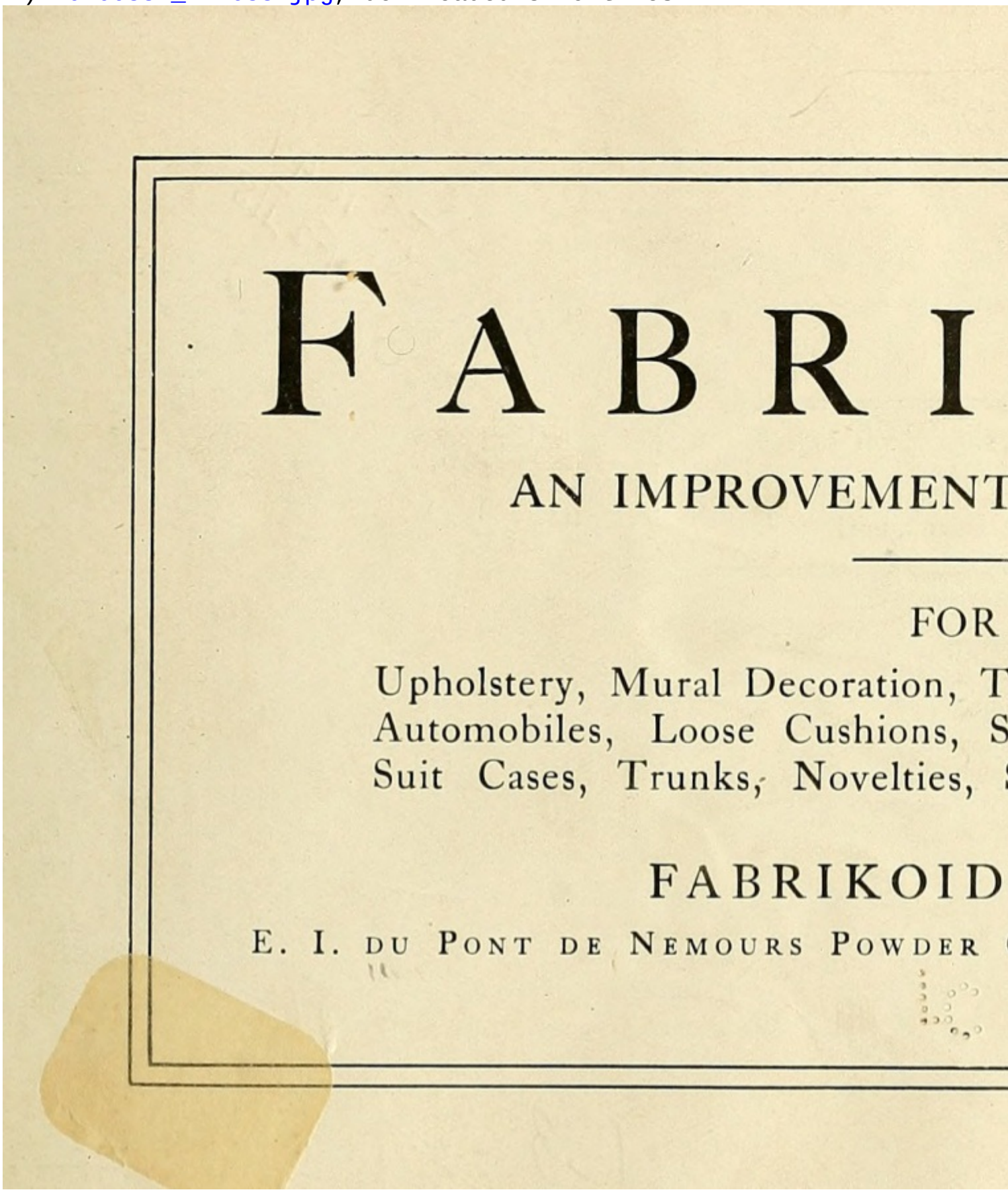
This could be the stuff on some of the boxes I believe it's possible that may explain the parts cases. Two of mine; one very papery, the other more faux leather.
Dupont was successful at marketing this to leather using companies during the push for less leather use during WW1.

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Subject: Re: Part Box
Posted by Jenneke on Fri, 30 Jun 2023 18:52:38 GMT
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Today a few of these boxes arrived. One looking like it was chewed on.

On the bottom a little flap that sparked my curiosity. Text?

Ok… its loose so lets peek under it.

Huh. 8o reuse of paper or misprints from the factory?

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Subject: Re: Part Box
Posted by Barney Green on Fri, 30 Jun 2023 20:58:59 GMT
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Right, it's reused paper. Observed the same on mine.