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Subject: Strap 250

Posted by [Ephemerald](#) on Tue, 09 Mar 2021 22:13:28 GMT

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Model name: Oxford

Type:Strap

Period/date:1934ish

Gender:male

Case Maker:Gruen

Case Material:Guildite

Case Serial:6049294

Case Style no:154

Caliber:704

Movement Maker:Gruen Lavina

Movement Serial:

Bracelet: Of period,likely original. Note small detail: I like how the u is flipped in Gruen on caseback.

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Subject: Re: Strap 250  
Posted by [afire](#) on Wed, 10 Mar 2021 17:01:12 GMT  
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Ephemerald wrote on Tue, 09 March 2021 16:13: Bracelet: Of period, likely original.  
What brand is the bracelet? Add a picture of the clasp and I can see if I can ID it in my Gruen bracelet catalog.

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Subject: Re: Strap 250  
Posted by [Ephemerald](#) on Wed, 10 Mar 2021 20:13:34 GMT  
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That'd be great, what year was your bracelet catalog published?  
It's probably by A & Z. I think. There is definitely no name marked, that's why I had it taken apart, but there is a patent that comes back to a Dalo but assigned to A & Z Chain out of Rhode Island. Began business in 1905, still around in some form. I know I have 5 or 6 other Gruens with A & Z marked chains & I see them all the time on Gruens too, ones that look to be convincingly original.

Thanks.

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<https://www.ebay.com/itm/GRUEN-A-Z-1-20-12K-GOLD-FILLED-PAT-NO-1700489-BILLY-VINTAGE-WRIST-WATCH-0301-/371451517959>.

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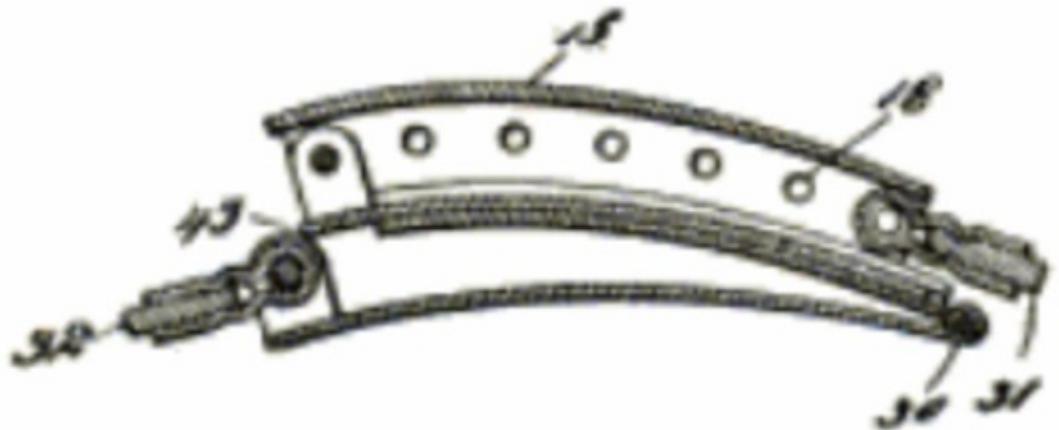
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Providence, R. I., a Corporation of Rhode Island.  
Feb. 11, 1928. Serial No. 253,678. 13  
24—71.)



1. In an extension device for a wrist watch comprising a plurality of sections hinged together to fold on one of said sections comprising two parts sliding on the other, means for retaining said sections in position and at the same time preventing sliding of one on the other whereby said sections must be able to slide the parts one on the other.

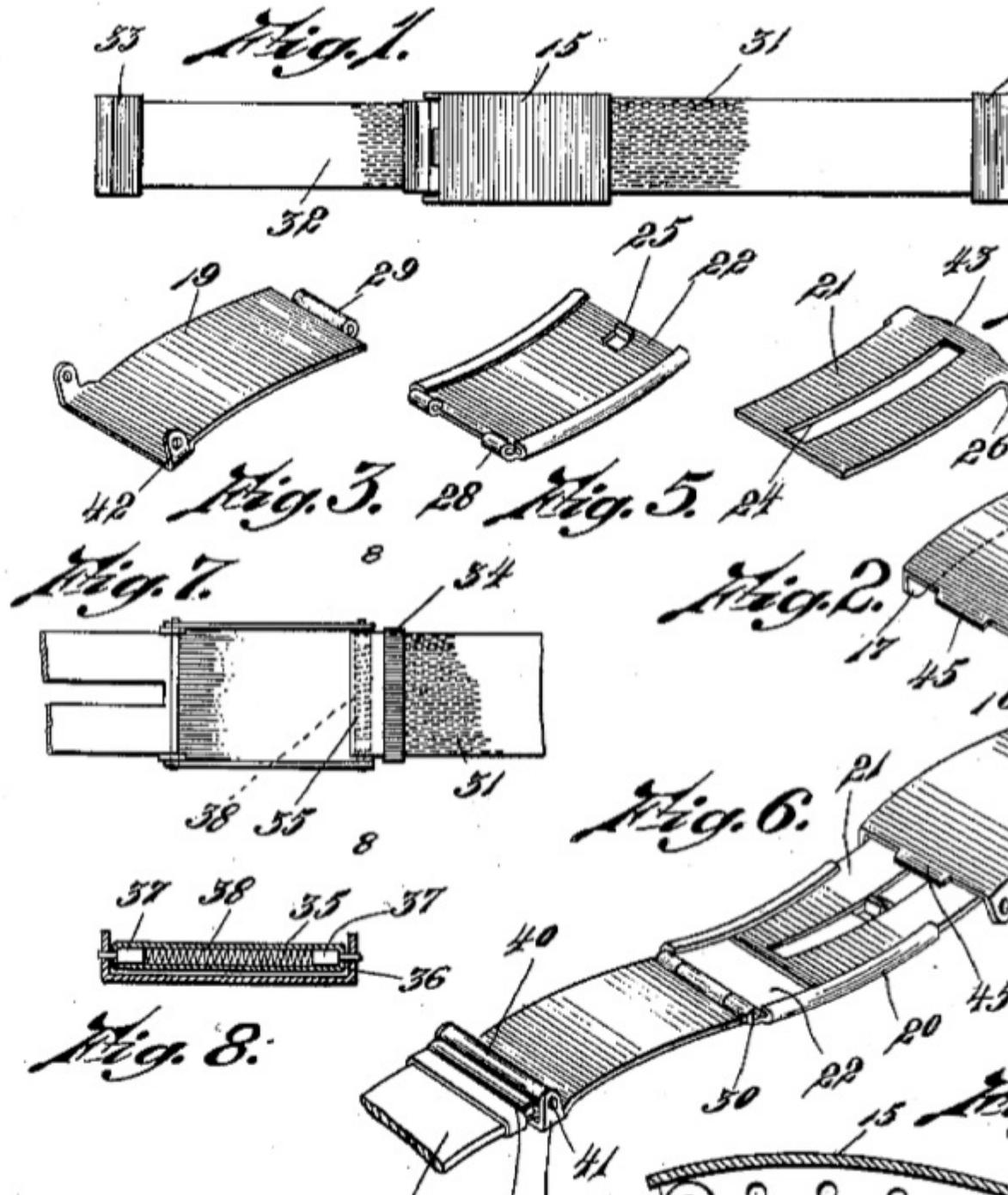
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Subject: Re: Strap 250

Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Wed, 10 Mar 2021 20:20:37 GMT

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Sleek art deco watch! And pretty bracelet.

And guildite not something you see often.

Varsity extra wide.... no match found.

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Subject: Re: Strap 250

Posted by [afire](#) on Thu, 11 Mar 2021 17:46:18 GMT

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Ephemerald wrote on Wed, 10 March 2021 14:13 That'd be great, what year was your bracelet catalog published?

All the years. It's actually the bracelet equivalent of the Master Book. There are a ton of bracelets similar to this one, but none by A&Z. Mostly Kreisler, Sturdy, and Speidel. And the pictures are not clear enough to make out details like the four ridges in the connecting pieces for a positive ID. But I agree, it could well be original. Gruen was definitely using this style of bracelet, and that patented clasp may also have been licensed to one of the manufacturers I mentioned.

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