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Subject: Gruen parts box

Posted by [Ephemerald](#) on Thu, 01 Apr 2021 01:37:28 GMT

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With discussions of what material some boxes are made of in mind, I was taking a closer look at one of my parts boxes, one that's damaged so I seldom touch it, but I noticed that on the underside there is clearly printed word...like a newspaper?....so I just wanted to say some of the "leatherette" skin on some the parts boxes seem to be made from recycled newspaper!...or something like a page from a book, maybe. Anyways thought it was interesting and funny :lol:

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That is interesting. Recycled material. I guess I couldnt control myself to peel it a bit more. :d

I have noticed old newspaper used in cutlery boxes. Maybe this was a common use. Could help dating a box :roll:

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If we all pitch in for a communal X-ray machine we could date our boxes and read some interesting articles.

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Gary- like 44 Gruen ad says.. the x ray machine that they dropped from the sky!

Jenneke- no way would I tear the box up. But I did daydream about it, and that there was actually a map underneath to the records, in the landfill.... I'm confident in dating most of my parts boxes so no need to go ballistic. This one is from 1928 to 1929.

They started out originally leather in 1925. And they released certain parts boxes shortly after the calibres were released so jeweler's could repair, here this explains some of it, luckily some of those calibres were in existence just a small window of time.

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IT can be imagined that this industry condition has been a source of much annoyance to the large manufacturer, such as the Gruen Watch Makers Guild. The Gruen watch is both Swiss and American made. This company has its plants on both sides of the Atlantic, manufacturing its own watch movements and gold watch cases. The Swiss have always had the reputation of making the best watches, principally because of their hereditary skill. The problem, however, has been this lack of standardization, and the inability of the American jeweler always to get repair parts for these miscellaneous Swiss watches. The difficulty of getting repair parts can be understood when we learn that there are now 600 Swiss watches under various names being imported into the country. Many are of nondescript origin.

To overcome this condition as applied to its own business, the Gruen Watch Makers Guild recently originated the Gruen material cabinet. This cabinet holds genuine Gruen parts, such as springs, wheels, jewels and screws. This makes it possible for the jeweler to get dependable Gruen parts, and to do thorough and quick repair. These outfits consist of leather cabinets containing a number of glass bottles, in which the parts are classified. There are sixteen cabinets in all. The set is fitted into a compact case. For a time these cabinets are being offered at a special introductory price, so as to assure a wide distribution of the outfit among jewelers. The proposition is being advertised to the trade. The company expects that this new plan will better enable it to carry out its basic selling policy to offer Gruen watches for

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Aha! So there are true leather ones amid the paper ones. Great find!

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