Subject: Gruen "Wristlet" Watch Box
Posted by Ephemerald on Fri, 29 Oct 2021 20:39:10 GMT
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Description: ok, trying to catalog more of my boxes for the box ppl.
I would describe this as light olive green leather over wood.
I'd appreciate any feedback and expertise on putting a date to this box

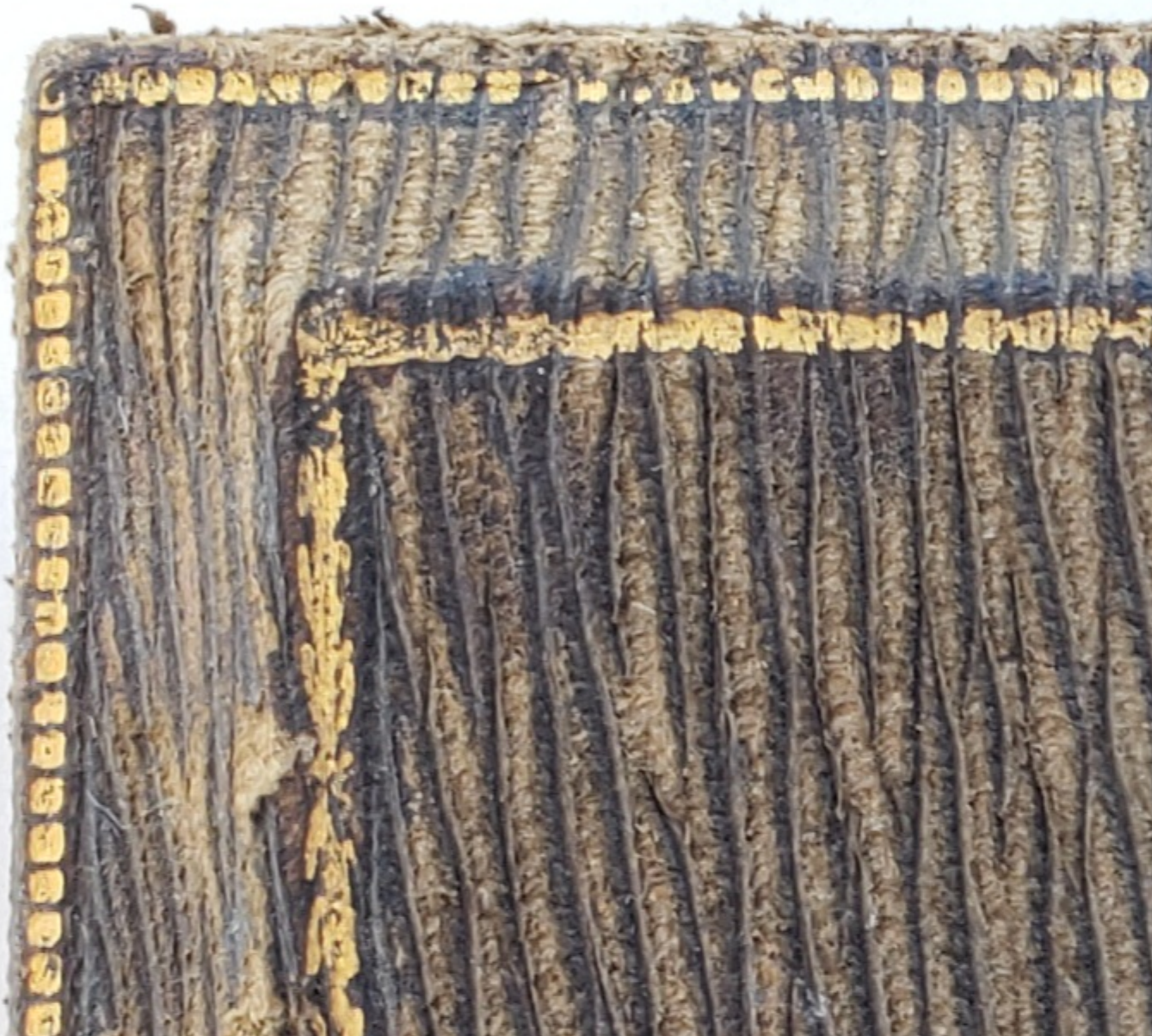
Period:1912- 1922?
Watch type: Wristlet.
Size: the usual, but tall.
Inventor:
Patents:

Box maker:

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Posted by Ephemerald on Fri, 29 Oct 2021 20:42:04 GMT
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Gruen "Wristlet" Watch inserts are in boxes from teens (mostly 1915-1916) but I will show the one box that is the closest general match from McClures November 1915.

Ad from Thorpe & Company. Founded in 1900. Dissolved in 2021.

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Others, $35 to $250

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means a

GRUEN WRIST WATCH

or a

DIAMOND RING

Thorpe & Company

"Sioux City's Leading Jewellers"

509 Fourth Street

Subject: Re: Gruen "Wrislet" Watch Box
Posted by Jenneke on Fri, 29 Oct 2021 22:00:17 GMT
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I have seen that watch holder in a 1916 ad with a convertible (“wristlet”. Imo you are in the correct period. No gruen crest yet. Brown velvet. And a pusher to open/close the box.

And… no patented or patents pending (other gold rim)

Subject: Re: Gruen "Wrislet" Watch Box
Posted by Ephemerald on Fri, 29 Oct 2021 22:50:07 GMT
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Ok, thanks! Yup, there are these images of Gruen Wrislet Watch inserts from 1916. But I have yet to see a box in an advertisement that matches my box exactly. My insert is not removable. Good to know I'm in the ballpark. The 1912 boxes have similarities to mine but the inserts are quite different. So what was the colour of velvet in the wristlet boxes before brown?

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A watch of real distinction

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Wristlet Watch

Subject: Re: Gruen "Wrislet" Watch Box
Posted by Case on Sat, 30 Oct 2021 03:08:23 GMT
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I think 14-15 is the range. 1913 ads through end of year show same box as 1912 —and labeling on outside. No box pics from 1914, but the insert in that Nov 1915 ad box seems a next evolution from yours.

Subject: Re: Gruen "Wrislet" Watch Box
Posted by Jenneke on Sat, 30 Oct 2021 06:48:37 GMT
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I am not sure, but think all the brown inserts were fixed.

The color before (or after)… might be greyish/taupe color. See my convertible wristlet box. And the unusual afire box.