Subject: Wooden crystal cabinet
Posted by Jenneke on Tue, 07 Jun 2022 20:47:18 GMT
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Description: Brown wooden cabinet with two drawers with gold coloured knobs. Black/gold metal label with red/gold gruen service crest and text: “Standard forme shape crystals for gruen watches”. Brownred metal dividers.

Period: 1933 (highest style number is 139)
Content: odd shaped red label gruen crystals
Watch type: for pocket and wrist watches. Parts numbers 1 to 52 (first drawer) and 53 to 100 (second drawer).
Size: width=31.3 cm, depth=18.2cm, height= 8.5cm
Patents: unknown
Box maker: unknown

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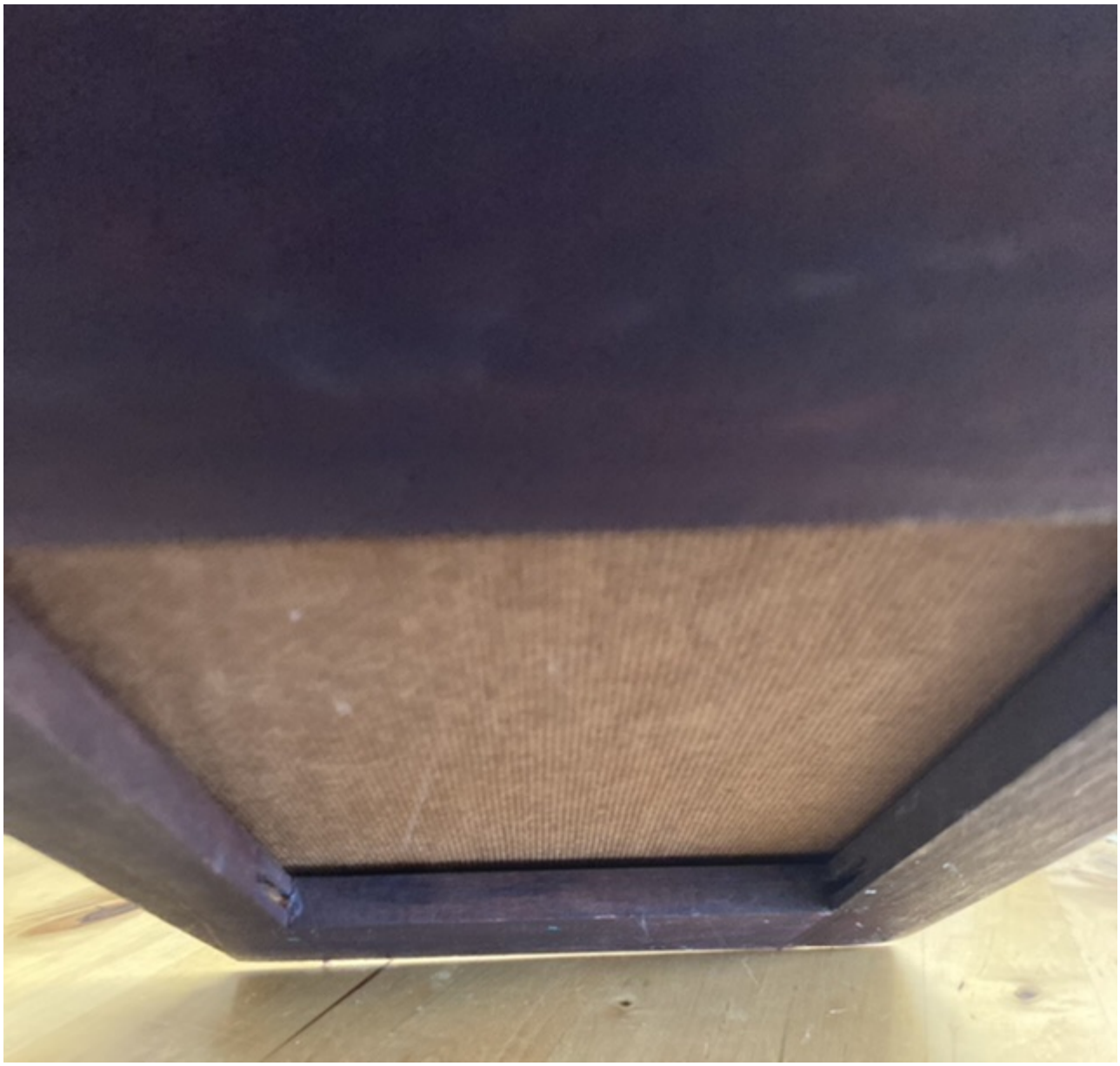

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The paper in the bottom of the drawer, probably supplied with the cabinet.

And what is on the back:

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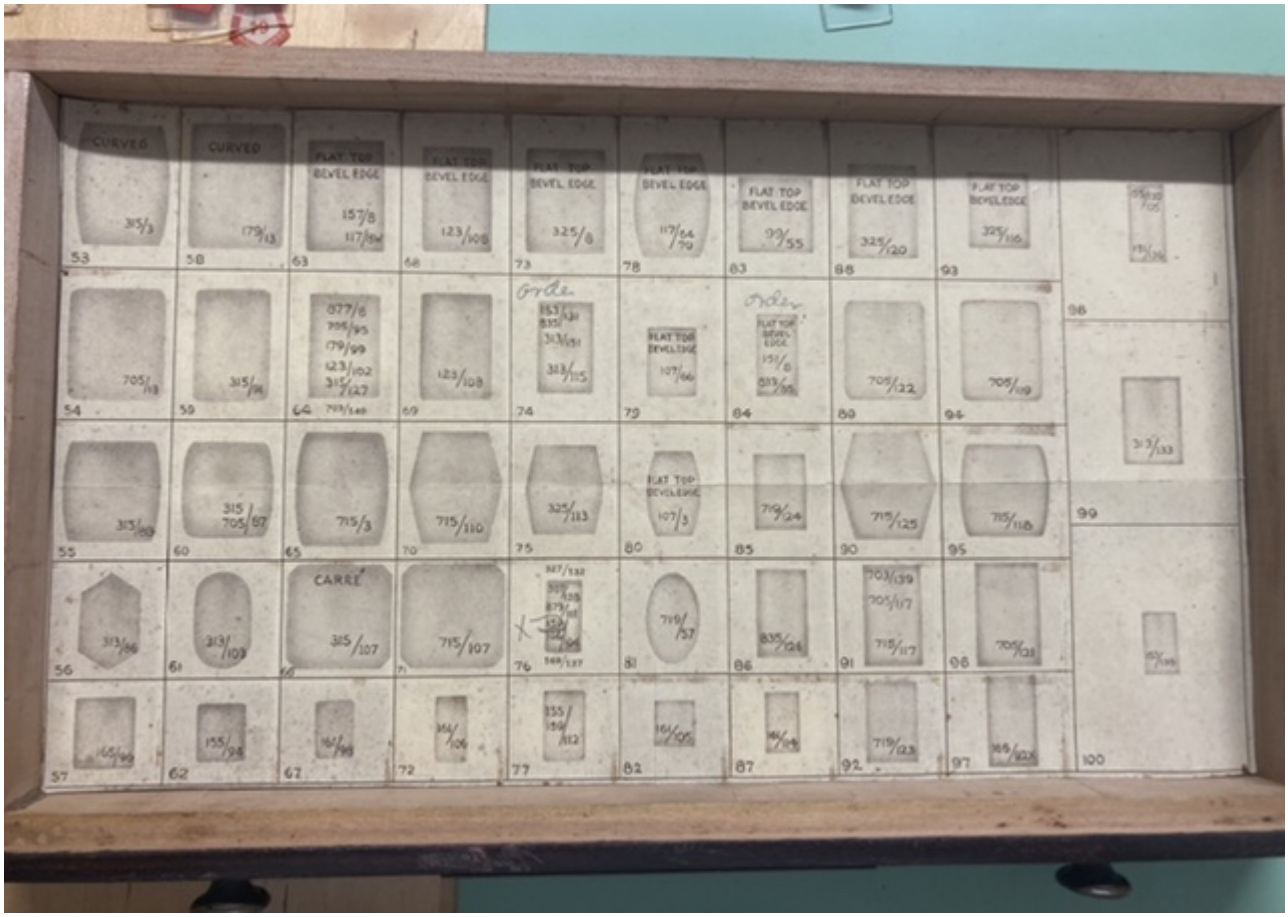

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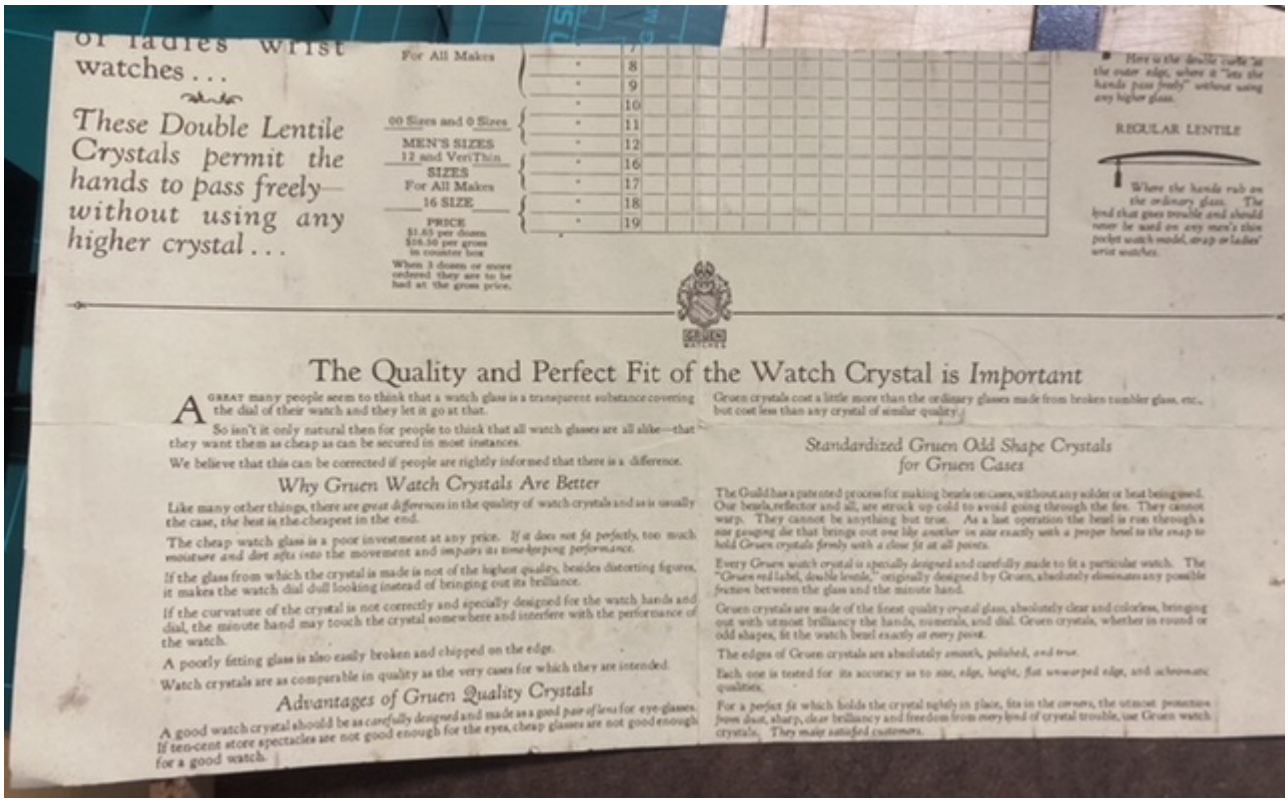

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The Quality and Perfect Fit of the Watch Crystal is *Important*

A GREAT many people seem to think that a watch glass is a transparent substance covering the dial of their watch and they let it go at that.

So isn't it only natural then for people to think that all watch glasses are all alike—that they want them as cheap as can be secured in most instances.

We believe that this can be corrected if people are rightly informed that there is a difference.

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Like many other things, there are *great differences* in the quality of watch crystals and as is usually the case, *the best is the cheapest in the end.*

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If the glass from which the crystal is made is not of the highest quality, besides distorting figures, it makes the watch dial dull looking instead of bringing out its brilliance.

If the curvature of the crystal is not correctly and specially designed for the watch hands and dial, the minute hand may touch the crystal somewhere and interfere with the performance of the watch.

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A good watch crystal should be as *carefully designed* and made as a good *pair of lens* for eye-glasses. If ten-cent store spectacles are not good enough for the eyes, cheap glasses are not good enough for a good watch.

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The edges of Gruen crystals are absolutely *smooth, polished, and true.*

Each one is tested for its accuracy as to *size, edge, height, flat unwarped edge,* and *achromatic qualities.*

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Posted by Case on Wed, 08 Jun 2022 11:38:33 GMT
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That's a nice cabinet, and even better that it has so many original crystals remaining. Sheesh, was anything damaged in shipping? Or did it all snap back together??

Subject: Re: Wooden crystal cabinet
Posted by Jenneke on Wed, 08 Jun 2022 17:18:29 GMT
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The dividers snapped back. One drawer fixed with glue. And a dozen broken glasses for good luck. :(

Subject: Re: Wooden crystal cabinet
Posted by Case on Wed, 08 Jun 2022 18:01:59 GMT
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Man, that’s tough.

Subject: Re: Wooden crystal cabinet
Posted by Ephemerald on Wed, 08 Jun 2022 18:10:42 GMT
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"Box maker: unknown"

I think this is very likely made by Specialty Display Case Company, Kendallville, Indiana.

That is manufacturer for one of my Gruen "Kwiksale" cabinets. Which uses the *exact* same Gruen front plate, same drawer knobs, and same just overall look, construction, etc.

Subject: Re: Wooden crystal cabinet
Posted by Jenneke on Wed, 08 Jun 2022 18:36:57 GMT
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Great!!! Does your cabinet have that on a label on the back? I know I saw a name on one of those parts cabinets online and saved it, but cant find it.

Subject: Re: Wooden crystal cabinet
Posted by Ephemerald on Thu, 09 Jun 2022 04:32:06 GMT
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Jenneke wrote on Wed, 08 June 2022 12:36Great!!! Does your cabinet have that on a label on the back?

Yes.

Subject: Re: Wooden crystal cabinet
Posted by Ephemerald on Sun, 10 Jul 2022 20:54:18 GMT
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I understand how you feel on bad shippers n crystals, these wee supposedly in numeric order before they arrived. And I haven't got around to organizing yet. It's driving me bonkers.

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Subject: Re: Wooden crystal cabinet
Posted by Jenneke on Sun, 10 Jul 2022 21:58:37 GMT
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Lool. But they dont seem to be broken. That is a plus.

Must say that organising stuff is somehow therapeutic. Pull them out of the box and sort them in piles?