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Subject: The caliber 839

Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Sun, 09 Feb 2014 21:36:38 GMT

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The Gruen 839 movement is probably an inhouse movement from around 1921. It has 18 jewels and is a Gruen Precision Extra grade. It is 6 ligne.

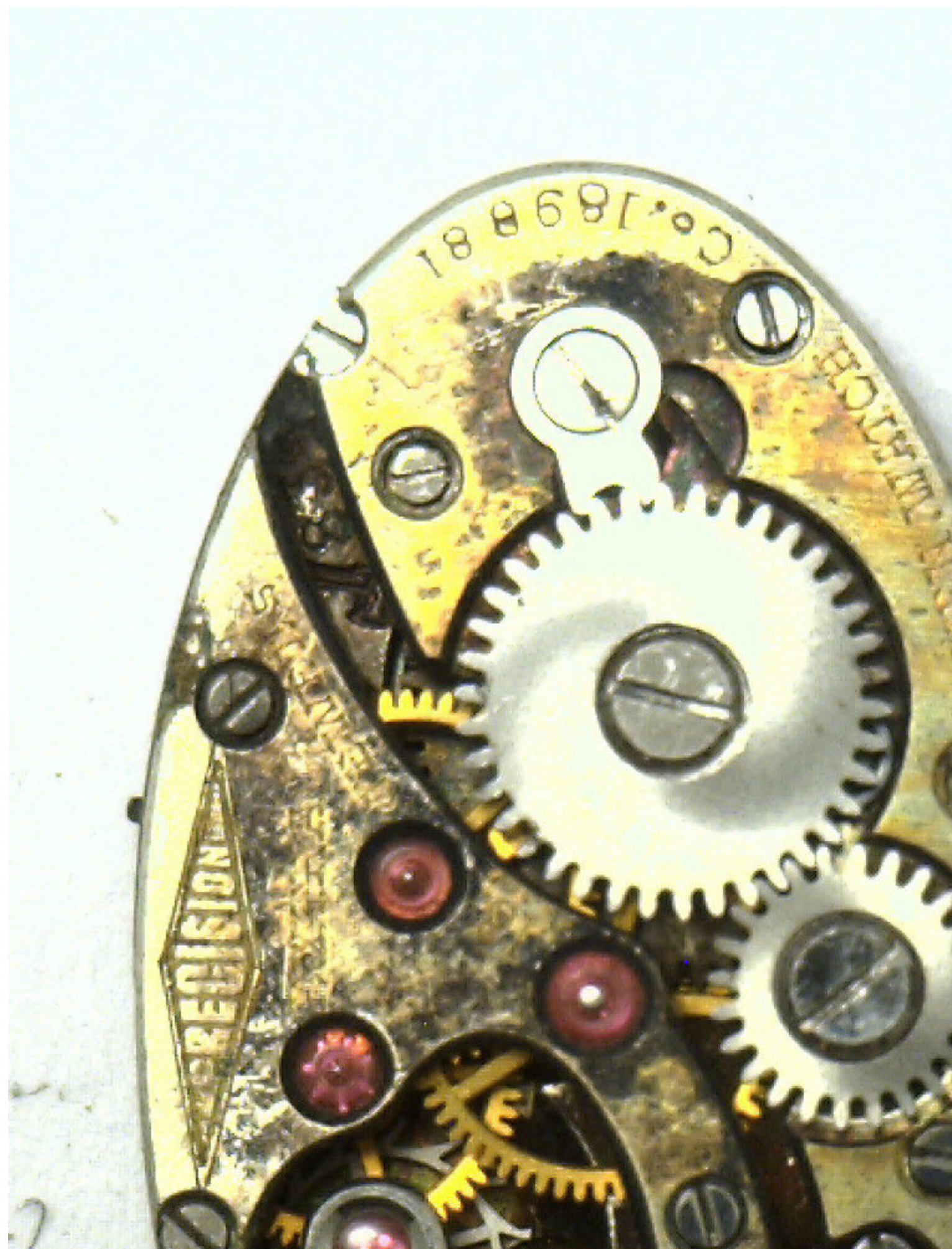
Seller's photos. Will change them when movement arrives.

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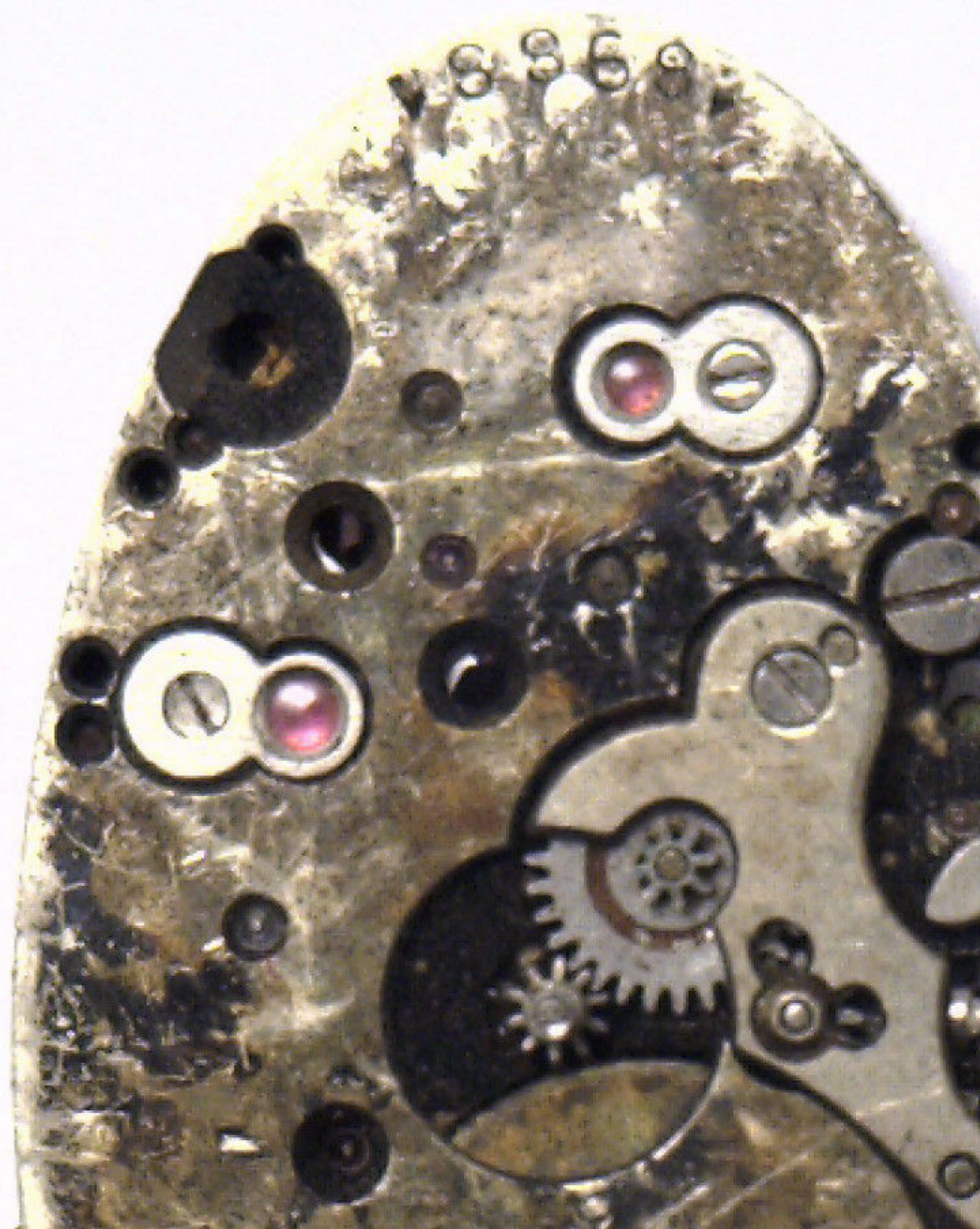
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Posted by [Case](#) on Fri, 12 Jun 2020 03:26:40 GMT  
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This movement fascinates me... keep coming back to it, as I've never seen one like it.

Just ran across item 371555674969 in the swamp. Siva, a Marc Favre brand. Can't see works. Could 839 be a Favre ebauche finished at the Precision Factory?

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Posted by [Case](#) on Mon, 22 Jun 2020 20:22:30 GMT  
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Even better match for the 839: Paul Ditisheim 18J, swamp item 133440866760; close sn to Jenneke's.

Looking around, the setting mechanism on other Solvils is really close. Here's one on a 17J: 133385835486

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Subject: Re: The caliber 839  
Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Sun, 26 Jul 2020 12:11:47 GMT  
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I would say that that siva movement is a caliber 843, not a 839.

The solvils you mentioned are gone, but others look very different on the dial side. Dunno if I would call it a match.

left to the caliber number on my movement there is a character. J?

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Posted by [Case](#) on Mon, 27 Jul 2020 00:14:49 GMT  
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Yes, I did not see an exact match on the myriad other Solvils, just some similarities.

I don't have any way to view the 843. Just working with the 1926 parts catalog & later ones. Assuming I'd need 1921 or the 1926 sup B?

RE: J, I also note an obscured letter on your dial side opposite the stem. Could be a J or a U? Also appears to have a few other light numbers near the hour wheel. Fascinating movement!

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Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Mon, 27 Jul 2020 13:57:51 GMT  
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Sub B

I will try if i can clean it a bit with silver polish. Wont remove parts because I am not sure if I can reassemble it :roll:

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Posted by [Case](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2020 05:34:00 GMT  
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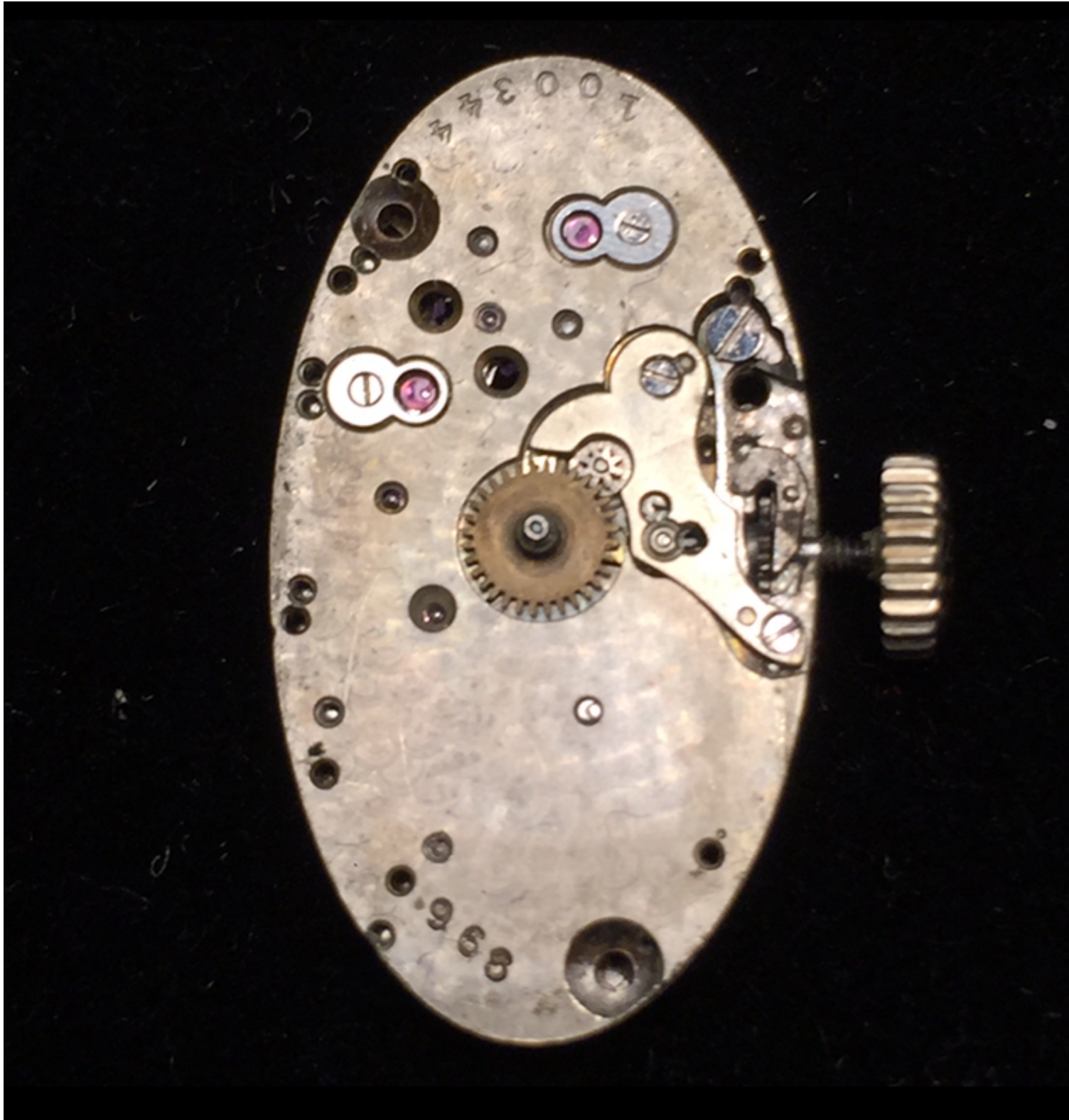
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Subject: Re: The caliber 839

Posted by [Barney Green](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2020 07:55:30 GMT

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Match!

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Same, whow. Nice find. same ebauche maker or it is the maker?

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I still think it's a Favre base caliber, but the stamp on the main plate is intriguing, to know if there's a different ebauche supplier.

As far as who supplied to Gruen, stay tuned. The exact sn placement/orientation/font on this P. Ditty is pretty convincing, but I just got another EP grade Gruen caliber that I think is Favre in house—close serial numbers. Let me get plate pics for it

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Subject: Re: The caliber 839  
Posted by [Gary](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2020 14:17:30 GMT

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Favre is really turning out to be a major ebauche supplier. That's a unique funny take on the name there Dan, a Sean Combs ebauche. :d

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Posted by [Case](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2020 16:18:52 GMT

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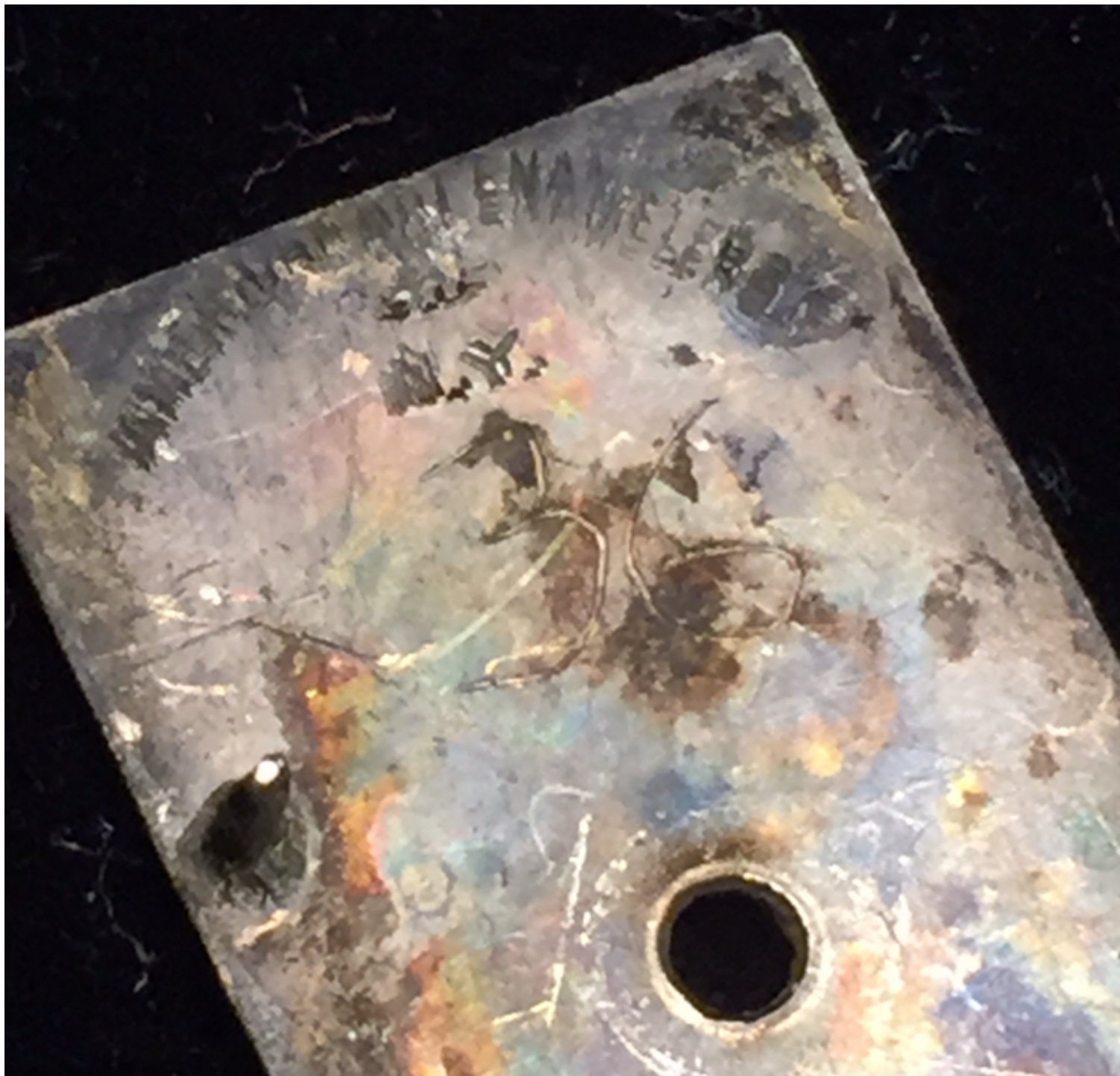
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GaryM wrote on Fri, 28 August 2020 10:17...That's a unique funny take on the name there Dan, a Sean Combs ebauche. :d

One last detail, with no immediate conclusion: this has an American Art Enamelers dial (like my 610), stamped "1562" & etched "36". Again, no implication now, but capturing breadcrumbs.

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Posted by [Gary](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2020 17:47:19 GMT

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An American Art Enamelers dial + Precision movement could = Katz & Ogush. Being AAE and K&O were on the same avenue, could have made Jenneke's movement one of those platinum cased watches.



BTW- Could that tarnish be of gold substance, how odd?

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Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2020 19:04:16 GMT

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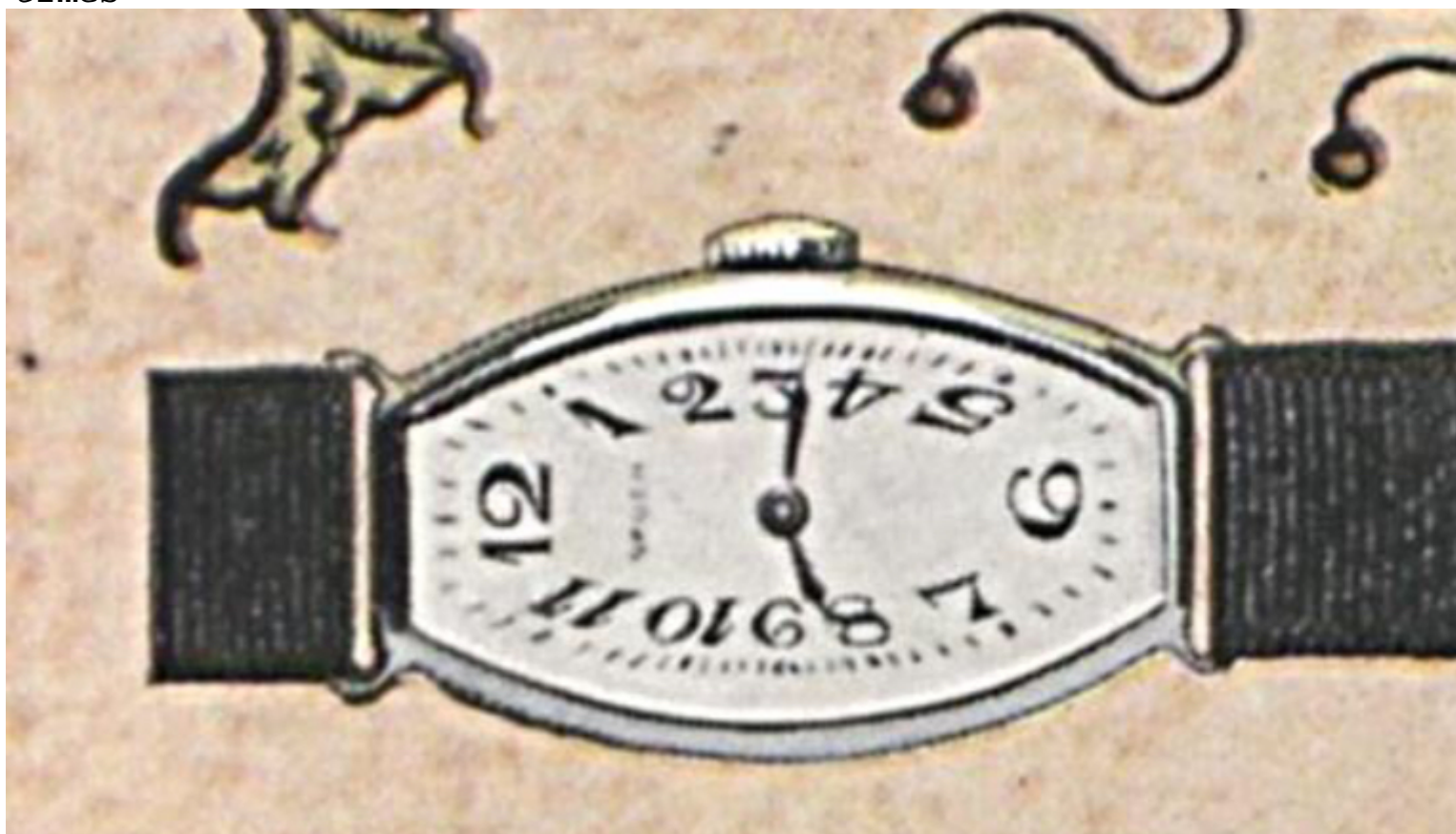
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Must be one that had a gold case (or platinum). On the search for a watch that could fit this movement. This?

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Posted by [Ephemerald](#) on Fri, 28 Aug 2020 19:33:23 GMT

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I have always wanted to know the casemaker for the gold and platinum watch you are showing here Jenneke. Just going by eye I thought it could be supplied by Werthmüller Frères.

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I, too, think it would've been in a platinum/diamond or gold case.

Jenneke's pic is a contender. It could've also been a similar model to the diamond/platinum wristlets in 17/18 Guild books, although her model would need to be a few years later. Those are all 7-8 ligne in 1917, and mine above (not Gruen) has a rectangular dial.

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Posted by [Case](#) on Mon, 31 Aug 2020 17:47:02 GMT  
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Circling back on supplier in this thread, the markings on the 840  
[url=https://vintagegruen.org/vgforum/index.php?t=msg&go to=13564&#msg\_13564]here[/url]  
would suggest Favre supplied Gruen & PD. The PD is a different bridge layout, close to the Siva I shared, which doesn't match Gruen's (maybe unique for them)

I'll also note the PD may be a year or 2 earlier than Jenneke's. He was at ~325k when the 1922 tariff stamps show up.

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Jenneke—what could yours have looked like? Be sure to scroll through to pic 12...

<https://www.ebay.com/itm/282178078312>

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Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Fri, 22 Jan 2021 20:57:23 GMT  
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Well... that is the kind of watch that is still on my watch list. Diamond are a girl's best friend.

Definitely a variant of the same movement. Sharp eyes!

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Posted by [Case](#) on Mon, 08 Feb 2021 17:00:11 GMT

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Does this look familiar?

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Posted by [Jenneke](#) on Mon, 08 Feb 2021 17:34:18 GMT

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I would say... YES. Even that shiny little bit on the escape wheel bridge.

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Posted by [Case](#) on Mon, 08 Feb 2021 19:18:45 GMT

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I believe this is the debut ad for this movement, from January 1921...

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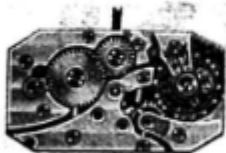
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toutes fantaisies. 8, 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> et 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lig., mouvements ronds à ancre

5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lig.



Rectangulaires et ovales

5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> et 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lig.

(Livre aussi  
mouvements seuls)



5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lig.

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Subject: Re: The caliber 839

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Maybe a Patek Philippe, see discussion:

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