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Fellow Horologists:

A few words from your former editor. I'm on the road to recovery after having a total knee replacement which was followed by a fall which was responsible for a shattered hip which required 4 pins, a screw, and a metal plate to hold the whole mess together! (No batteries required.) Complete recovery is scheduled for no more than a year, that boils down to another 6 months or so from now. In the interim, George and Harvey will perform the editorial duties without benefit of my interference which will be to the benefit of the journal's content.

Credit to Frank De Felice for the article on 6 volt automobile clocks, and to Norman Heckenberg for the "Murday" catalog. Also please note the request for International Electric Time Recording System equipment from the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

Our recent meeting at the home of Dr. Bruce and Maxine Levy was well attended and in addition to a very pleasant afternoon of socializing and partaking of the bountiful repast provided by our hosts, provided an opportunity for a business meeting at which time we discussed the matter of the proposed dues increase. After much discussion, it was decided to defer any action to the end of 1998, since we are using a new printer for the journal which results in a modest cost saving. The net difference will provide food for discussion at the year end, and guide us in the final dues decision. On the subject of dues, PLEASE BE AWARE THAT 1998 DUES IS NOW DUE, and if you haven't sent your \$10.00 remittance, this is the last journal that you will receive!

The cards and calls from the membership offering good wishes for my speedy recovery are greatly appreciated and I thank all of you. I'm sure that they will have the desired effect, at least in encouraging me to continue my therapy and exercises. Hope to see you at an upcoming meeting soon.

Good reading ahead...

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Dear Martin,

In my volunteer work for the Smithsonian, Carlene Stephens, Curator, has asked me to try to locate several pieces of the International Electric Time Recording System for the new exhibit being planned for Timekeeping Hall. The pieces she is looking for are circled in red on the enclosed sheet. She particularly needs the Electric Time Stamp and the Electric Song. Do you know of anyone who has any of these items and would be willing to donate/lend/sell them to the Smithsonian.

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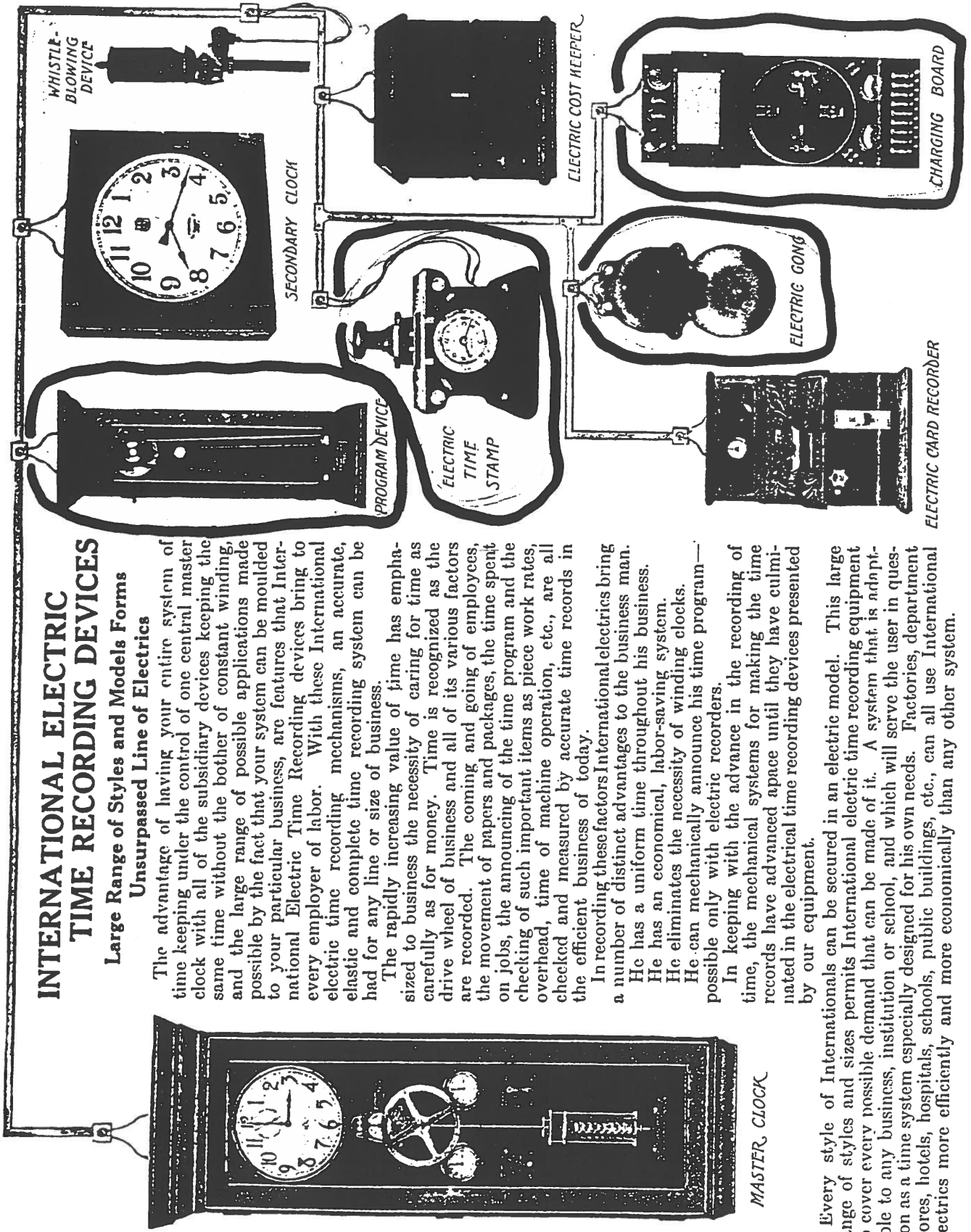
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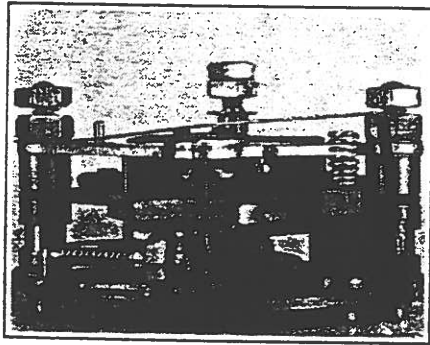


# The 6-Volt Automobile Clock

By J. E. COLEMAN

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THE newest comer to the watchmakers' bench is the six volt Automobile clock; at present these are being supplied to the automobile industry by three manufacturers: The Westclox Division General Instruments Corp., La-salle, Ill., The Jaeger Watch Co., 304 East 45th., St. New York, N. Y. and The Geo. W. Borg, Corp. Chicago, Ill.



The lack of technical data upon this particular type of timekeeper in horolog-

ical books, trade journals, etc., results in horologist having practically nothing in their libraries to turn to for aid, and, we believe this is the first effort of any trade publication to fill this want. In so doing, we sincerely hope to be of real assistance to many who have written in requesting it and all who may be interested. The watchmaker of today is often asked to service and repair these clocks, many times by an old customer whom he has served for a number of years; invariably the job is accepted with misgivings caused by lack of technical knowledge, small or no profit in the job and various others. It is these first two we hope to eliminate by an accurate description of the construction and principles of this type of clock along with a few suggestions relative to handling them.

Since the Jaeger involves a wholly different principal from those usually encountered by the Horologist at the bench we shall take it up first;; The Jaeger is strictly an electric clock—not spring driven and electrically wound—it converts the six volt direct (D. C.) current of the automobile battery into electro-magnetic energy, driving the balance and the balance in turn drives the clock. One of the many questions you will be called upon to answer is, "Won't this clock run my battery down?" The Jaeger clock is rated at less than 1 mill-ampere (1/1,000 of an ampere) from this it will be seen that 2,000 of these clocks would consume less current than one horn. The following photos and sketches are intended

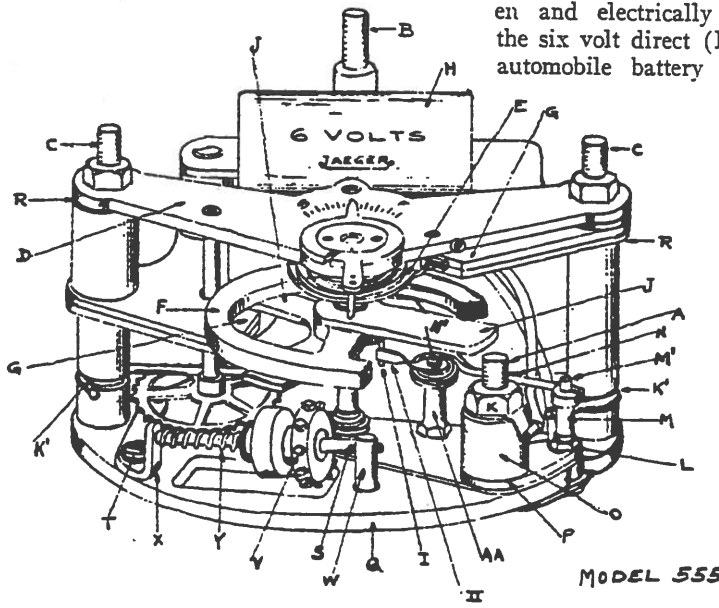
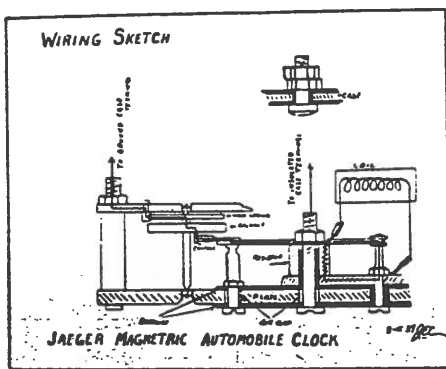


FIGURE 1

to convey a working knowledge of the movement, Fig. 1 is a general sketch of one of the earliest models, No. 555, but, since all later models are basically the same principal, this sketch will serve for general reference. Fig. 2 shows a general sketch of the electric circuit, it will be seen that the grounded side conducts the current thru the case into the pillars which protrude thru the case, into the balance bridge, then to the hairspring and into



the balance staff and the balance wheel. A contact pin of platinum iridium is ready to make contact with the finger (of same material) closing the circuit on this side. At this break (contact) the current continues thru the finger and its spring to a post, then conducted to lower end of resistor. The other side of the circuit begins over the resistor screw and is conducted thru a nut into a terminal on the end of the starting lead going into the coil. From the coil thru a finish lead connecting with reversed polarity. When contact is made (see Fig. 1) the coil H. is energized, magnetizing poles G. which magnetism attracts the pallets J. on the balance wheel (in later models the balance itself is made of iron) towards the poles G. In so doing, tension on the hairspring E. is being developed as the magnetic pull displaces the balance wheel position to a point where the contact breaks. The momentum of the wheel itself carries the wheel still further. When the momentum is spent or meets with the hairspring tension the balance reverses towards its starting point, contact is again

made as the contact pin I, passes finger II, but this time the magnetic pull attracts the opposite ends of the armature (Balance). This action is identical with the roller jewel action of the watch you handle every day, it takes place 300 times per minute and therefore your finished job can be rated upon your rate recorder.

To prevent the contacts from burning and pitting with long continued service a specially developed resistor O, is placed across the circuit from K. to P., this is insulated from the screw A, except at the nut K, so contact is confined to the coppered ends only. This is a delicate carbon resistor and is easily cracked if handled roughly. Its resistance should never be less than 1,200 or more than 2,300 ohms. Avoid substitutes. Care must also be used in handling the coils, in it are thousands of windings of very fine copper wire and shorts can occur from too much pressure or puncture of the wrapping.

To insure starting, a shunt is built in the movement, Fig. 6, between the back end of center post and setting device, this,

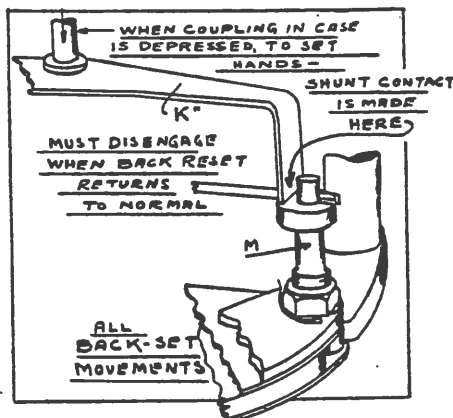


FIGURE 6

is a bronze flat spring K. which conducts the current around the contact directly into the coil lining up the balance in the magnetic path. Upon release the hairspring returns the balance towards its former position with force enough to make a snappy contact that starts the clock on

its way. For this reason setting the hands after the clock has been dead or stopped, automatically starts the clock. Since current consumption in this position is a little greater than during regular operation, it should not be left upon the starter, longer than necessary to set the hands.

Both the pin on the balance wheel and the flipping finger are made of a special platinum iridium alloy and no attempt should ever be made to use substitutes. These should NEVER be OILED. The relation of the contact finger and pin is very important. When the balance wheel

with the inside of the pin as shown in Fig. 8. The contact pin I, must be absolutely straight and upright, and tightly staked in or it will give erratic performance. The finger pin II, must have a snappy return from both directions and its hinge pin straight. Be certain the hinge pin N, is pushed properly down to avoid excessive end play. It is necessary that the contact spring N, be true spirally, so coils do not rub each other and cause a buzz or singing sound under vibration of the flipping finger. OIL must be used SPARINGLY, if at all, on the hinge pin to prevent oil creeping to the contact points.

The balance jewels are practically identical with those you are accustomed to servicing therefore no instructions need be given here, in the early models end shake in the balance was controlled by altering the height of the balance bridge with washers placed under it. In the later models the jewel mountings are in screws and end shake is had in the same manner as many jeweled alarm clocks.

The escapement of this clock differs greatly from anything usually found in timekeepers and should be studied closely, see Figs. 1 and 12. The levee cam V. on the balance staff just below the balance wheel has two oppositely inclined planes that engage the diamond shaped teeth of the escape wheel. There are two relative positions of these important parts that must be checked from two directions, Fig. 12. In the view from the top A, can be seen how the escape wheel should line up with the balance staff pivot center when the balance is at rest. B, is a front view of the same position. The escape teeth should engage the levee discs, as deep as possible, preferably  $\frac{3}{4}$  the depth (never less than  $\frac{1}{2}$ ). While the bracket X, and the post W, Fig. 1 should place this position right it may be found that some inexperienced person has bent one or the other so that they crowd and jam, or are too far apart and do not mesh properly. This latter condition will cause the levee cams to strike the side of the escape teeth. This relation of the levee and the escape wheel could be considered the heart of the

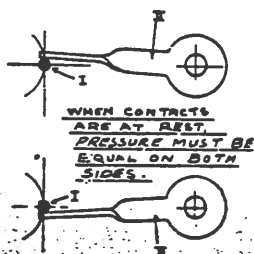


FIGURE 7

is at rest, the finger II, has a slight pressure against the contact pin I, on one side. This pressure should be equal on both sides of the contact pin, Fig. 7. To equalize this pressure the hairspring collet may be moved on the balance staff just as you put an ordinary watch in beat. In its rest position the contact finger must point

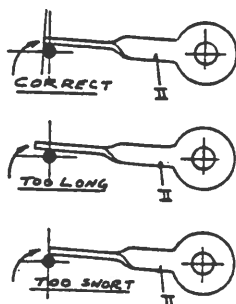
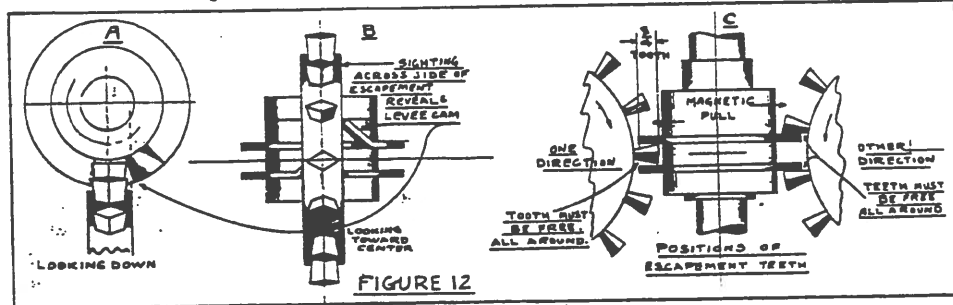


FIGURE 8

directly to the center of the balance staff. This adjustment is possible by moving the collet on the tail spring N. Fig. 1. The end of the contact finger should be flush

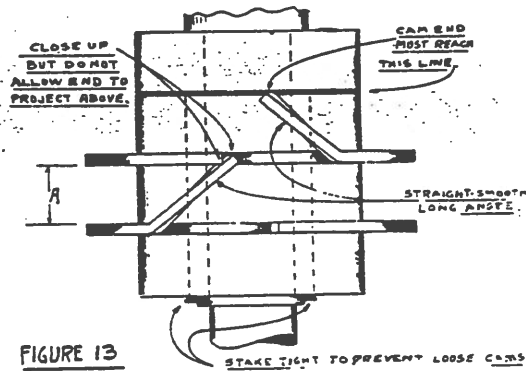
instrument and therefore is very important. Should escape wheel teeth become compensates for the temperature errors, so do not replace with commercial springs.



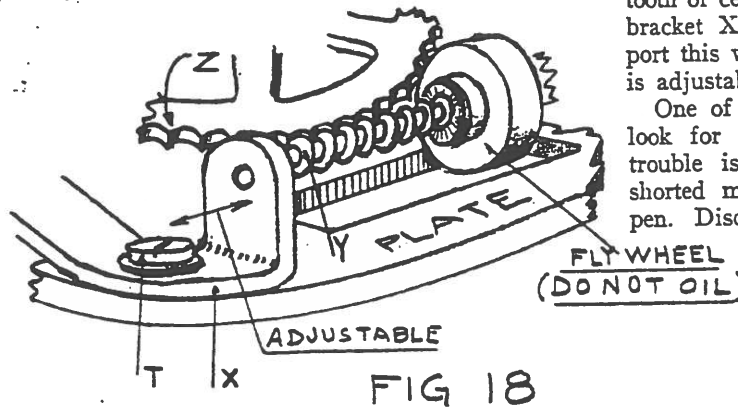
damaged as a result of deformed levee cams or other causes, wheel should be replaced with a new one for clock will not operate with damaged teeth even after levees are repaired. Good heavy tweezers are used to repair levee, for manipulation and proper adjustment see Fig 13. The space at A, Figs. 12 and 13 can become bent out of parallel, so that the teeth of the escape wheel stick between or outside this track, any attempt to correct this condition must not leave a kink in the levee discs, or loosen them in their seats. The vertical space or levee gap between the upturn end of cams is very important and is but .012 or less than 1-64 of an inch.

The hairspring in this clock is very much like the usual run of such springs you are accustomed to handling—must be true in both the flat and round—it has been designed especially for this clock of a material that

The fly wheel, Fig. 18, is a mass of weight intended to function as inertia to hold the escapement steady, and is mounted beside the escape wheel. It must be free and allowed to float at will as the clock runs. Do NOT oil it. The highly polished wire worm Y, is not an ordinary



steel spring, but a carefully pitched, one-tooth spiral made to mesh with the special tooth of center wheel Z. The bracket X is made to support this work properly, and is adjustable.



One of the first things to look for in a clock giving trouble is short circuits, a shorted movement can happen. Discoloration of parts, indicating heat, burned hair-springs or burned contact springs, or the contact pin on balance wheel, are clues that sug-

gest a short circuit. Check the screw A, Figs. 1 and 2, its only contact must be with the nut K. Inside the resistor O is a fiber tube that should extend through the upper plate insulating the screw from it. The two bakelite strips on each side of the main plate insulate it from the main plate. A cracked or damaged resistor will cause the contact points to burn quickly and should be replaced. The insulation construction is the same for all models of movements—the contact finger post AA must be insulated from the main plate, this is by air gap. If the holes in the bakelite strips do not coincide with the larger hole in the main plate, this post could touch the plate or foreign metal particles get into the air gap and cause a short.

The tail screw M, has a "spaghetti" tube insulator around the portion that protrudes thru the plate, the last two are not really shorts, but, shunts. These set up the same condition as described in starting, a real short will heat or flash, a safe rule is to trace the current with a meter like a continuity meter.

Noisy operation may be overbanking of the balance by improperly located levee gap, causing a one-sided pound against the escapement, or can be caused by friction due to improperly assembled or adjusted parts, no end shake, etc. If your clock fails to start the trouble may be with the contact spring mentioned as the starter, it may not contact on the tail screw collet of the contact spring when the hand set crown is pushed down. There may be a short circuit, or contacts may not meet equally on both sides under pressure. The reset coupling may be stuck and failing to return to its normal out position. Terminals may be loose, or connections poor. Contacts may be oxidized from operating with a defective resistor. The flexible reset used on some models may not be working properly.

When in doubt or you have a clock that you can't seem to get in perfect order REMEMBER that the company has special factory representatives in most large cities—one might be near you—or, you

can always send the clock direct to the manufacturer. Any six volt storage battery is sufficient to time the clock for a period long enough to regulate it; if you expect to handle much of this type of work we suggest that you equip yourself with a good battery and a charger to keep it up, the Jaeger clock is so designed that it will operate equally correct at voltage variations of about 50% more or less than the six volts it is built to operate upon. When regulating you will find that one division of the regulator scale may vary the clock as much as two or three minutes in 24 hours. Your repair job should be timed in your shop to within thirty seconds per day before releasing it to the owner.

We have purposely omitted comments upon cleaning, oiling, manipulating the hairspring, etc., for the reason that the principles involved are already familiar to the horologist at the bench, we sincerely hope that these few pointers together with the sketches will enable you to, first, handle these jobs as they should be; second, give your customer a satisfactory job, thereby preserving his confidence in you as a repairman and the product he has bought. Last but not least, enable you to turn out a satisfactory repair job with a dispatch and promptness that will bear some profit.

(More articles on the 6-volt automobile clock, will be presented in later issues.—Editor.)

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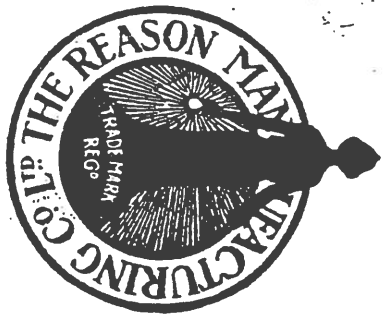
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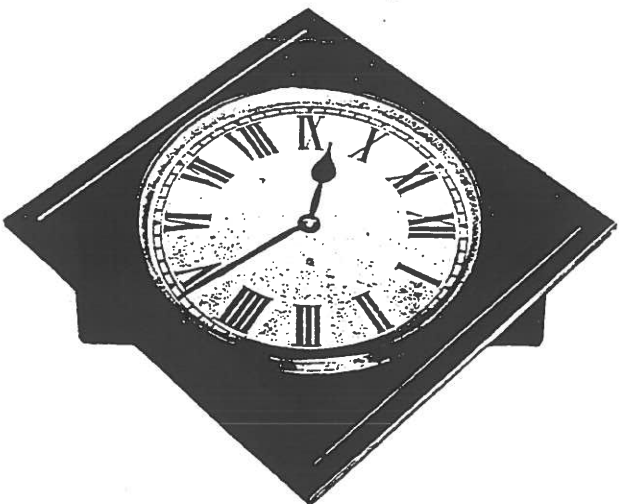


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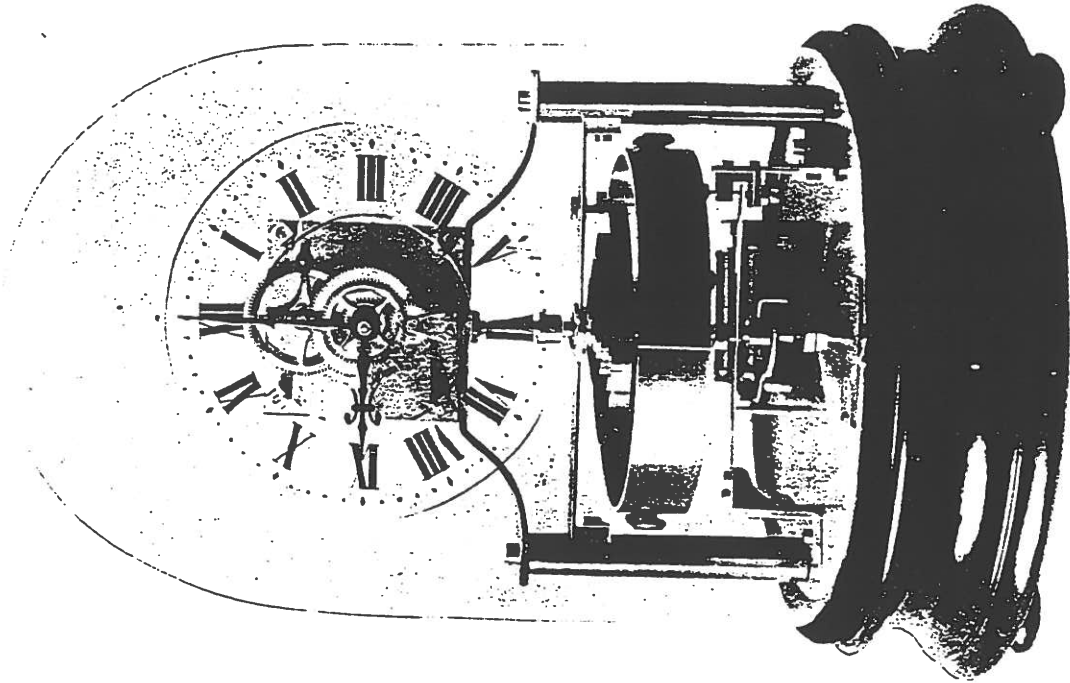
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the fork of the crutch, after which an impulse given to the pendulum by hand will start the clock going without further trouble.

All the various designs are fitted with movements of a construction similar to the foregoing description and illustrations Figs. 1 and 2; the difference in price being due to the style of case.

### Instructions for setting up Self-Contained Pendulum Clocks.

The platform to which the movement, dial and battery are fixed must be drawn out of the case and the packing removed. The string holding the crutch should be undone, and the pendulum carefully hooked on the suspension spring which is fixed in the top of case, the opening in the hook being kept towards the front.

Using the pendulum as a plumb bob, level the case by means of the adjustable balls attached to the feet until the iron armature on the lower end of the pendulum rod hangs truly over the magnet poles. It is very important that this adjustment be carefully made, and that the case is steady and does not rock.

When replacing the movement platform, see that the pendulum rod passes between the tangs of the crutch fork. The pendulum should be set swinging through a good arc, and it will afterwards continue to swing of its own accord.

If the clock is to be moved temporarily at any time, it will be found best to secure the pendulum by springing it into the brass hook provided for this purpose at the left-hand side of the case.

When packing for transit the pendulum must be removed from the case and packed separately, while the crutch should be tied up to the left and paper packing placed between the cells as when sent out.

Regulation is accomplished as in other pendulum clocks by means of the thumb screw beneath the bob. Raising the bob will make the clock go faster, while lowering it will have a slowing effect. One turn of the screw will make a difference of about half-a-minute per day.

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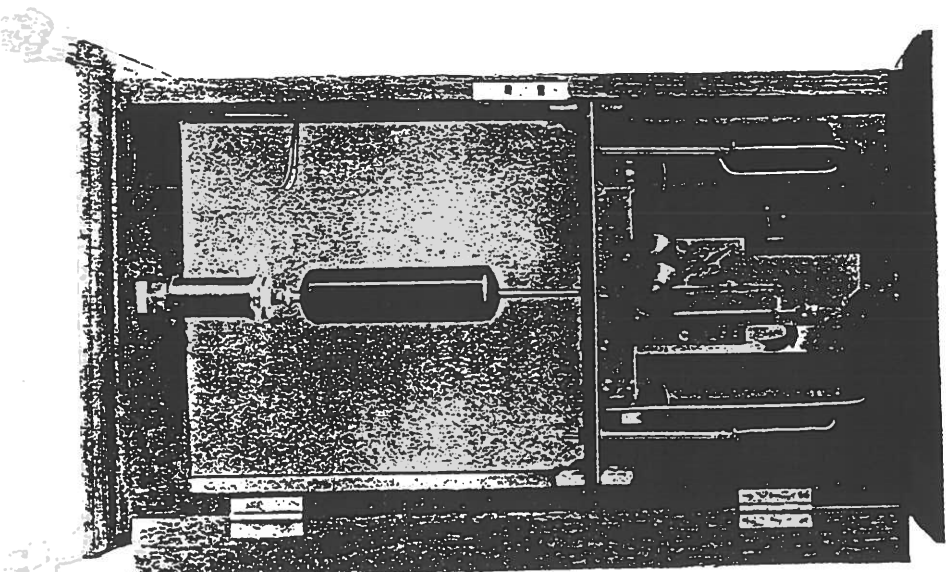


Fig. 1.

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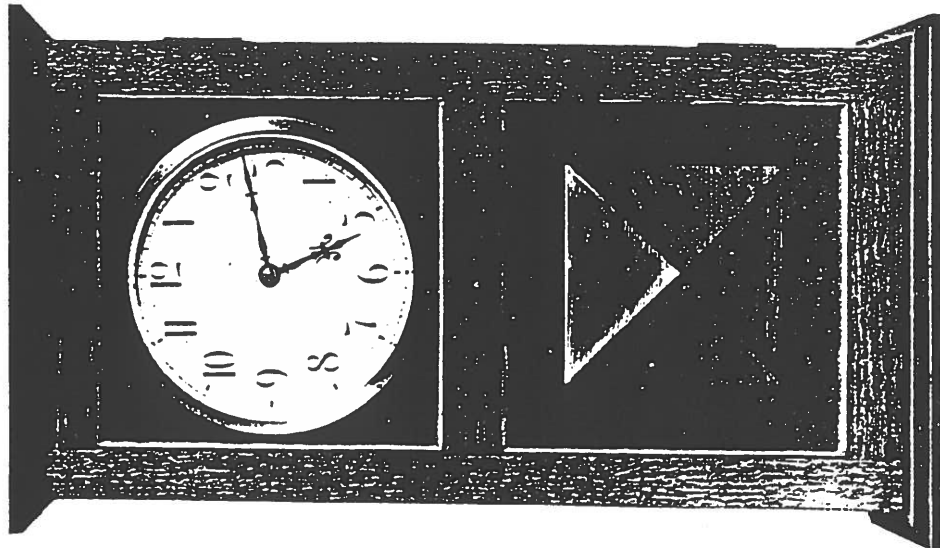
Fig. 1 shows a general view of the mechanism of a half-seconds pendulum clock with the dial removed. It will be observed that the wheel train is extremely simple, and



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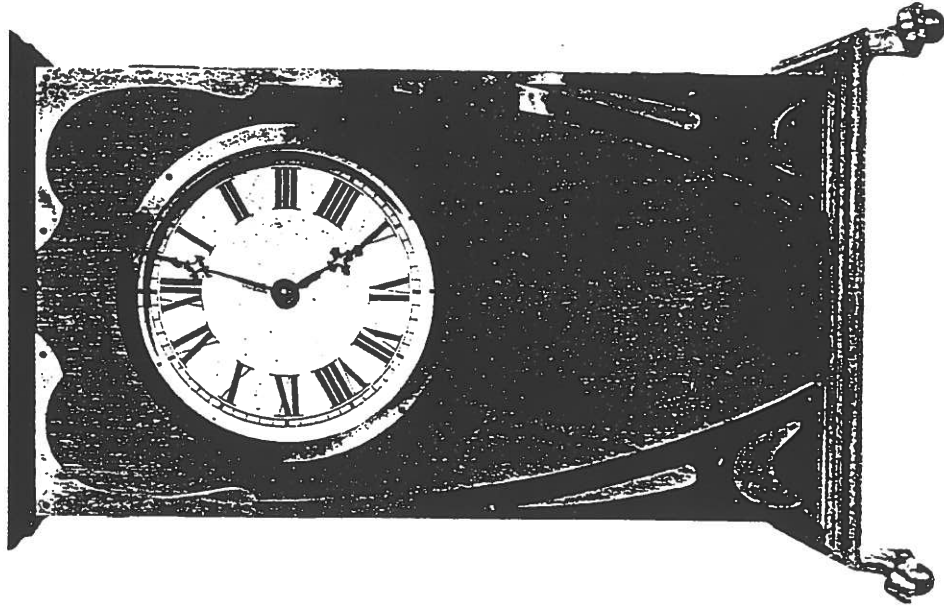
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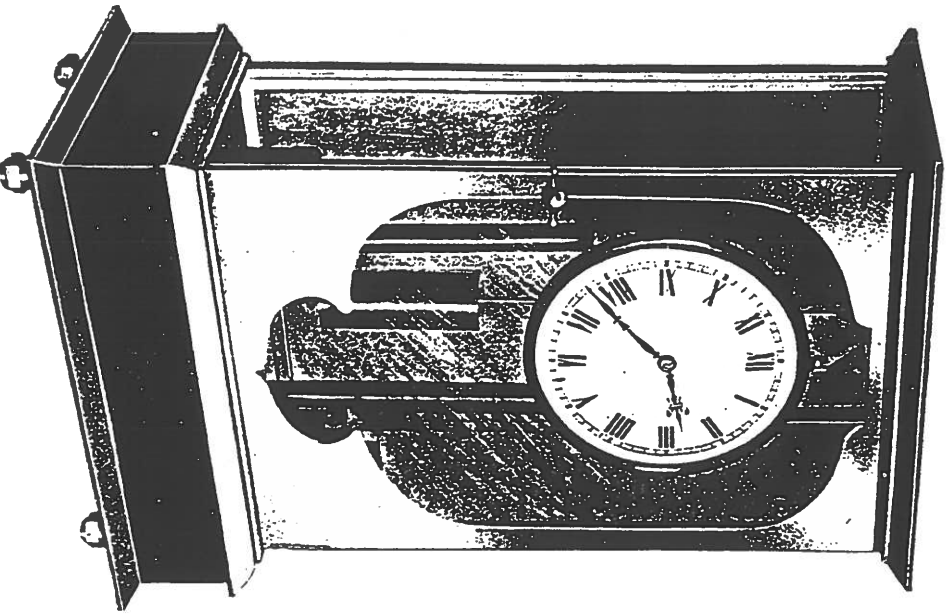
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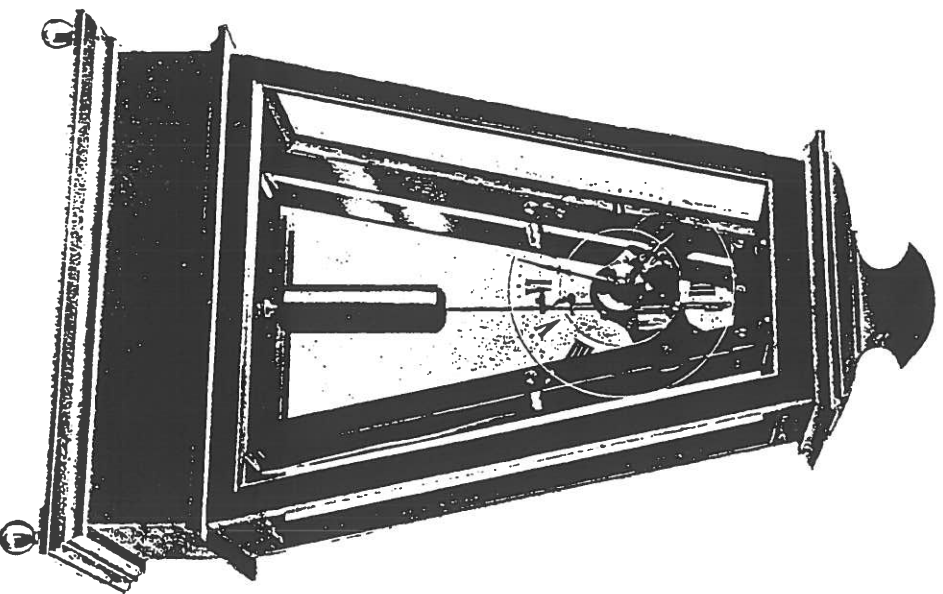


A handsome case consisting of solid brass pillars with heavy bevelled brass base and top, glazed with best quality plate glass, hinged brass and glass door, the whole mounted on polished mahogany base containing the cells.

Price—**£4 4s.** each.

REASON MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.,  
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## Electric Pendulum Clock. No. 5.

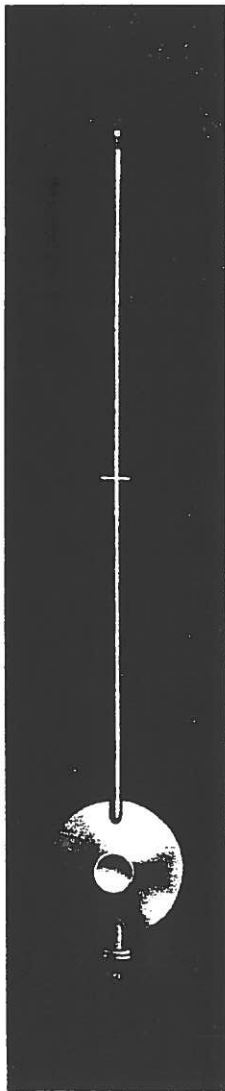


"A" design. A novel form of case, in highly-polished mahogany and glass, showing all working parts. The dial is a glass circle, 5½ in. diameter, with figures (Roman or Arabic) painted in white, silver or gold as desired. The battery of two cells is contained in the base.

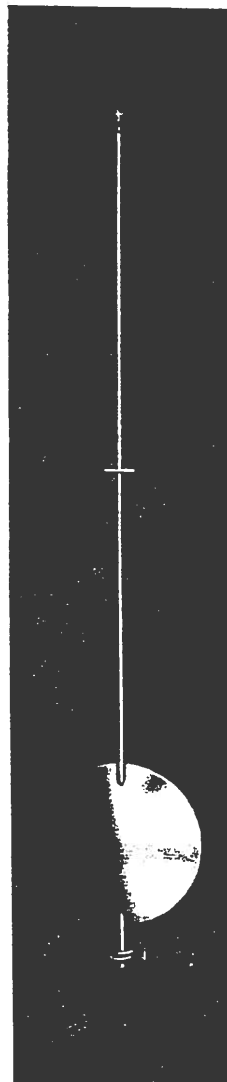
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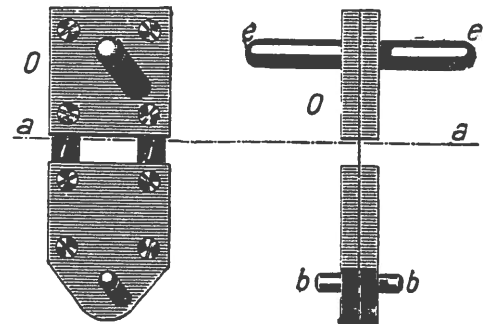
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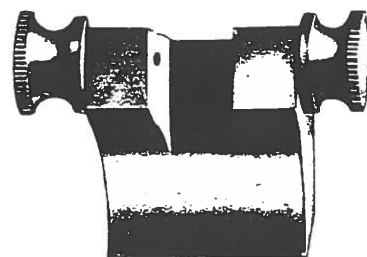
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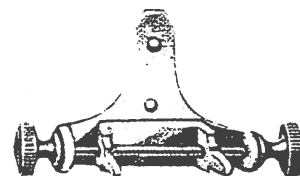
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Sekundenpendel  
Type K



Nr. 132 Pendelfeder für  
Sekundenpendel



Nr. 135 Pendelfederbock für  
Sekundenpendel



Nr. 137 Pendelführungsgabel mit  
Mikrometerschraube



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#### Nickel steel compensation seconds pendulums

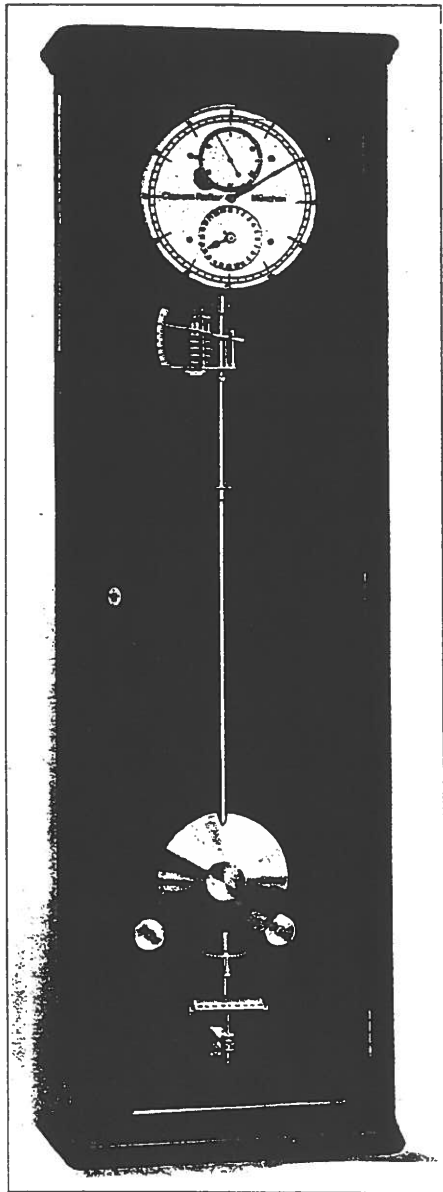
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| Nr. 124 | Type K | Nickelstahl-Kompensations-Sekundenpendel<br>mit 10mm starkem Pendelstab<br>Kompensationsfehler: $\pm 0.02 \text{ Sec}/^{\circ}\text{C}$<br>Nickel steel compensation seconds pendulum<br>10mm pendulum bar diameter<br>compensation error $\pm 0.02 \text{ Sec}/^{\circ}\text{C}$                              |
| Nr. 125 | Type L | Nickelstahl-Kompensationspendel<br>für 80 Schwingungen<br>mit 10mm starkem Pendelstab<br>Kompensationsfehler: $\pm 0.02 \text{ Sec}/^{\circ}\text{C}$<br>Nickel steel compensation pendulum<br>for 80 oscillations<br>10mm pendulum bar diameter<br>compensation error $\pm 0.02 \text{ Sec}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ |

#### Zubehör - Accessories

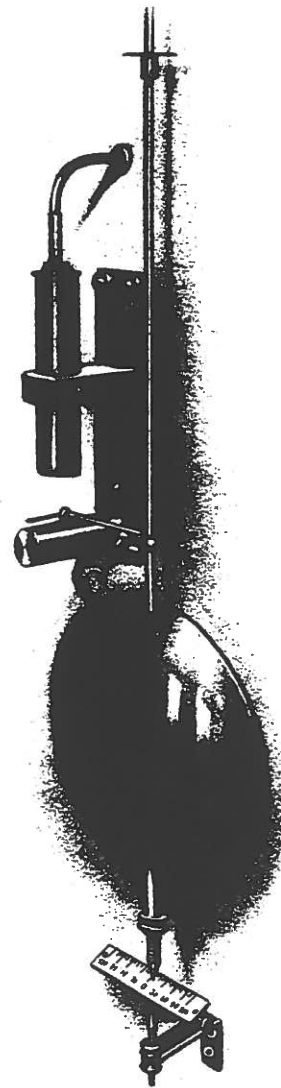
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| Nr. 132 | Type O | Pendelfeder für J und K Pendel<br>Pendulum suspension spring for J and K Pendulums      |
| Nr. 135 | Type P | Pendelfederbock für J und K Pendel<br>Pendulum suspension bracket for J and K Pendulums |
| Nr. 134 | Type Q | Pendelfeder für 80 Schläger-Pendel<br>Pendulum suspension spring for L Pendulum         |
| Nr. 136 | Type R | Pendelfederbock für 80 Schläger-Pendel<br>Pendulum suspension bracket for L Pendulum    |
| Nr. 137 | Type S | Pendelführungsgabel mit Mikrometerschraube<br>Pendulum crutch with micrometer screw     |

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# Präzisions-Sekunden-Pendeluhr Precision Seconds-Pendulum Clocks



Type A 3



Elektrische Lichtkontakt-Einrichtung  
Photo-electric contact-device for  
time-recording

Nr. 106 Type A 3 **Sekundenpendeluhr** in staubdichtem Holzgehäuse, mit Schwerkraft-Hemmung, Nickelstahl-Kompensationspendel Type K, elektrischem Aufzug, elektrischem Sekundenkontakt, mechanischer Einstellvorrichtung zur Korrektur des Uhrstandes, 3 Trockenelementen und Schieberwiderstand für den elektrischen Aufzug, mittl. tägliche Gangvariation: 0,05 - 0,08 Sekunden

**Zusatzeinrichtungen:**

**Elektrische Lichtkontakteinrichtung**

bestehend aus: Photozelle - Beleuchtung - Verstärker, Genauigkeit:  $\pm 0,001$  Sekunde

Nr. 141

**Luftdruckkompensation**

mit Hebelübersetzung und Zeiger zum Ablesen des Barometerstandes

Nr. 141a

**Luftdruckkompensation**

ohne Hebelübersetzung, ohne Ablesezeiger

Nr. 106 Type A 3 **Seconds pendulum clock**

in dust-tight wooden case, with gravity escapement, nickel-steel compensation pendulum type K, electric winding, electric secondscontact, arrangement for regulating the clock mechanically, 3 dry elements and sliding rheostat for the electric winding

Daily variation of rate of the clock type A 3: 0.05-0.08 seconds

**Additional equipment:**

**Photo-electric contact-device**

for time-recording consisting of: photo-electric cell - lamp - amplifier  
accuracy of measurement:  $\pm 0.001$  second

Nr. 141

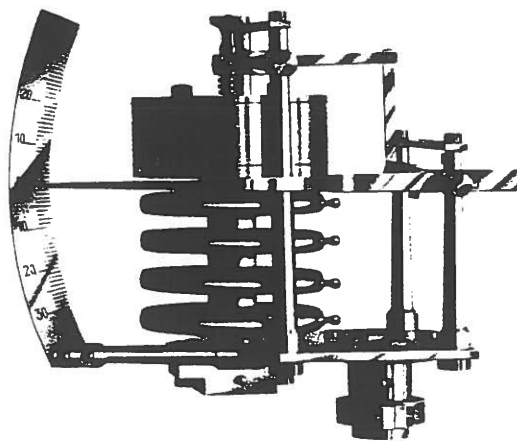
**Air pressure compensation**

with lever transmission and pointer for reading the height of the barometer

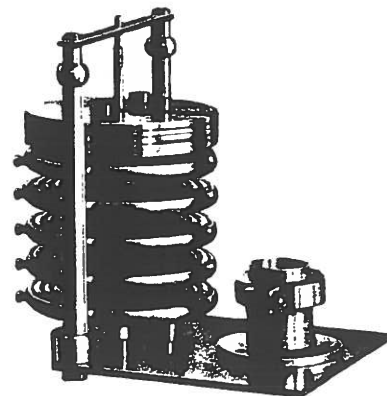
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**Air pressure compensation**

without transmission and pointer



Nr. 141



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CLEMENS RIEFLER 8964 NESSELWANG



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PRICES

1 No: 106 Type A.3 PRECISION SECONDS PENDULUM CLOCK  
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in dust-tight wooden case  
with gravity escapement  
Nickel-steel Compensation Pendulum Type K  
electric winding  
electric seconds contact  
arrangement for regulating the clock mechanically  
3 dry elements  
sliding rheostat for the electric winding  
  
daily variation of rate of the clock : 0.05 - 0.08 seconds

..... DM 7.530.--

~~1 Photo-electric contact device~~

~~for time-recording consisting of :  
photo-electric cell - lamp - amplifier  
accuracy of measurement :  $\pm 0.001$  seconds~~

~~.....DM 1.250.--~~

1 No: 141 a Air pressure compensation

standard type , without transmission and pointer

.....DM 410.--

Delivery time : within about 4 - 6 months  
upon receipt of final order

Prices : the indicated prices are net prices, without  
any further deduction

terms : ex works  
packing charges will be invoiced ..... DM 250.--  
packing is seaworthy in double wooden case

Shipment : by boat (via Hamburg or Bremen port)

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together with your order -  
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OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

for

TIME CONTROL DEVICE UG.1

In this Time Control Device UG.1, all the secondary instruments and parts of the Master Clock, as mentioned below, are joined to one instrument :-

- a) Pips Generator, 1000 cycles, with Amplifier and Signal Release
- b) Controller SG.008
- c) Seconds Relay No: 410 001/4
- d) Current Supply Device for a) to c) as well as for the Slave Clocks

1.) The Pips Generator furnishes a 1000 cycles voltage which is amplified by an amplifier to an output voltage of 1.5 Volts. Among the generator and the amplifier there are connected the clock contacts of the Master Clock for the release of 6 signals in intervals of 1 second at full hour and 3 signals in intervals of 1 second at half hour. The exact duration of the pips of 0.2 seconds is electronically determined in the generator amplifier.

The generator is fully transistorized.

2.) The Controller SG.008 comprises, in addition to the contact spark quenching, a high-sensitive relay, which protects the seconds contact of the Master Clock against damages which might occur at too high current. Furthermore, this relay is used for transferring the normal working contact of the Master Clock to a pole-changing contact, which is required for the operation of the Slave Clocks.



3.) The Seconds Relay Nr. 410 001/4 is a sturdy pole-changing relay for the simultaneous drive of 20 to 30 Slave Clocks. The relay contacts are protected by a fine-wire fuse of 0.8 amperes. At short-circuits in the feeding-wires of the Slave Clocks this fuse is melted and must be interchanged. The seconds relay with the pertaining fuse and the neutralizing condensers is protected by a removable cap.

4.) The Current Supply Device is designed for the operation at 220 Volts alternating current supply. The line-voltage of 220 Volts can be controlled by a volt-meter at the front-plate of the instrument. The line-voltage shall not fall under 200 Volts, as otherwise the current-supply for the Slave Clocks and the relay, the amplifier, etc. would be too low.

The alternating voltage will be transformed, rectified smoothed and specially stabilized for the pips generator with amplifier.

The rectified working voltage for the Slave Clocks is indicated by another volt-meter on the front-plate, and it shall not be under 12 Volts and not over 18 Volts.

The current supply is switched-on by a main-switch on the front-plate. Near to this switch there is the main-fuse 0.3 amperes. The current-supply is sufficient for the operation of 30 Slave Clocks.

In completion of the Time Control Device UG.1 we can furnish a separate additional device to maintain the operation of the clock plant at line-voltage failures. Without this additional device there will be no current feed to the UG.1 instrument, in case of line-voltage failures. The additional device and the pertaining line-voltage-failure battery are connected to a plug connection on the front-plate of the UG.1 instrument. At operation without this additional line-voltage-failure device this plug connection is closed by a plug which may not be removed, as otherwise the current is interrupted.

5.) Connection of the Time Control Device UG.1. This device shall be placed near to the Master Clock, so that the length of the connection cable of 2 meters will be sufficient.

First, please take the 7-pole cable-plug at the clock-work of the Master Clock and connect it to the plug-connection inside the clock-casing.

Then connect the cable of the Master Clock to the 5-pole plug-connection on the front-plate of the UG.1 device, and

5.) contd.

then the Slave Clocks will have to be connected to the right plug connection of the front-plate (pole 1.3 = Clock voltage 12 Volts).

All Slave Clocks must be parallel-connected. The polarity of these clocks is not important. But it is possible, by switching-over the connection plug and therefore by changing the poles at the single Slave Clocks, to attain a simultaneous seconds indication of all the Slave Clocks. The minutes- and seconds- indication of the Slave Clocks can be adjusted by two small knurled nuts at the rear of the slave-clock-works.

Below the center of the front-plate of the UG.1 device, there is a plug connection for the 1000 cycles time-signals (pole 1.3 = 1000 cycles, pole 2 = earth). At each full hour 6 signals, and at each half hour 3 signals will be released, of 0.2 seconds duration each, in intervals of 1 second. The beginning of the last 0.2 seconds-pips is simultan with the beginning of the full hour, respectively the half hour. The output voltage is 1.5 Volts at a load-resistance of  $\geq$  200 Ohms and is designed and sufficient for the modulation of an amplifier for a radio transmitter and similar purposes.

The UG.1 device is connected to the 220 Volts alternating current line-voltage by a fixed cable with plug.

The Time Control Device UG.1 is operated by switching-on the main-switch on the front-plate.

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Fellow Horologists:

A word or two to provide an update on my present physical condition in reply to the many requests from our members. My knee has pretty much recovered after the joint replacement surgery, but my hip is responding more slowly, a conservative estimate was for a year 'till complete return to normal! Many thanks to all who have communicated their good wishes and sent cards and letters. It is truly heartwarming to be the recipient of so many good-will wishes.

On a sadder note... We have lost a valued member who has provided us with many articles and items for publication in the past years... CHARLES K. AKED passed away in April of this year leaving a void that cannot be filled. We'll miss you Charles. (A note of condolence was sent to Mrs. Aked in the name of the chapter.)

An additional word of thanks is due to Harvey Schmidt and George Feinstein for their efforts in taking over the main responsibilities of preparing the journal in addition to their other chapter duties. Your efforts are appreciated, and a big thank you to both of you.

This issue contains the start of an catalog describing the SOHM electric clock system, a continuation of the REIFLER clock material, and set-up information for the ENGLISH CLOCK SYSTEMS clocks. Thanks to Steve Berger for the Sohm material. Steve has contributed material for publication many times in the past, and we don't always remember to thank him, so this one covers the times we missed. Steve, we are in your debt once again. Perhaps this will act as a stimulus to other members to follow suit and submit articles for future journals. Original material is equally welcome.

Good reading ahead...

Martin Swetsky, FNAWCC, President (Now and again)

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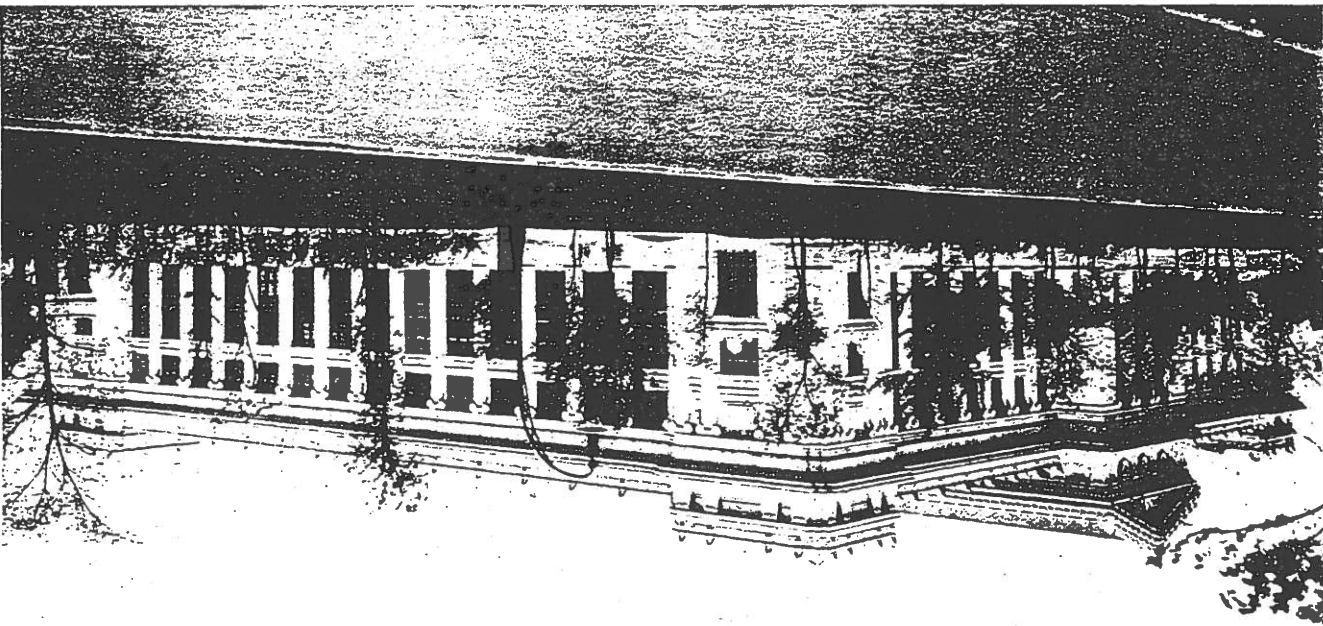
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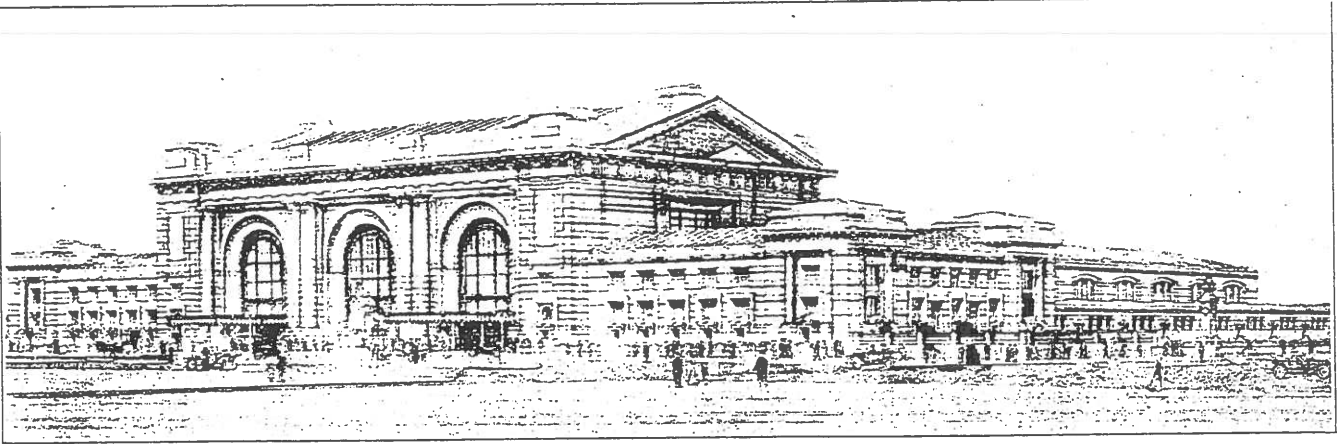
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### THE SOHM SELF WINDING MASTER CLOCK

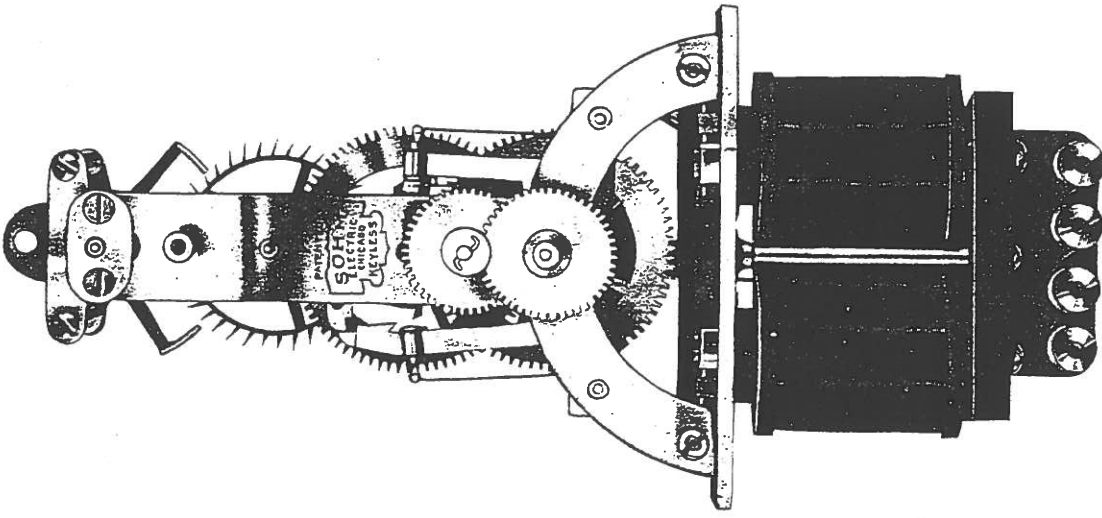
The Sohm Self Winding Master Clock is made in 60 and 80 beat movements and contains an ordinary straight line time train from center to verge. We have eliminated the delicate contact springs that have been a source of trouble in electric clocks caused by their sensitiveness to expansion and contraction through heat and cold and the liability to injury or misadjustment when they are cleaned.

Mounted on the center arbor is a contact wheel with eight contact points spaced to make a contact every minute. As this contact wheel revolves the contact points slowly sweep across a wiping device which removes all dirt or other foreign substances from the contact points, after which they are automatically polished by another device, thus insuring an absolute clean contact at all times, and permitting the free flow of current. These contact points are not affected by extremes of temperature.

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All Sohm Master Clocks are made in dust-proof, hand finished, selected wood cases. They are made in many different styles and finished to match the wood work of the room in which they are to be located. The exterior appearance is rich and substantial.

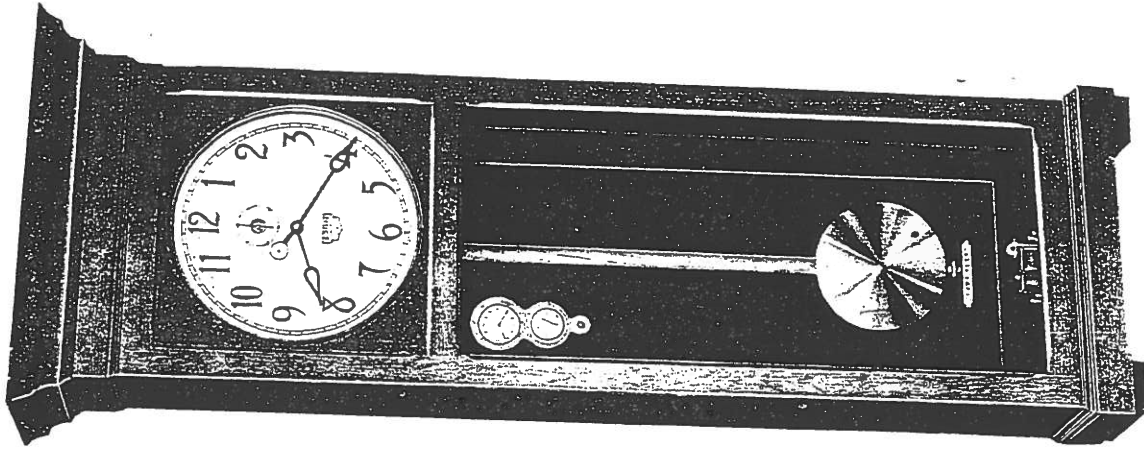




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**Simple—Rugged—Accurate**

Every wheel is hand mill cut—not stamped. Spring is always on the forward tension, making back lash impossible. Note absence of contact springs.

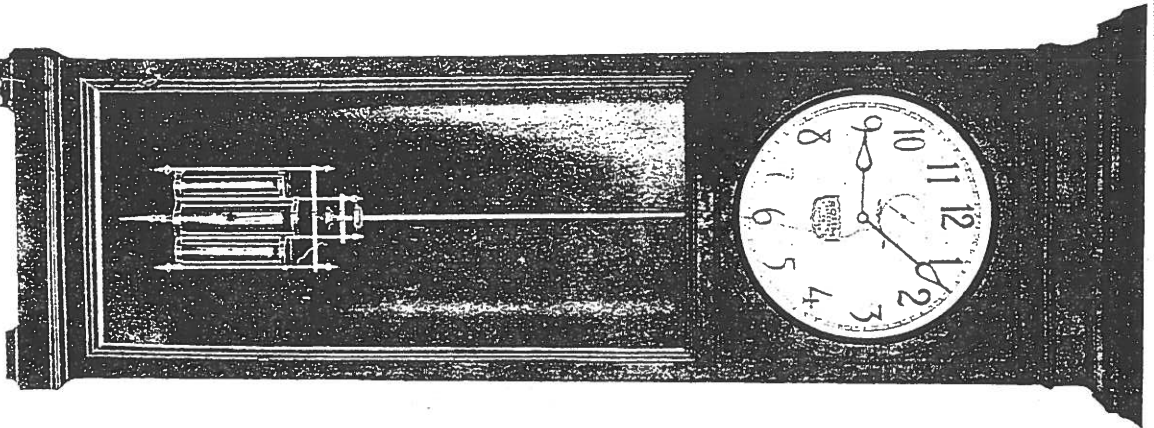


No. 353

**60-BEAT MASTER CLOCK**

Will not vary more than ten seconds per month.

Extreme dimensions: 65" high, 24" wide, 8" deep. 14" silver etched dial. Secondary pilot clock shows how all secondary units compare with master clock. Volt meter shows power in battery. With step-up button all secondary units can be moved forward manually by pressing button once for each minute.



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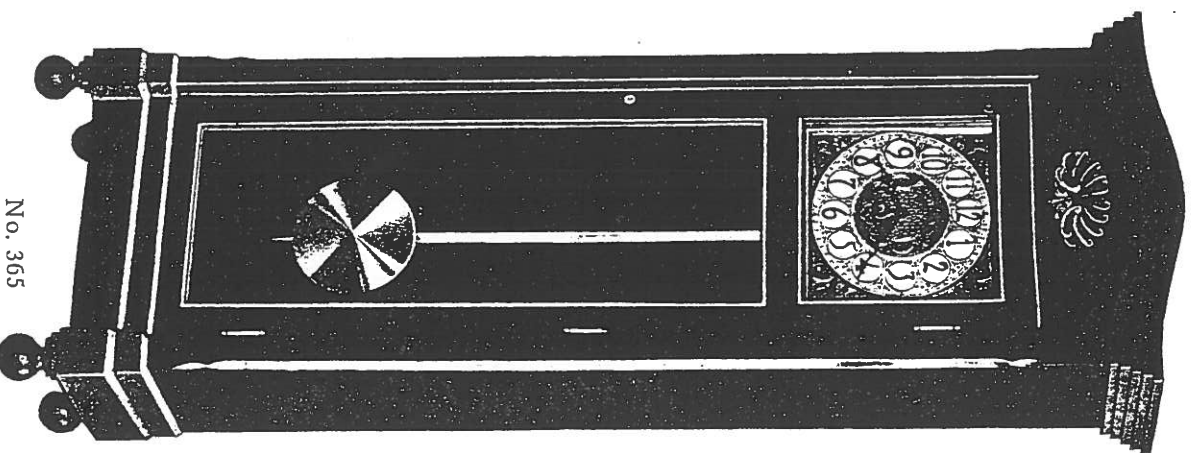
**60-BEAT MASTER CLOCK**

Mercurial pendulum. 14" silver etched dial.

Extreme dimensions: 65" high, 24" wide, 8" deep.

This clock, when properly hung, will not vary more than ten seconds per month.

Secondary pilot clock, and voltmeter may be had as shown in No. 353.



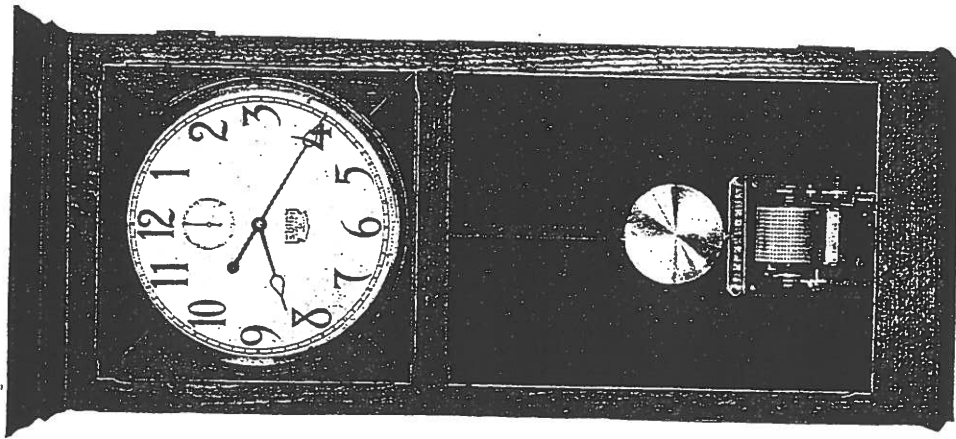
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**60-BEAT FLOOR TYPE MASTER CLOCK**

14" silver etched dial in three colors with raised numerals.

Made in piano finish, dust-proof, solid mahogany or quarter-sawed oak case as desired.

Extreme dimensions: 76½" high, 25" wide, 14" deep.



No. 205

**80-BEAT MASTER CLOCK MOVEMENT WITH SINGLE  
CIRCUIT TWELVE-HOUR PROGRAM  
MACHINE COMBINED**

This clock, if properly hung, will not vary more than 30 seconds per month.

**THE CLOCK OF A MYRIAD USES**  
This type clock combines all the advantages of the Sohm Master Movement, which shows the correct time visually and also announces the correct time audibly by automatically ringing bells, gongs or other signal devices.

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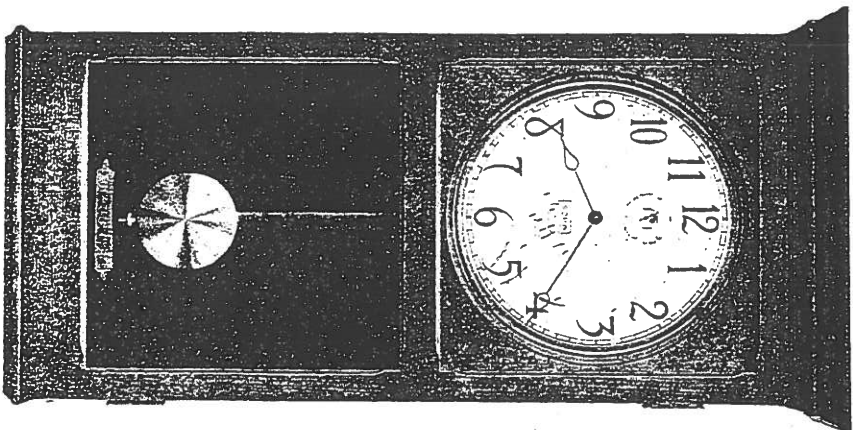
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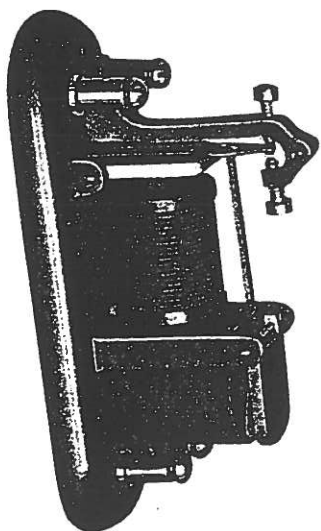


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#### 80 BEAT MASTER CLOCK MOVEMENT

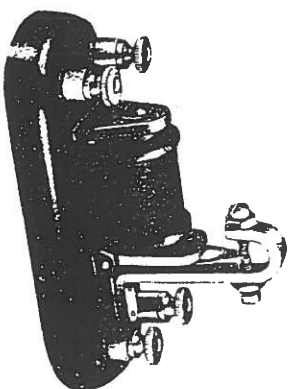
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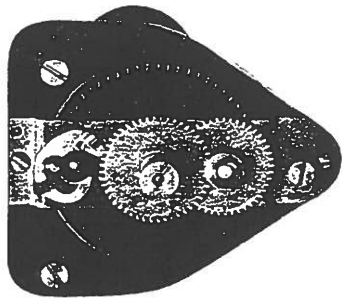
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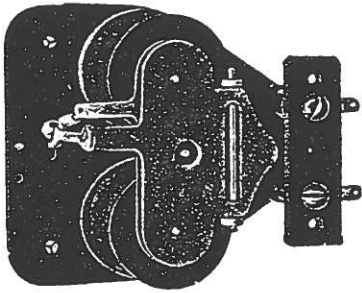


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SOHM SECONDARY CLOCK



FRONT VIEW



REAR VIEW

NOTE SIMPLICITY OF MECHANISM

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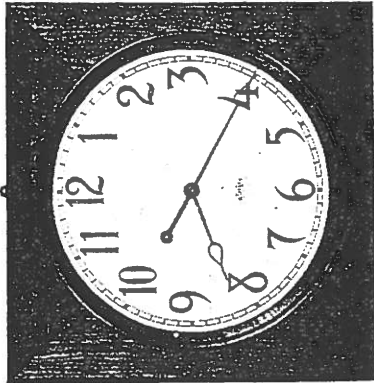
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The Sohm Secondary Clock Movement will operate accurately in any position, regardless of distance from master clock. It is not affected by heat or cold, and can also be used in the most inaccessible places, such as coal or salt mines, boiler rooms, lumber, flour or steel mills, chemical laboratories and outdoor purposes where the ordinary key-wound clock cannot be used.

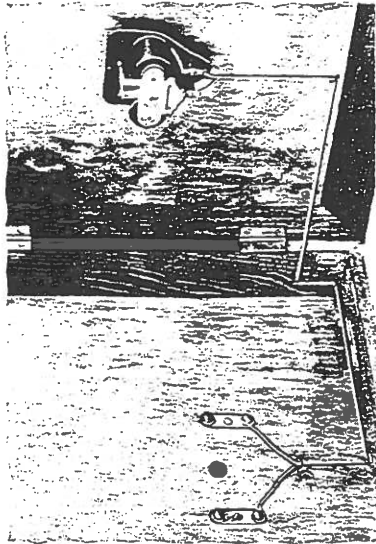
This movement will operate accurately any size dial from two inches to three feet in diameter. Movements may be had for larger dials.

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We have secondary clocks operating accurately seven miles distant from the Master Clock.



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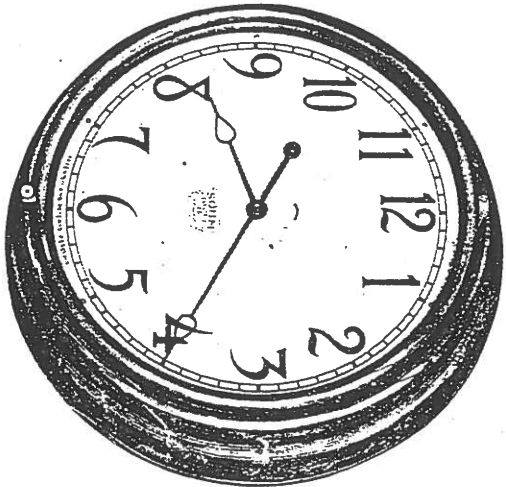
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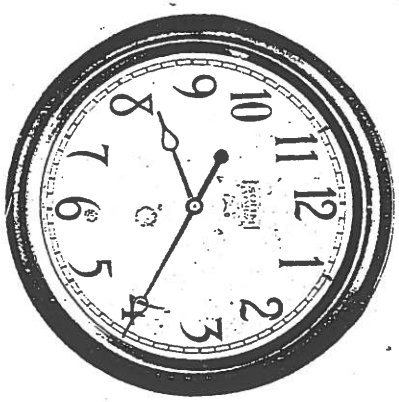
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These clocks are attractive in appearance and are suitable for all places where a round type clock is desired. They will not rust or corrode and may be used in laboratories, boiler rooms or other exposed places.

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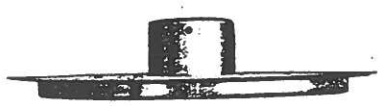
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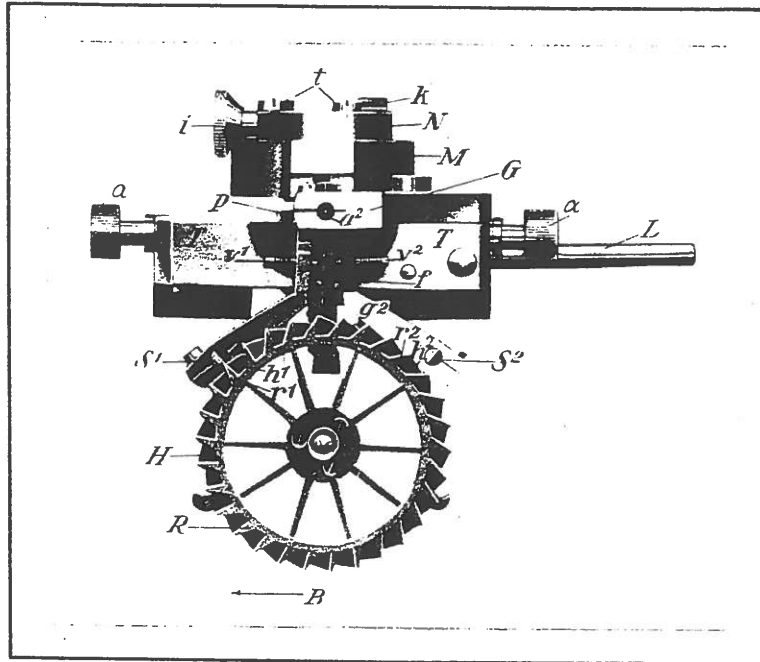
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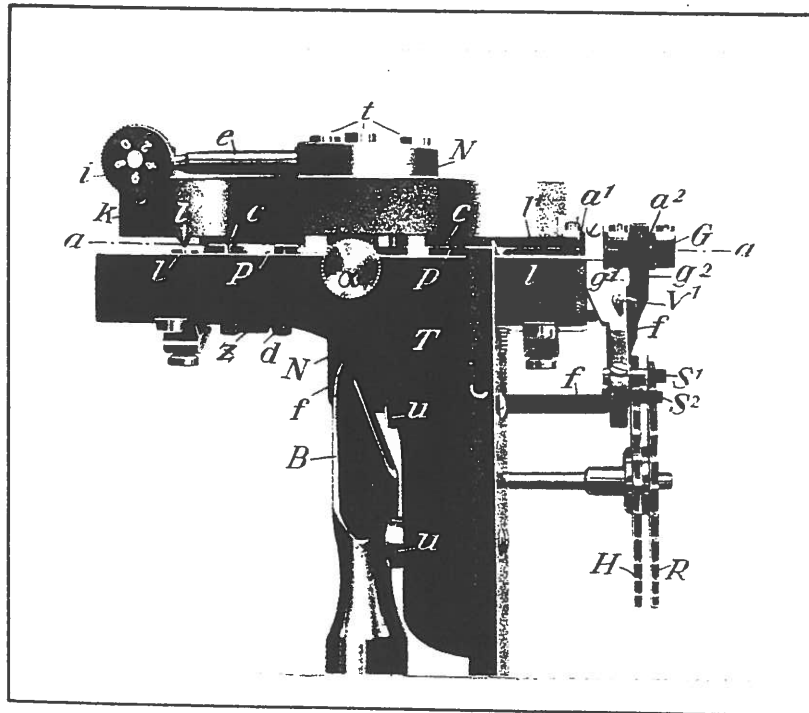
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Side view



Pendulum escapement



Free Gravity Escapement  
with  
Pendulum Swing about a Knife-edge.

It is, we believe, generally acknowledged that the free elastic escapement (D.R.P.No.50739) has brought about a considerable progress in the field of Precision Clock Construction. According to the reports received from numerous observatories and other scientific institutes, the astronomical pendulum clocks provided with this escapement have given excellent results of rate and within a period of many years they have shown most rarely any disturbance in the rate of the clockwork. If, nevertheless, such isolated cases have occurred, this is due partly to an insufficient accuracy of the erection which requires a certain professional knowledge and skill not available everywhere, but on the other hand it is chiefly due to the fact that the place where the clocks are erected is frequently exposed to vibrations. Such troubles have an unfavourable influence especially on the pendulum spring and may cause the anchor to be moved out of its correct position, so that the reversal of the name and thus the pendulum drive is no more accurate, whereby the clock may even come to a stop.

The purpose of the present is to describe a new free gravity escapement (D.R.P.No. 272119), which as compared with the elastic escapement distinguishes itself by a simpler mechanism, a reduced sensibility to outside influence and a greater stability.

In this gravity escapement the pendulum swings about a knife-edge and the pendulum spring is abolished entirely. The pendulum drive is effected by the own weight of two weight levers independent from one another, the plane of oscillation of which is parallel with that of the pendulum and the axes of rotation of which coincide with the extended axis of oscillation of the pendulum.

Fig. 1 shows the front view, Fig.2 the side view of the



escapement and Fig. 3 the view of the same from above in natural size, such as it is executed for astronomical clocks.

T is a strong support of metal cast secured by 4 screws  $u$  to the rear works plate of the clock, in which support the two agate planes PP are fixed. Each one of these rests with its brass mountings on 3 pressure screws  $d$ , which have their threads in the support T and they are held fast by the tension screws Z. The agate planes are so adjusted that their surfaces form one and the same plane.

In this plane lies the axis of oscillation  $a-a$  of the pendulum B. It is formed by the knife-edges of the two steel prisms  $cc$ .

These steel prisms  $c c$  are mounted in a strong metal piece, the pendulum support M. Through this support M passes the pendulum pivot N, which is of nickel steel and at the lower end of which the pendulum is suspended. This pivot is provided at the top with a flange, by means of which it rests on the pendulum support M, where it is secured by 3 screws  $t$ .

In the same mathematical axis  $a - a$  as the knife-edges, about which the pendulum swings, are also the rotation axes  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  of the two weight levers.

At the lower end of said pendulum pivot the guide pin  $f$  is screwed on, on the parallel surfaces of which will rest in front the two weight levers  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  by means of their stop-screws  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . This guide-pin must take along the weight lever  $g_2$  on the right when the pendulum swings from the middle position towards the right, and the weight lever  $g_1$  when the pendulum swings towards the left, whilst in the backward movement it is supported by each one of these two levers through the gravity of the same, thus transmitting the driving power of the levers to the pendulum.

For preventing the knife-edges  $c c$  of the pendulum support from being damaged during transport of the clock through the friction on the agate planes PP, a stopping devices similar to that in my free elastic escapement has been provided for. It

consists of the stopping lever L, whose axis of rotation possesses an eccentric by which the steel cylinders 1 1 provided with pan-bearings are lifted somewhat when the lever L is moved upward from the horizontal into the vertical direction.

In that way the two pointed screws  $l_1$ ,  $l_1$ , which have their threads in the pendulum support, will rest in the pan-bearings of the steel cylinders and thus also the pendulum support is lifted, so that there will be a small space between the knife-edge and the agate planes.

When the stopping is released by the reversal of the lever L into the horizontal position, the steel cylinders will recede downward and the knife-edge will rest again on the agate planes PP. At the same time the guide-pin f will receive the direction and position required for the stop of the two screws  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  of the weight levers.

For the transport of the clock, after the stopping, also the pendulum pivot N is clamped by the two lateral screws aa.

For regulating the pendulum swing, the pendulum support M is provided with the following arrangement. A pin e rigidly connected to the pendulum pivot N ends in a tongue engaging into a groove of the swing adjusting screw i. This adjusting screw i has its threads in a bridge k screwed on the pendulum support M and its head is provided with a graduation for accurate adjustment. When this adjusting screw i is slightly turned, a small rotary movement of the pivot N in the pendulum support M will result and thus also a lateral movement of the guide-pin f, on which rest the two weight levers. To allow the pivot N to turn, there is sufficient play in the perforation of its flangs for the 3 screws t, by which it is screwed on the support M, and the screws are tightened only slightly.

The weight levers  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ , of which each one weighs about 4 grammes, are bedded with their two axles  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  in the metal piece G, which is secured by screws on the support TT. At their lower end the levers are provided with the agate plates  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , which are cylindrical and flattened at their front end. By means of the two stop-screws  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  the extent of the engagement of the pallets into the scape-

wheel and thus the pendulum drive is adjusted.

The scape-wheel is a double wheel and consists of the lifting wheel  $M$  and the locking wheel  $R$ . The teeth  $h$  of the first-named effect with their bevelled surfaces the lifting, the teeth  $r$  of the latter with their radial surfaces the rest.

The lifting wheel acts on the cylindrical surfaces, the tooth points of the locking wheel on the even surface of the pallets.

After its release, the tooth of the lifting wheel displaces the pallet owing to the turning of the wheels and lifts it together with the weight lever until the tooth lying on top thereof of the locking wheel falls on the even surfaces of the pallet, thus interrupting the turning of the wheels.

The play of the escapement is as follows : Fig.1 shows how the pendulum in its movement towards the left swings at the top though the middle position and (on the left) the tooth  $r_1$  of the locking wheel  $R$  rests on the even surfaces of the pallet  $S_1$  of the weight lever  $g_1$ , whilst the weight lever  $g_2$  (on the right) with its stop-screw  $v_2$  presses upon the guide-pin  $f$ .

When the pendulum continues to swing in the direction of the arrow towards the left, the weight lever  $g_2$  takes part in its oscillation to the left during that time and gives the impulse to the pendulum until the guide-pin  $f$  touches the stop-screw  $v_1$  and thus pushes the weight lever  $g_1$  to the left until the wheel tooth  $r_1$  resting on the surface of its pallet  $S_1$  is freed. Now the wheels are turning, the pallet  $S_2$  of the weight lever  $g_2$  is pushed back by the lifting wheel tooth  $h_2$  and thereby the weight lever  $g_2$  is lifted until the locking wheel tooth  $r_2$  falls on the even surface of its pallet  $S_2$ , thus interrupting the turning of the wheels, whilst the pendulum continues in its oscillation towards the left, in which the weight lever  $g_1$  takes part.

When the pendulum returns towards the right, after having passed the middle position the guide-pin  $f$  takes along the weight lever  $g_2$ , whereby the wheel tooth  $r_2$  resting on  $S_2$  is freed and a new lifting on the other side takes place. Owing to the turning of the wheels, the weight lever  $g_1$ , which has just given the impulse to the pendulum, being lifted through the lifting tooth  $h_1$ .

In such a complete swing the height of fall A-C (Fig. 4) of the weight lever (e.g. of the lever  $g_2$ ) is, however, only useful in its lower part B - C for the pendulum drive, because the weight lever is lifted only to the height C - B by the wheel tooth of the lifting wheel, thus through the driving force of the clockwork. To the height B - A the pendulum must lift the lever, for release, but thereby the action of fall A - B is suppressed.

Thus, the pendulum drive and the release take place in that moment in which the pendulum swings through the middle position and therefore possesses the greatest kinetic energy.

The lifting of the weight levers through the lifting wheel is only performed by the driving force of the clockwork and the weight lever concerned is in no connection whatever with the pendulum.

The drive takes always place with the same force, as both weight levers are of the same weight and their effective height of fall is exactly limited by the 2 stop-screws and the scape-wheel.

Therefore, also the arc of oscillation is nearly constant. A change of the same resulting from outside influence has no influence on the uniformity and the amplitude of the pendulum drive.

The resistance, which acts on the pendulum through the connection of the pendulum with the clockwork, consists only in the release resistance. Owing to the fact that the surfaces of rest of the pallets are not placed radially, but form with the radius of the locking wheel an angle of about

12°, this release resistance is nearly nil, as this angle corresponds to the size of the friction angle between agate and brass.

In spite of this position of the pallets the danger of an untimely release is excluded, as each one of the two weight levers has an own axle and its pallet is pressed to the teeth of the lifting wheel by the own weight of the lever.

At the point of contact of the stop-screws with the guide-pin there is, though the levers take part in the pendulum swing, no frictional resistance, as the axis of oscillation of the pendulum and the axes of rotation of the levers form the same mathematical axis.

The axial friction of the pendulum support with its 2 steel knife-edges on the perfectly even, very hard agate planes is extremely small and of a very constant value.

The annexed graphical table of rates shows the rate of a clock provided with the free gravity escapement. The test was made with clockwork Type D 561 and nickel-steel pendulum Type J sch No. 3122.

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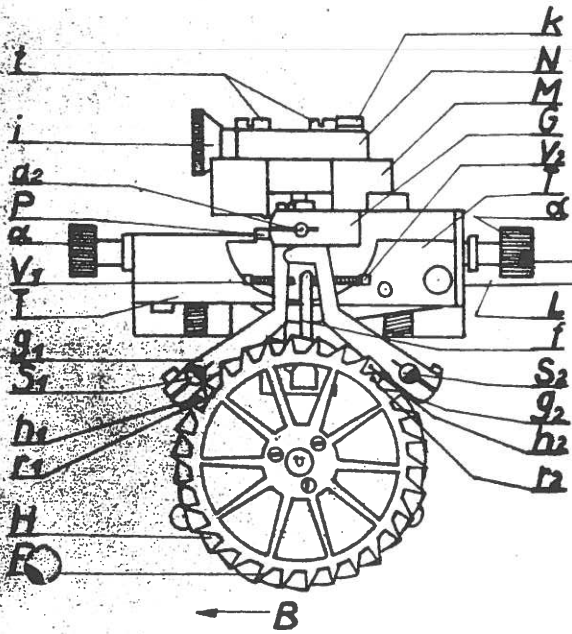


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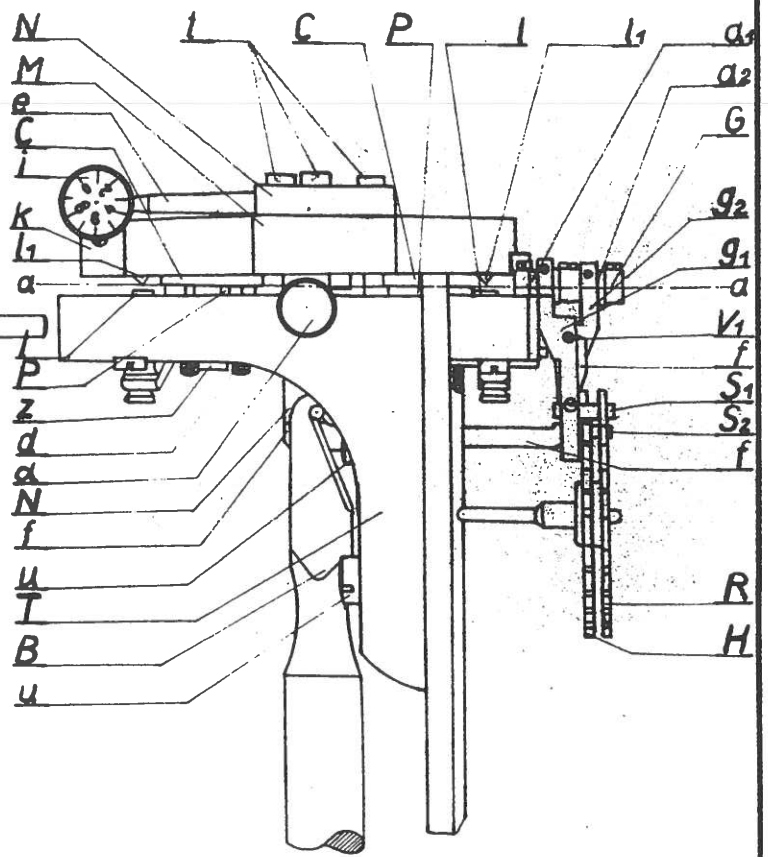


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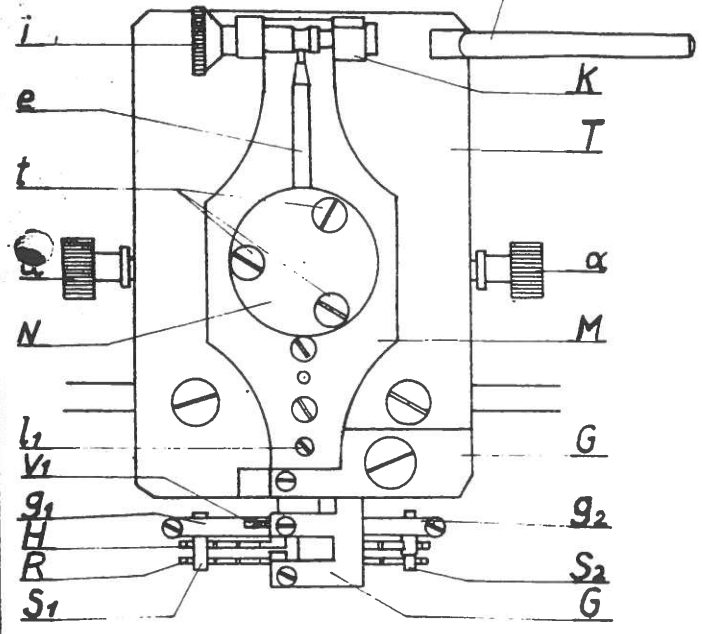
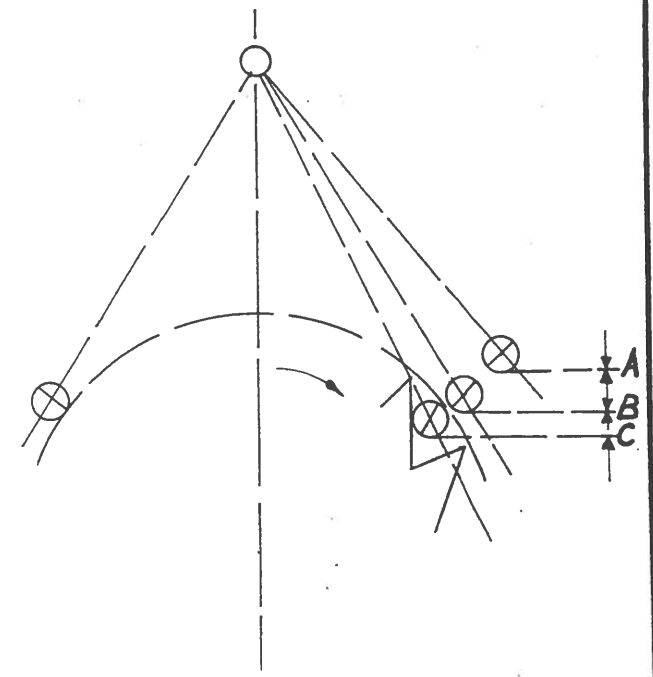
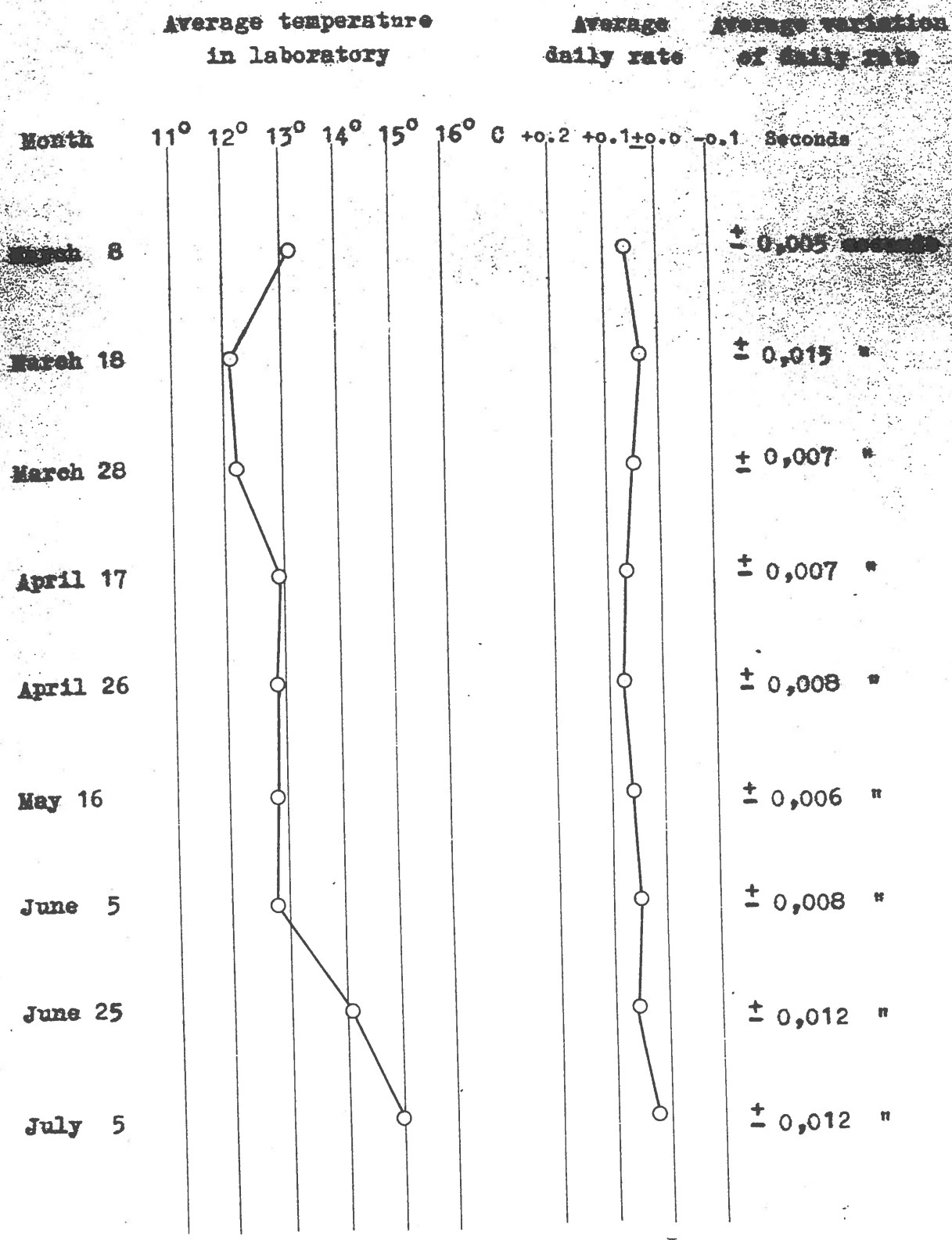


Fig.4



Graph of the average daily rate of the clock  
 Type D Nr. 561 with gravity escapement.  
 Pendulum J1 sch. 3122



1. Disconnect Slave clock circuit from Master clock.
2. Ensure that the pendulum is hung squarely across the case and that it is neither too far forward so that the click jewel S and jewel securing wire rub on the back of the Escape (Count) Wheel nor too far backward so that the click jewel S and jewel securing wire rub on the Lever F.
3. When in correct position, the Impulse Plate C when swinging should run exactly in line with the Gravity Lever roller D. In other words the roller or Impulse Plate should not over-lap each other. If necessary, the Impulse Plate can be moved round the pendulum by slackening the securing screw.

Tighten the pendulum trunnion clamp wing nuts.

4. Ensure that with the pendulum stationary, the shoulder of the Impulse Plate is exactly in line with the pivot of the roller D, as shown in drawing.

To obtain this setting the pendulum can be moved to the left or right along the trunnion. The gap between roller D and Impulse Plate C should be .005".

5. With the pendulum stationary the click jewel S should be midway between two teeth of the escape wheel as shown in drawing.

If the jewel is closer to one tooth than the other, the back stop wire L can be adjusted for length so that the back stop B moves the escape wheel in a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction. Keep the escape wheel lightly pressed to the back stop when making this adjustment.

6. The jewel S should be adjusted by turning the click wire A pivot bush in the Impulse plate. The bush should be adjusted for depth of engagement so that the jewel moves the escape wheel just sufficiently to allow the back-stop to drop behind each tooth of the escape wheel with the minimum amount of backlash. Move the pendulum slowly by hand to check this.
7. The release wire R.L. should be almost touching the catch G prior to releasing the catch, as shown in drawing, the wire can be bent to obtain this position.

The length of the release wire is adjustable and it should be set so that it moves lever G just sufficiently to unlatch the Gravity Lever H.

8. With the Gravity Lever H held up to the felt buffer the distance between the Gravity Lever suspension spring R and stop on Catch G should be 1/16". Adjust buffer (above) gravity lever suspension spring, to obtain this adjustment.

9. Ensure that the armature flat spring, securing contacts T and screwed to armature J is perfectly straight.

Turn Contact break screw N so that the head of the screw is well away from the armature flat spring when the armature is held up by the Gravity Lever.



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10. Unlock the two Pillar Contact nuts P and turn the front Pillar Contact O up several turns. Hold armature J up to Gravity Lever H and turn back Pillar Contact O up or down so that the Pillar Contact only just touches the contact plate T. Tighten locknut P. Adjust the front contact likewise.
11. Reconnect the Slave clock circuit. Connect milliamperemeter to Pillar Contact Screws O and adjust line current to .32 amperes (320 milliamps) by moving the lower clip of the resistance in the top left hand corner of the Master Clock Case. Disconnect meter after setting line current.
12. Set control lever E over to position A (advance) and set the pendulum swinging. When the Plate Contacts T touch the Pillar Contacts Screw O, the circuit should be made and the Gravity Lever replaced on the catch G. If the Gravity Lever is not replaced on the catch it will be because the front Pillar Contact screw requires turning up or down until a contact is made, this is just a rough adjustment. To finally adjust the contacts, carefully carry out the following:

Keep pendulum swinging. Turn front Pillar Contact screw upwards slowly until Gravity arm H fails to return to step on catch G without assistance from the pendulum.

Note position of Pillar Contact screw.

Now turn the screw downwards until once again the Gravity arm H fails to return to the step on catch G without assistance from the pendulum. Again note position of Pillar Contact screw O.

Turn screw O up again to midway position i.e. midway between the high position when the clock failed and the low position when the clock failed. Hold Pillar contact screw in this position and tighten locknut P. Return Lever E to N position.

13. It should now only be necessary to check for contact break adjustment. To do this release catch G and Lower Gravity arm H slowly with the left hand and move the pendulum to the right with right hand. When Contacts M are made, hold pendulum in this position and allow Gravity arm H to rise slowly until contacts M are broken. The position of the Gravity arm suspension spring R relative to the step on catch G should then be noted. The gap is set at  $\frac{3}{32}$ " to  $\frac{1}{8}$ " - alter screw to obtain this adjustment.
14. Set all Slave clocks and Master Clock pilot dial to same time.

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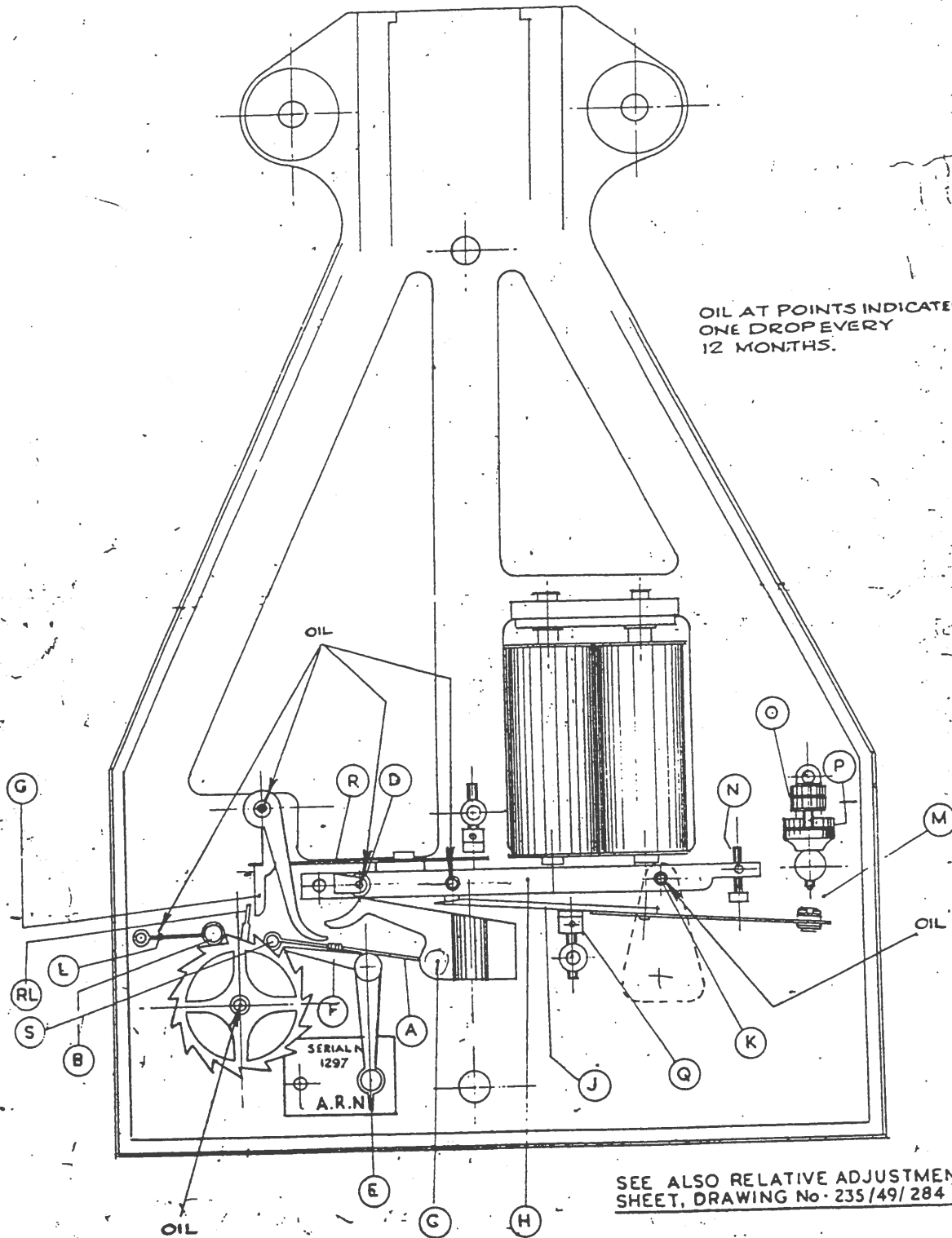
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**Synchronome, PUL-SYN-ETIC**, or other master clock. Also Brillie wall clock. Need help finding following parts: rate adjustment potentiometer & a 1/2" dial for a Bulle. Jerry Hahn (800) 733-3298 M-F 9am-5pm

**REPAIR:** ALL EARLY BATTERY CLOCKS Specializing in **BULLE** using orig. parts.  
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**BULLE** Electric Gallery Clock w/ 12" dial, 17" square overall, walnut wood case w/ pendulum. **BARR** Electric Mantle Clock w/ Glass Dome. **SWCC** Dials and other electric dials and movements.  
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**PUL-SYN-ETIC** (pg. 93, 150 Yrs. E. H.) excellent condition, all original & runs \$750 **CHROMATIC** (very similar) dirty case, no pend. \$250. **MAGNETA** (pg. 89, 150 Yrs. E. H.) case needs refinishing, Howard motion works \$450. All 3 for \$1200 + shipping  
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# THE ELECTRICAL HOROLOGY SOCIETY

CHAPTER #78

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WATCH & CLOCK COLLECTORS

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Fellow Horologists:

This journal issue contains continuations of the material started in the previous journal issue: the Sohm Electric Clock Co., English Clock System, and the ongoing Riefler Clock series. In addition, we have a copy of an invoice showing the sale of a Self Winding Clock Co. Style 18 oak clock with movement for the grand sum of \$10.00 plus a federal tax of \$1.00, totaling \$11.00! This clock was leased in 1928 with the time service until 1960 at which time the sale took place, contrary to the general impression that Self-Winding clocks were only available on a lease basis. This material was provided by Chapter 78 member John Perrigo, to whom we are indebted.

It appears that a host of information exists in the files of our membership, and all that's necessary to bring it to light is a little encouragement, so come on and let's hear from you and share the wealth with your brother members.

Our chapter received a nice compliment from Paul Hefner, manager of the "Answer Box". Paul says that the reason we see so little in the line of electric clock questions is because we have educated the NAWCC membership with our answers to inquiries sent to various members and through journal information, providing answers to many questions. Thanks for your kind words, Paul.

Enjoy this issue...good reading ahead.

Martin Swetsky, FNAWCC, President (Now and again)

HARVEY SCHMIDT, FNAWCC, Secretary-Treasurer, 75-80 179<sup>th</sup> ST. FLUSHING NY 11366

INVOICE

*W.C. Hendrix  
San Antonio, Tex*

SELF WINDING CLOCK COMPANY, INC.

2 75 VARICK STREET  
NEW YORK 13, NEW YORK  
Telephone: CAnal 6-6800

DATE April 29, 1960  
INVOICE NO. 3054-1  
OUR ORDER NO. 7746

SOLD TO

J. Davis  
285 Post Ave.  
San Antonio, Tex.

SHIPPED TO

no shipment

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL
1	Style 18 Oak min clock with mvt. #53485	10.00	\$11.00
	10% federal tax	1.00	
1	#11 brass name plate		
TRANSFER FROM RENTAL TO SALES			

Your Order No. W.U. letter 4/4/60	Your Reqn. No.	Your Contract No.	FOB Brooklyn N. Y.	Shipped Via	Date Shipped	Terms Net 30 Days
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Return of merchandise accepted only on written authorization.

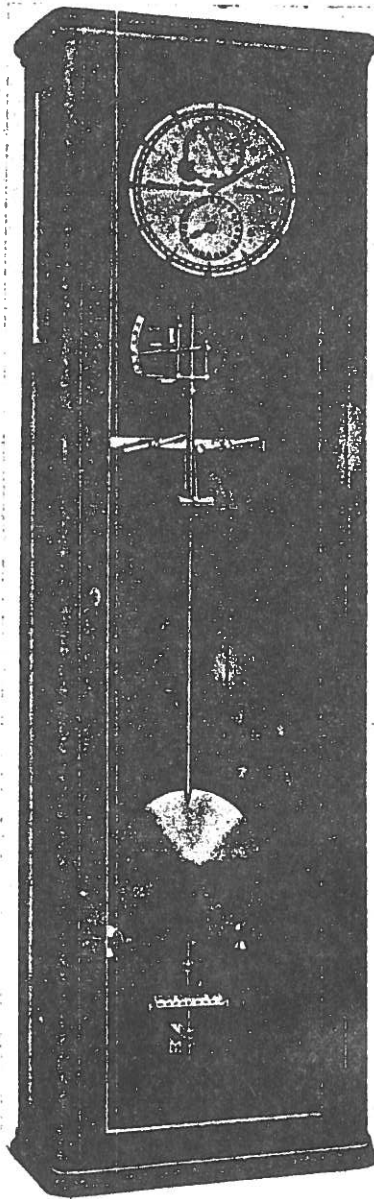
NO REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS OR COLLECT ACCOUNTS EXCEPT ON OUR WRITTEN ORDER. THE ONLY CLOCKS USED IN THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S TIME SERVICE.

*This copy was in a book I recently bought - The reference shows the SWCC did sell some clocks - I heard they never did sell any. The members may be interested.*

*G.J. Davis was in charge of the San Antonio water & the clock being there from 1928 until he retired. It is completely original - needless to say to Paul & I. It was then the 11 -*

# CLEMENS RIEFLER

FABRIK MATHEMATISCHER INSTRUMENTE  
NESSELWANG U. MÜNCHEN  
BAYERN



**Type A3**  
**Sekunden-  
Pendel - Uhr**  
**mit**  
**Schwerkrafthemmung**  
D.R.P. Nr. 272119  
Mittlere tägliche  
Gangvariation  $\pm 0.05 - 0.08$  S

**PRÄZISIONS-SEKUNDEN-PENDELUHREN**

## Type A3

### Präzisions - Sekundenpendeluhr

in staubdichtem Holzgehäuse

mit freier Schwerkrafthemmung D.R.P. Nr. 272119

- „ Nickelstahl-Kompensationspendel Type K, D.R.P. Nr. 100870
- „ elektrischem Aufzug D.R.P. Nr. 151710
- „ intermittierendem Sekundenkontakt mit Markierung der Sekunde „0“
- „ mechanischer Einstellvorrichtung zur Korrektur des Uhrstandes
- „ 3 Trockenelementen und Schieberrheostat für elektrischen Aufzug
- „ Schwingungsmaß, 1 Satz Zulagegewichte sowie Zubehörteile.

### Sondereinrichtungen:

Elektrischer intermittierender Sekundenkontakt (für Relais usw.)

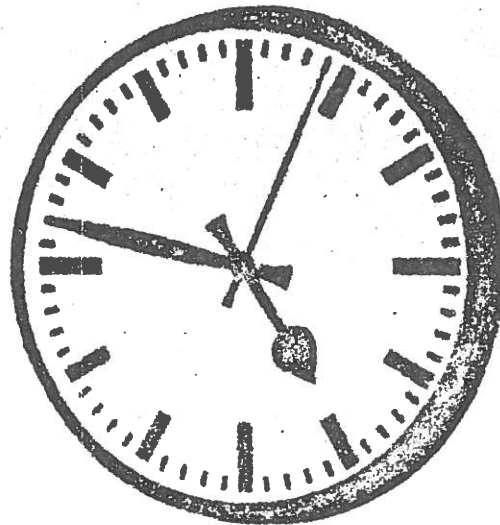
- „ Einsekundenkontakt
- „ Zweisekundenkontakt
- „ Pendelkontakt
- „ Sekundenkontakt für Polwechsel zum Betriebe von Sekunden-  
springern
- „ Kontakt für Polwechsel zum Betriebe von Halbminuten- und  
Minutenspringern
- „ Minutenkontakt und Stundenkontakt zur Auslösung von  
Signalen usw.

Luftdruck-Kompensationsvorrichtung für das Pendel.

Ausrüstung der Type A3 mit dem Pendel Type J, welches einen Kompensationsfehler von  $\leq \pm 0.005$  s per  $1^\circ$  C besitzt, an Stelle des Pendels Type K, dessen Kompensationsfehler  $\leq \pm 0.02$  s pro  $1^\circ$  C beträgt.



CLEMENS RIEFLER  
Fabrik math. Instrumente  
8964-NESSELWANG/Germany



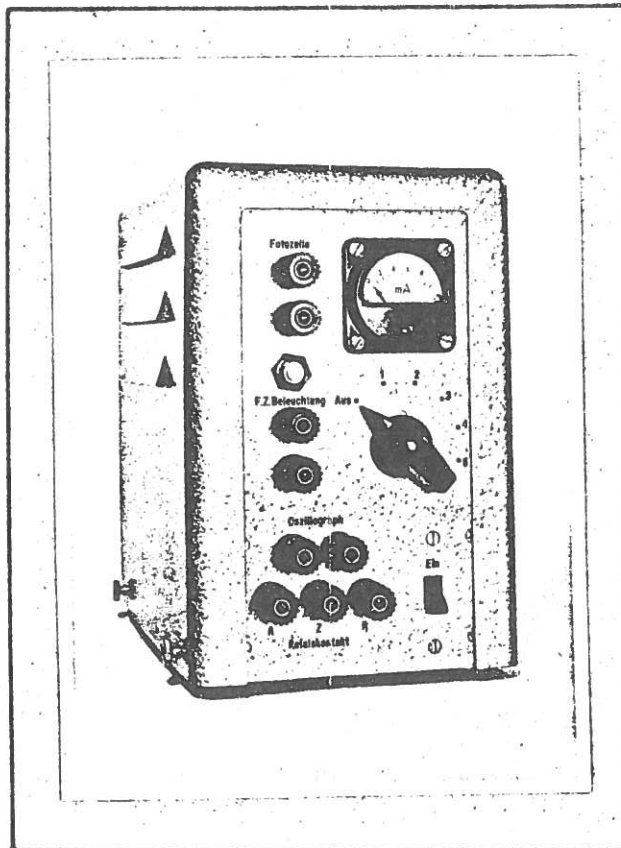
Slave Clock

1/1. Seconds, 12 " dial, completely silent  
in operation, full length centre second hand,  
to be mounted on the wall, also with arabic  
numbers available -

in metal casing - order No: 431 01/1/21  
in plastic casing - order No: 431 01/21

Working Voltage 12 Volts direct current  
Current 12 milli-amperes

D e s c r i p t i o n  
of the Photo-electric Contact Device  
for Precision Clocks Type D



## Design of the Photo-electric Contact-device.

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Our precision pendulum clocks are provided with a seconds-gear contact (intermittent or one-seconds contact) by which chronographs, oscillographs or relays can be operated.

The contact starting, respectively the contact release follows here over a contact lever which slides over the teeth of the contact gear. Though the herewith caused friction resistance is extraordinarily small there might appear mistakes of some hundredth seconds during operation of the contact. For most of the time determinations this accuracy will be sufficient.

But in case a higher accuracy of the contact signs is required it is advisable to provide the pendulum clocks additionally with a photo-electric contact-device. The contact release follows here directly by the pendulum. A fine light beam is projected to the photo-electric cell and puts herewith this cell under current. During the center position of the pendulum at each pendulum swing this light beam is interrupted and released again by a diaphragm which is mounted to the pendulum. The photo-electric cell controls herewith an amplifier with a connected relay. The accuracy of this frictionless acting photo-electric cell amounts to 0.003 - 0.005 seconds and will be sufficient for all measurements. The photo-electric contact device is composed of: the lighting installation 'R'; 2 collecting lenses 'B' and 'E'; diaphragm 'b'; photo-electric cell 'F'; and the amplifier.

In the lighting installation 'R' there is a filament lamp which is connected to the corresponding terminals of the amplifier. The light-beam of this filament lamp falls through the glass-bell of lense 'B' which is mounted to the clock-work-frame. In the focus of lense 'B' there is the diaphragm 'b'. The light beam is interrupted by lense 'B' at the first second of each pendulum swing and is released again during the next second and is projected through lense 'E' to photo-electric cell 'F'. The small photo-electric currents released by the light-beam are lead to an amplifier and are amplified thus that the inbuilt contact-relay can be controlled. To this relay now oscillographs, chronographs or other time-control apparatus may be connected.

## Mounting of the photo-electric contact-device.

The collecting lenses 'B' and 'E' are already fixed to the clock-work-frame in their correct position; also the pendulum diaphragm clamp 'K' is mounted to the pendulum.

After having mounted the clock work and hung up the pendulum, according to the mounting instructions, whereby due to No.6 of these instructions the two set screws 'aa' are not yet unscrewed and the stopping lever 'L' rests in the vertical position according to No.9, the diaphragm 'b' will be slid from below into clamp 'K' and will be clamped by the lower screw 'a'. Hereupon the stopping-

8 lever 'L' (No.9) will be turned from the vertical into the horizontal position, whereby we have first to loosen the set screws 'aa' in the pendulum support 'TT' (No.6).

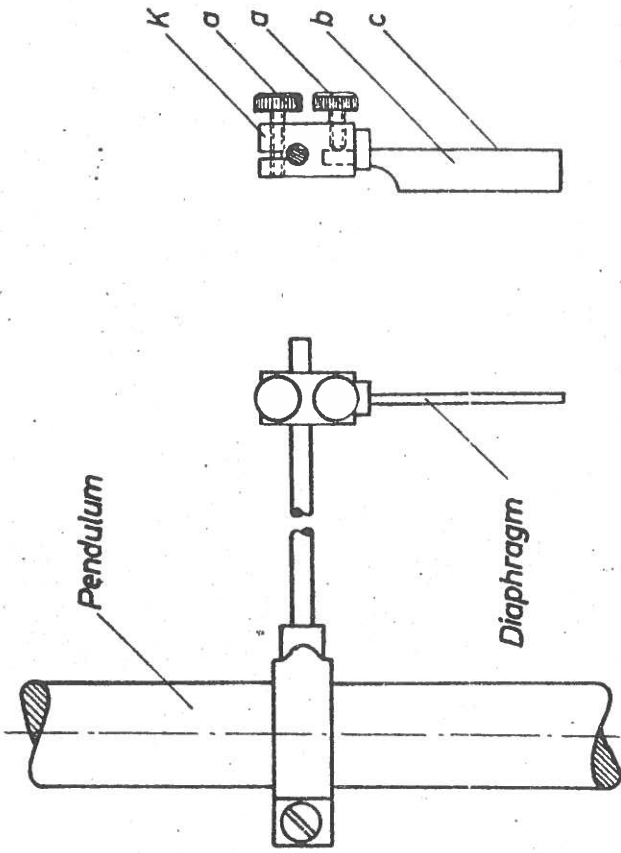
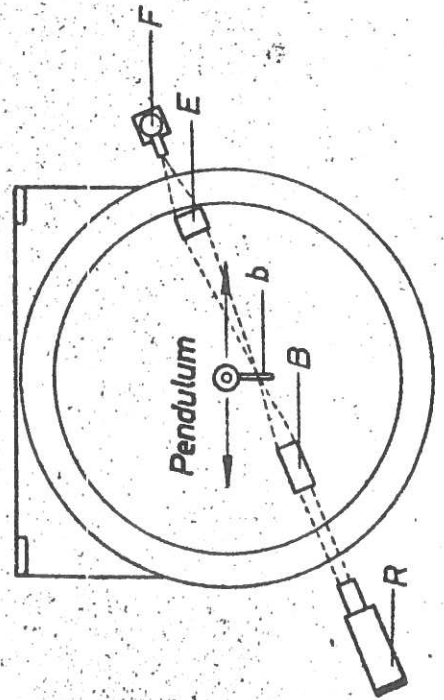
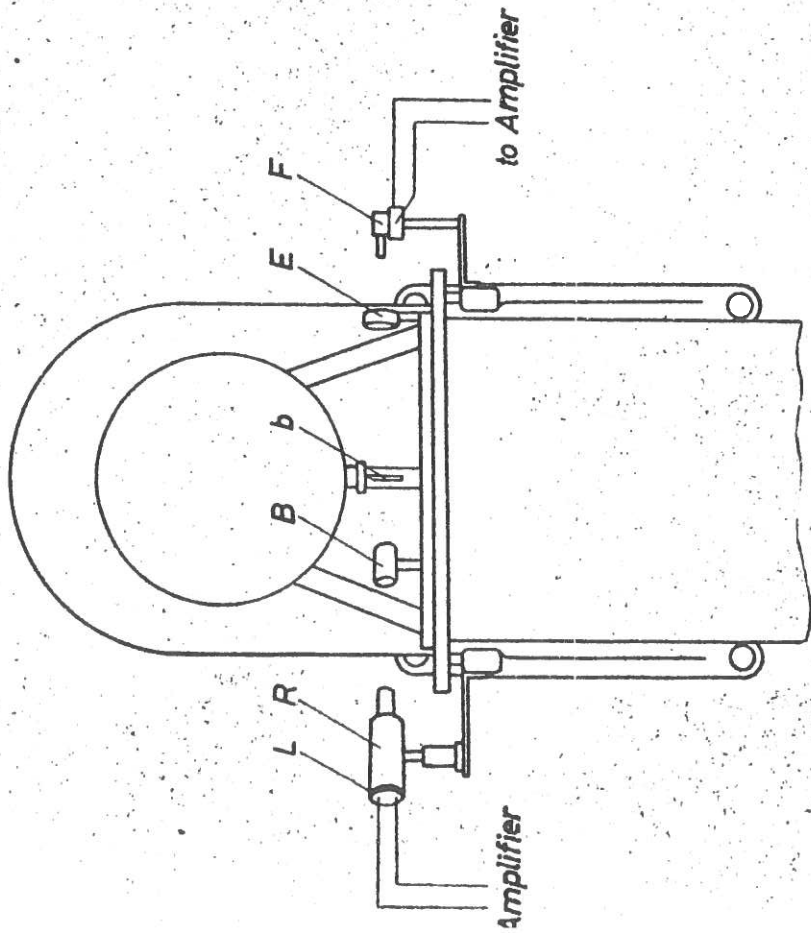
The lighting installation 'R' will be clamped to the console and photo-electric cell 'F' will be fixed to the clamp. The lighting installation 'R' and the photo-electric cell 'F' are to be connected to the corresponding clamps of the amplifier. At connection of the photo-electric cell to the amplifier we have to take especially into consideration that the poles plus and minus will not be interchanged erroneously. Now we have to switch on the amplifier, here it is necessary to remember that after the amplifier is switched on the valves will need about 15 minutes until they are heated.

We have now to adjust the lighting installation according to its position by turning and shifting it up and down. The light-beam has to strike as exactly as possible the center of lense 'B', and during the rest position of the pendulum the light must appear as a very fine stripe at the edge 'C' of diaphragm 'b'. Now we can bring the pendulum under oscillation. Then photo-electric cell 'F' will be shifted and turned upwards and downwards thus that the light-beam falls into the center of the photo-electric cell. It is the best to switch on the amplifier, during the adjustment. The measurement instrument of the amplifier must be set at 0 (zero) when the light-beam falls on to the photo-electric cell. At a covered light beam the measurement instrument shall indicate a closed circuit of 5 - 7 milliamperes. This closed circuit is dependent on the data of the photo-electric cell, the place where the clock is mounted, and of the luminous intensity of the surrounding room. At setting under operation the closed circuit must be once set at 5 - 7 milliamperes with the resistance which is under the clamps of the photo-electric cells of the amplifier.

The measurement instrument of the amplifier fluctuates in the seconds rhythm between 0 and about 6 milliamperes. The luminous intensity of the filament lamp can be adjusted by a multiple contact switch at the amplifier. The luminous intensity must be reduced thus that the measurement instrument is just still going back to 0. In general this can be attained at position 2 - 3.

The times between the interchanging seconds-contacts should all if possible be of the same length, i.e. the photo-electric cell shall be set under light as long as it is darkened. Generally this is to be estimated at the deflection of the amplifier measurement instrument. By means of chronographs or oscillographs this can be determined exactly. The exact fine-adjustment is attained by sliding lighting installation 'R' in horizontal direction, by means of the herefore provided adjusting screw.

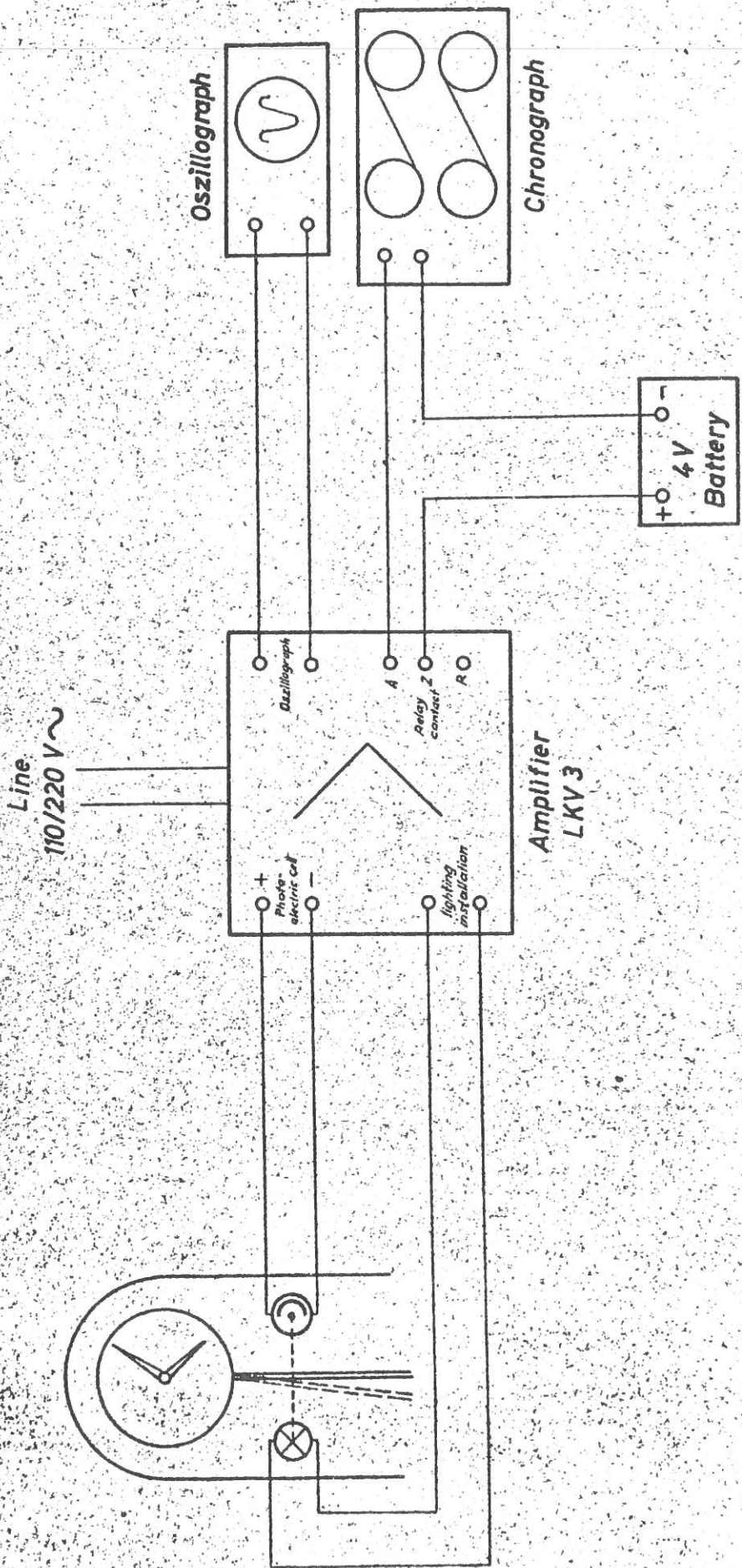
If in the run of time the lighting lamp will become defective and must be interchanged the ring 'K' at the lighting installation 'R' and then the socket must be taken off. After placing the new lamp the socket has to be fixed and turned thus that the coils of the lamp are in a vertical position. This may easily be determined if a white sheet of paper is held before the lighting-lamp so that the coils of the light are visible.



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Wiring diagram for  
photo-electric contact-device  
for Clock Type D

ENGLISH CLOCK SYSTEMS

ADJUSTMENTS TO SINGLE CONTACT MASTER CLOCK

1. Disconnect slave clock circuit from Master Clock.
2. Make sure that the pendulum is hung squarely across the case and that it is neither too far forward so that the click jewel S and jewel securing wire, rub on the back of the Escape (Count) Wheel nor too far backward so that the click jewel S and jewel securing wire, rub on the lever F.
3. When in correct position, the Impulse Plate C when swinging should run exactly in line with the Gravity Lever roller D. In other words, the roller or Impulse Plate should not overlap each other, If necessary the Impulse Plate can be moved round the pendulum by slackening the securing screw.

Tighten pendulum trunnion clamp wing nuts.

4. Make sure that with the pendulum stationary the shoulder of the Impulse Plate is exactly in line with the pivot of the roller D as shown in Drawing No. 98/49/316.

To obtain this setting the pendulum can be moved to the left or right along the trunnion. The gap between the roller D and Impulse Plate C should be .005".

5. With the pendulum stationary the click jewel S should be midway between two teeth of the escape wheel as shown in the drawing.

If the jewel is closer to one tooth than the other, the escape wheel can be moved in a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction by adjusting the length of the back-stop wire L and bead B. Keep the escape wheel lightly pressed to the back-stop when making this adjustment.

6. The jewel S should be adjusted by turning the click wire A pivot bush in the Impulse Plate. The bush should be adjusted for depth of engagement so that the jewel moves the escape wheel just sufficient to allow the back stop to drop behind each tooth of the escape wheel with the minimum amount of backlash. Move the pendulum slowly by hand to check this.
7. The release wire R.L. should be almost touching the catch G prior to releasing the catch, as shown in the drawing; the wire can be bent to obtain this position.

The length of the release wire is adjustable and it should be set so that it moves lever G just sufficient to unlatch the Gravity lever H.

8. With the gravity lever H resting on the catch G, the air gap between the two magnet poles should be between .025" and .030". This can be obtained by slightly bending the flat gravity lever suspension spring R either up or down as required.

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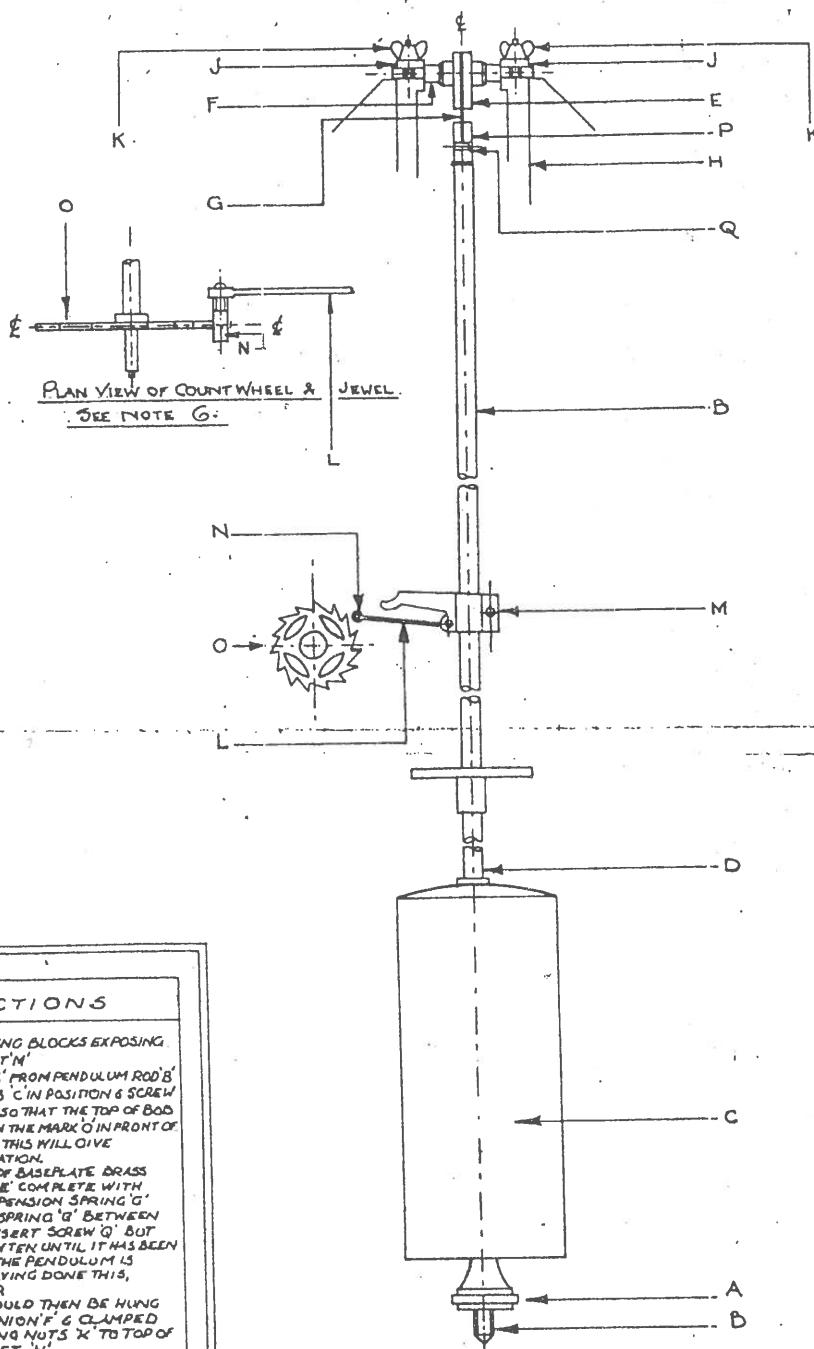
## ADJUSTMENTS TO SINGLE CONTACT MASTER CLOCK

9. With the Gravity Lever H held up to the felt buffer the distance between the gravity lever suspension spring R and step on catch G should be  $1/16"$ . Adjust buffer above gravity lever suspension spring to obtain this adjustment.
10. Make sure that the armature flat spring securing contact T and screwed to armature J is perfectly straight.  
  
Turn contact break screw N so that the head of the screw is well away from the armature flat spring when the armature is held up to the gravity lever.
11. Unlock Pillar contact nut P. Hold armature J up to gravity lever H and turn pillar contact screw O up or down so that the Pillar Contact only just touches the Contact plate T. Tighten locknut P.
12. Re-connect the slave clock circuit and set line current to .32 amps (320 milliamps).
13. Check for contact break adjustment. To carry this out release catch G and lower gravity arm H slowly with the left hand and move the pendulum to the right with the right hand. When contacts M and T are made, hold pendulum in this position and allow gravity arm H to rise slowly until contacts M and T are broken.  
  
The position of the Gravity Lever suspension spring R relative to the step on the catch G should then be noted. The suspension spring should be  $3/32"$  to  $1/8"$  down the catch from the step. Alter the position of the contact break screw N to obtain this setting.
14. Set the line current to 0.26 amps. (260 milliamps) by moving the lower clip of the resistance in the top left hand corner of the Master Clock case. Set control lever E over to position A advance and set the pendulum swinging. The Magnet Coils should just manage to lift the armature and gravity lever to the catch without any assistance from the pendulum. Adjust buffer capstan screw Q to obtain this setting.
15. Readjust the line current to normal setting i.e. 0.32 amps (320 milliamps) and disconnect meter.  
  
Make sure all screws etc. are tightened.
16. Set all slave clocks and Master Clock Pilot Dial to the same time.



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASSEMBLY OF PENDULUM ROD

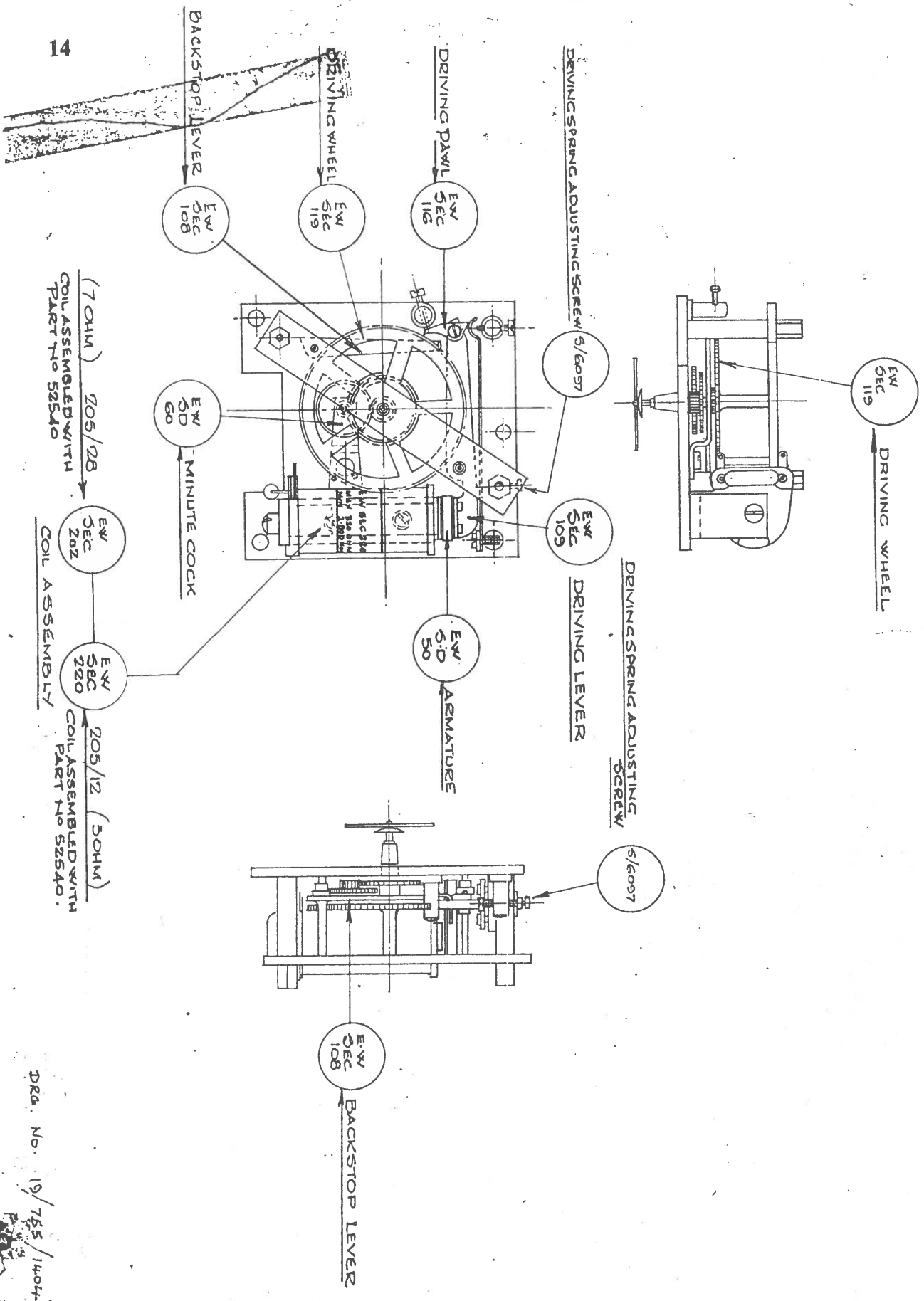


**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. REMOVE WOOD PACKING BLOCKS EXPOSING JEWEL WIRE 'L' & PALLET 'M'
2. REMOVE RATING NUT 'A' FROM PENDULUM ROD 'B'
3. PLACE PENDULUM BOB 'C' IN POSITION & SCREW THE RATING NUT 'A' UP SO THAT THE TOP OF BOB DUSH REGISTERS WITH THE MARK 'O' IN FRONT OF THE PENDULUM ROD. THIS WILL GIVE APPROXIMATE REGULATION.
4. REMOVE FROM TOP OF BASEPLATE BRASS SUSPENSION CHOPS 'E' COMPLETE WITH TRUNNION 'F' & SUSPENSION SPRING 'G'.
5. INSERT SUSPENSION SPRING 'G' BETWEEN BRASS CHOPS 'E' & INSERT SCREW 'Q' BUT DO NOT FINALLY TIGHTEN UNTIL IT HAS BEEN HANGING PLUMB. HAVING DONE THIS, FINALLY TIGHTEN UP.
6. THE WHOLE UNIT SHOULD THEN BE HUNG BY MEANS OF TRUNNION 'F' & CLAMPED BY PLATES 'J' & WING NUTS 'K' TO TOP OF MOVEMENT BRACKET 'H'
7. WHEN THE PENDULUM IS HANGING AT, REST THE FLAT SURFACE OF JEWEL 'N' SHOULD BE ABOUT MIDWAY BETWEEN THE POINTS OF TWO TEETH OF THE COUNT WHEEL 'O' WHEN THIS ADJUSTMENT HAS BEEN MADE THE WING NUTS 'K' CAN BE SCREWED HOME FIRMLY.

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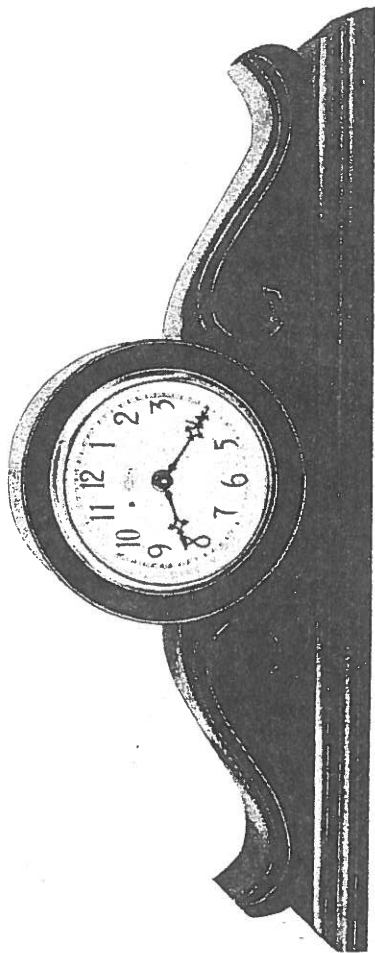
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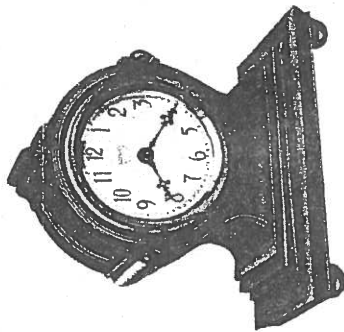
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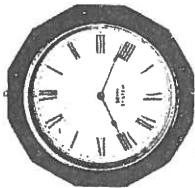
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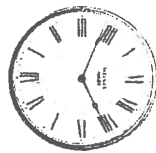
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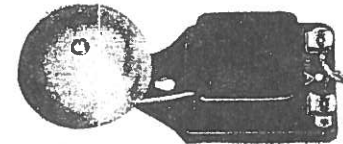
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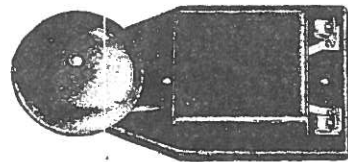
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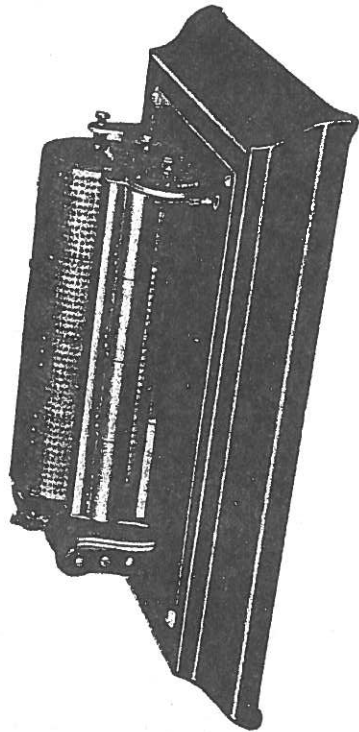


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SOHM AUTOMATIC BELL-RINGING PROGRAM MACHINE



No. 719

12-HOUR 4-CIRCUIT PROGRAM MACHINE, WITH HALF DAY CUT OUT

The Sohm Program Machine is a step by step mechanism, controlled and synchronized by minute impulses from the Master Clock.

It will automatically sound audible signals such as a bell, buzzer, gong, or any number of them, in any or all parts of a building simultaneously or independent of each other, any minute in any hour as desired.

The Sohm Program Machine may be used in schools to notify the pupils and teachers at the beginning and conclusion of the various lesson periods, starting, recesses, dismissal gongs, fire drills, etc. In factories to start and dismiss employees during the regular working hours, or for starting and stopping of special processes other than, or in addition to, the regular working schedule. It may be used in plants such as brick kilns and foundries where a special program is necessary, for the firing of furnaces or pouring of metal which must be done in unison by a number of men simultaneously, or in bakeries, tire and envelope factories, chemical laboratories, etc. In fact they are indispensable in any institution requiring a special signal at a given time, notifying

employees when to do a special thing and when to resume regular operation. The interval between these signals may be arranged for any duration from one minute up.

#### DESCRIPTION

Mounted on a black enameled base plate are two standards. Mounted on these two standards is an aluminum drum, divided into hourly sections. Each section contains sixty holes, each hole representing one minute. A complete revolution of this drum represents one hour. This drum is moved forward on minute impulses by the **Sohm Master Clock** and is so arranged that it cannot move forward more than one minute at a time. A sixty minute dial spaced to show a minute line in alignment with each row of minute holes is fastened to the right end of the minute drum.

Mounted on the same standard are two dials. One is a twenty-four hour dial with an hour indicator. This dial is divided into twelve A. M. and twelve P. M. hours. The other is a half day dial with a contact pin placed for each half day of the week. Mounted on this half day dial is a resilient indicator which points to the half day desired and makes contact with the contact pins.

Another pair of standards is mounted on base plate in front of minute drum. Mounted on these standards is a cylinder containing selector studs, one for each hour, and a separate cylinder and set of studs for each circuit. In front of this selector cylinder and mounted on base plate are 12 contact springs, one for each hour, arranged in alignment with the hour sections of the minute drum. A set of these contact springs is arranged for each circuit.

With every complete revolution of the minute drum (a period of one hour) selector cylinder moves forward one notch (the equivalent of one hour). When the selector stud on this cylinder is in alignment with the contact spring it forces contact spring back towards the minute drum.

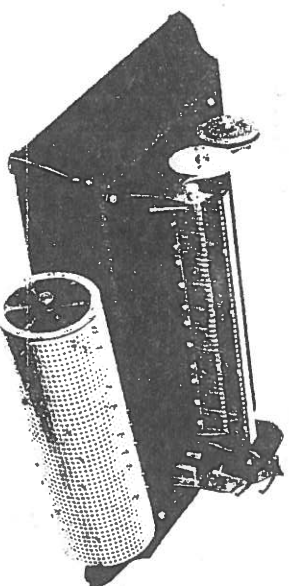
We furnish our patented split bottom contact pins with each **Sohm Program Machine**. The split bottom of these contact pins may be spread with a knife blade far enough to permit them to be seated firmly in the minute holes and preventing them from coming

out. (Be sure contact pins are seated firmly in minute holes and are inserted as far as the shoulder of the contact pin will permit.)

When minute drum revolves contact pin makes contact with hourly contact spring with which it is in alignment.

Above the hour selector cylinder is a bridge on which is mounted an hour dial spaced in alignment with the hour sections of the minute drum. This dial is divided into A. M. hours to the right and P. M. hours to the left facing minute drum.

#### TO SET PROGRAM



Place a split bottom contact pin in minute hole at minute desired in alignment with minute dial at the right end of minute drum and at the hour desired in alignment with hour dial on bridge in front of minute drum.

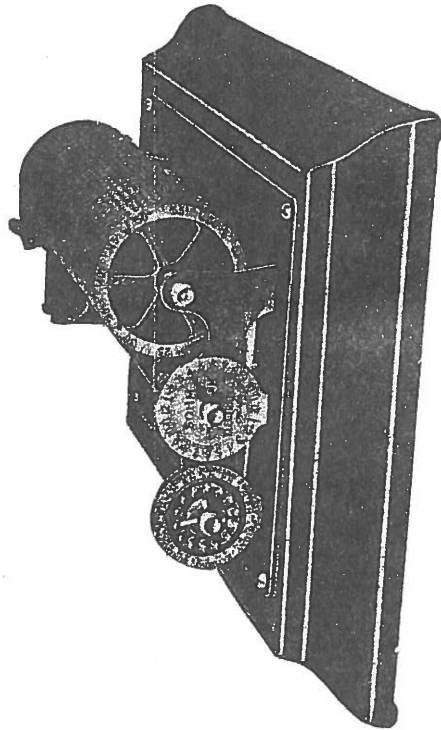
Push back minute drum release lever (mounted on left standard of minute drum). Move minute drum forward until the stationary indicator on right side of bridge points to 60. Press down release lever of the half day cut-out dial. Move the half day indicator until the half day desired is reached.

Press down release lever of the twenty-four hour dial. Move the twenty-four hour dial indicator around to the hour desired.

Now push back minute drum release lever once more and bring minute drum slowly forward until stationary indicator on the bridge shows that Program is in exact unison with the Master Clock.

The Automatic half day cut-out is so arranged that by removing the contact pin from the dial on the half days desired the signals on these half days will be automatically silenced.

Where Programs without half day cut-out are to be set proceed as above with that exception.

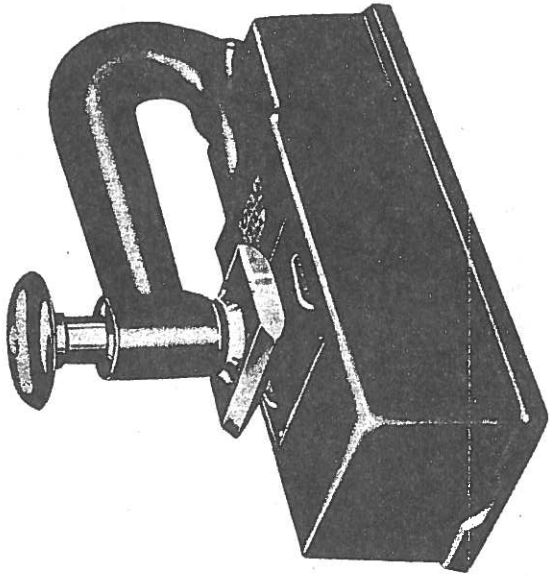


Each machine is mounted on a black enameled metal base and protected by a heavy plate glass cover.

Bell Re'ay, Switch and Button for each circuit included.

Made and carried in stock with and without cut-out in single, two, three, four, five and six circuit machines, in 12, 18 and 24 hour periods. Larger sizes to order. A single circuit machine will operate bells or signals in all parts of the building simultaneously. Machines of two or more circuits can be set to operate signals at different periods in different parts of the building independent of each other.

### THE SOHM AUTOMATIC TIME STAMP



No. 600

The Sohm Automatic Time Stamp is controlled and synchronized on minute impulses from the Master Clock and prints an indelible and indisputable record of the month, day, hour, minute and year on any document of any transaction or operation in the factory, store, office, shipping or receiving room.

The beauty, simplicity, and rugged dependability of the Sohm Automatic Time Stamp is evident at a glance.

The mechanism is placed in the base and being independent of the head is not affected in any way by the force used on the head in making the impression.

The head operates on an air cushion mechanism, will not rattle and is provided with powerful return spring and rubber shock absorber. The solid printing pad is fitted with a resilient mat and is prevented from striking the type on the time wheels by two solid steel horseshoe-shaped ribbon guides, one on each side of the mechanism which also keep the paper to be stamped from contact with the ribbon, preventing its soiling or blurring.

As the head is pressed down to make the impression, the solid printing pad forces the two horseshoe-shaped ribbon guides down until their lower ends touch the steel base plate of the stamp, which absorbs the shock, permitting the ribbon guides to travel far enough to make the impression. It will thus be seen that the time type wheels are protected from injury regardless of the force used in making the impression.

The time type wheels are always locked against false action and cannot overjump or make more than one minute at a time no matter what voltage is used. The type is always in perfect alignment.

#### A Ribbon Shift That Shifts

The **Sohn Automatic Time Stamp** is provided with an automatic ribbon shift which furnishes a fresh inking surface for each impression. After the ribbon is completely unwound from one ribbon spool, it automatically reverses and winds the other way on the other ribbon spool.

With the removal of the pressure on the head the ribbon shift guides are automatically returned to normal position by four return springs.

An exclusive feature of the **Sohn Automatic Time Stamp** is the ease with which the mechanism can be dismantled from the steel base plate. The time type wheels, ribbon, and automatic ribbon shift mechanism are contained in a separate compact unit. This permits easy access to all working parts for cleaning.

The **Sohn Automatic Time Stamp** is adapted for myriads of labor saving uses. It has been adopted and is recommended by some of the largest institutions in America.

They have been adopted by banks and other financial institutions, boards of trade, etc., for their accuracy in recording actual time of the handling of checks, drafts, notes, etc.

They are used in hotels to record the arrival and departure of guests on their room cards, the receipt and delivery of mail and telegrams. In the cafes to stamp the date on dinner checks, preventing the presenting of bogus dinner checks of a previous date. They are placed on every hotel floor for their check on room service by maids, bell boys, porters, or others.

For insurance offices, showing accurate time records when policies go into force, and when they expire. In court rooms for all legal papers. In railway depots for the receipt and delivery of freight and express matter. By the claim and correspondence departments, for the baggage and parcel room, telegraph office, etc.

Druggists are using **Sohn Automatic Time Stamps** to record time when prescriptions are received and when compounded. In pool rooms and billiard parlors, they are used to record the actual time tables are in use. A card is issued when the table is rented and is stamped when surrendered, giving the elapsed time it has been in use.

The housing and arm are finished in beautiful black lustre enamel. The head is coated with a special rust-resisting composition, finished in gray. The bottom of the base plate is covered with green felt guarding against the possibility of injury to furniture.

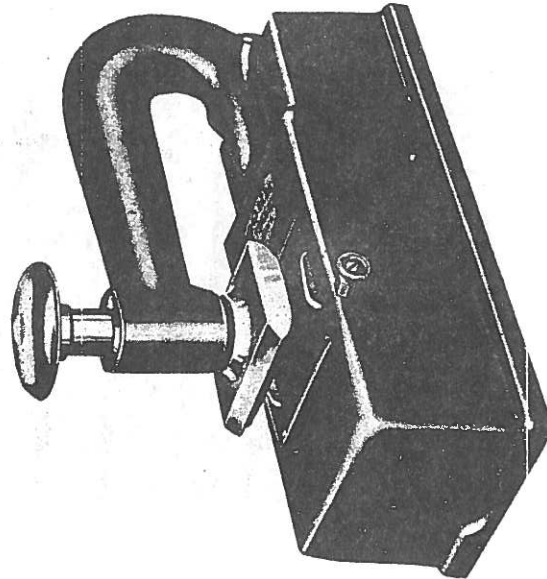
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The coils can be wound for any voltage. Be sure and specify voltage desired.

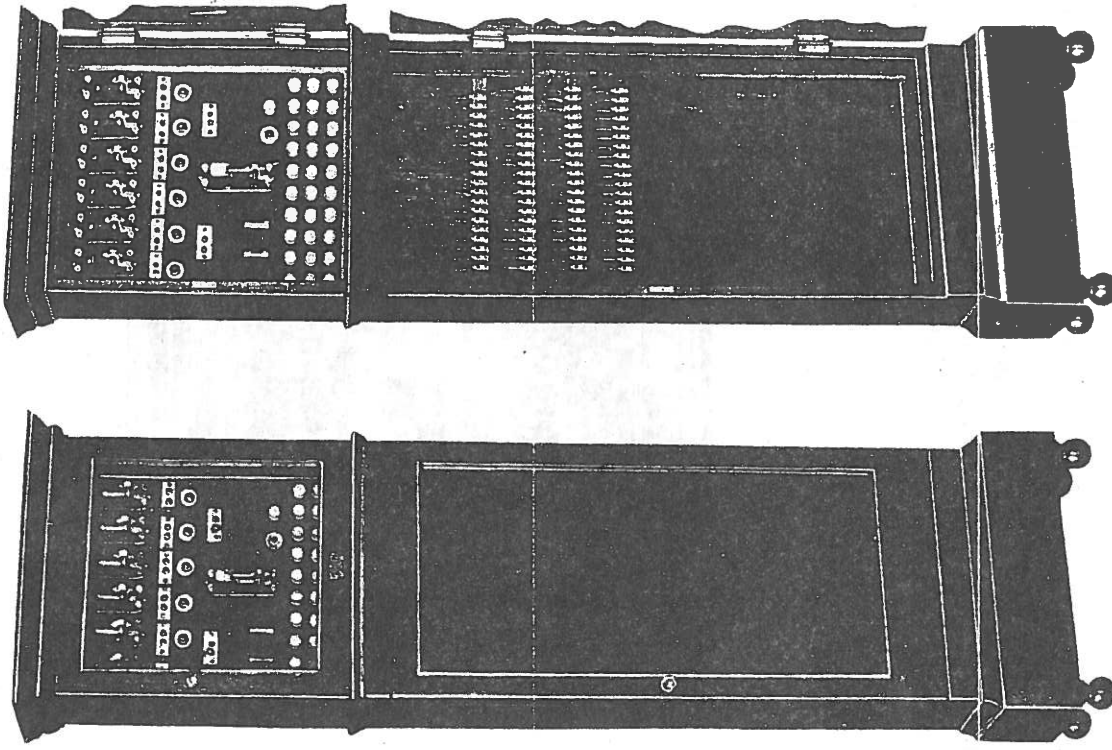
Size of base 9" long by 4" wide by 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " high.

Shipping weight approximately 10 pounds.

Special office type is furnished, fitted with hexagon selective word swivel. This type is adapted for those users who require a number of different records during the course of the day's transactions. In addition to the time record and the special lettering of the name plate, this stamp will print the following six standard words: RECEIVED PAID ANSWERED ORDERED SHIPPED MAILED.

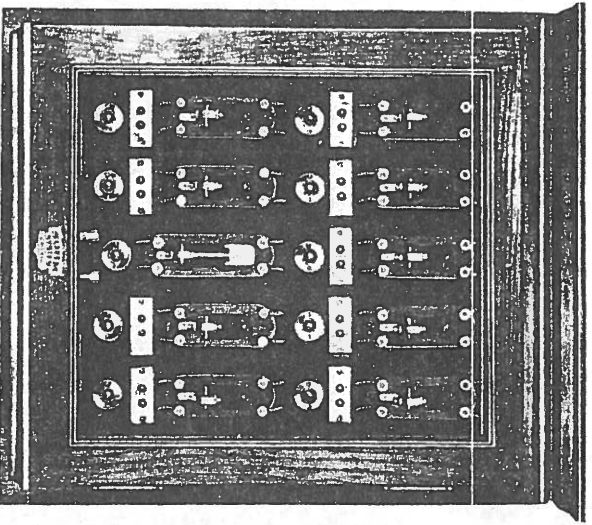


No. 604



Floor type relay cabinet with lower section for terminal and distributing racks. Upper section contains lock-up relay, clock circuits, circuits for bell ringing program, including step-up buttons, circuits operating switches, master bell ring button and switch fuses and individual push button for each bell. Lower section shows terminal strips.

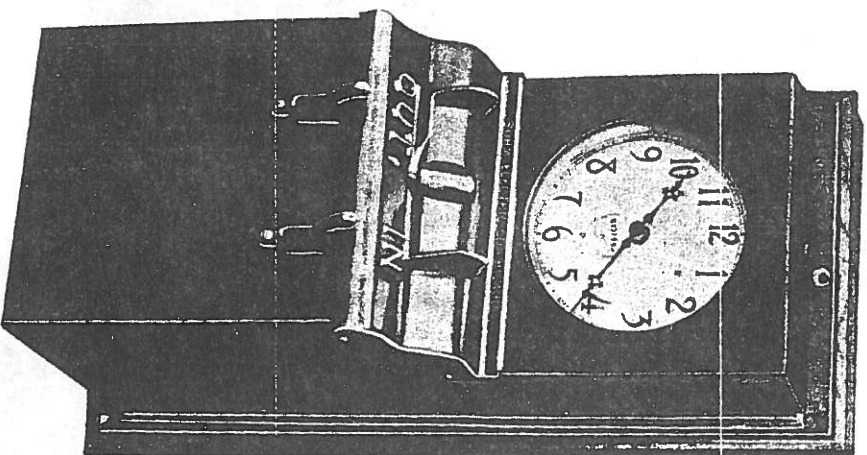
Can be had for any number of circuits. Wiring diagram furnished with each cabinet.



Front View

Wall type relay cabinet equipped with Sohm lock up synchronizer, five secondary clock circuits, four bell circuits with pony line relays, step-up buttons and cut out switches.

The front door opens, exposing all the front of relays for adjustment and cleaning without any disturbing of wires. The rear panel is fastened permanently upon the wall and the whole cabinet opens from rear hinges, exposing all terminals and rear of relays, step-up buttons and switches, making it very simple for connecting.

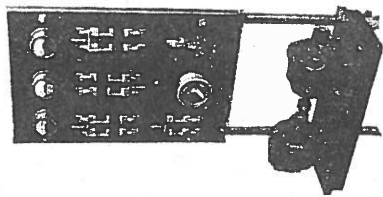


#### SOHM AUTOMATIC EMPLOYEES TIME RECORDER

No card shift levers for in and out. Employees can come and go without shifting card levers. This recorder is controlled by the Sohm master clock and after a card has been once printed it cannot be changed by printing over. It cannot be manipulated. Secondary clock is mounted in case. Case is metal and dust-proof.

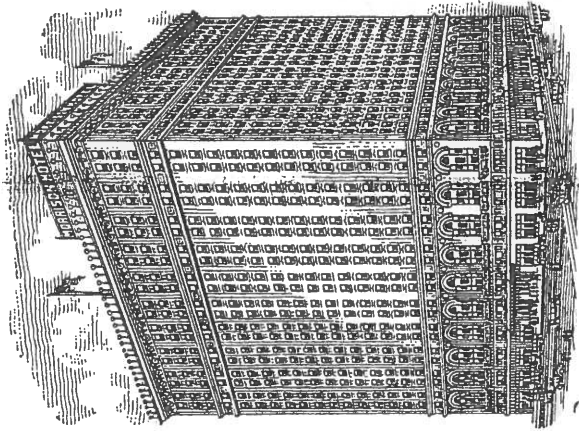
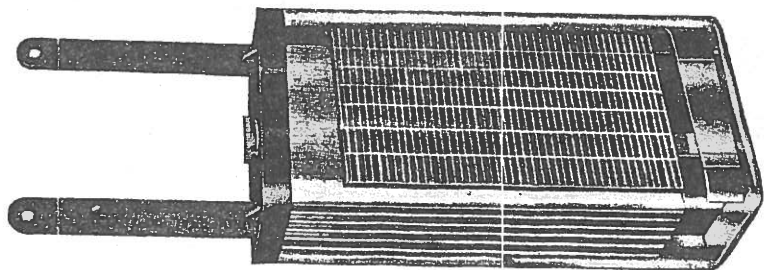


Motor generator set and panel board for charging duplex set of storage batteries. Motor generator set consists of an alternating current motor and a direct current generator. The panel board consists of a charging, and discharging ammeter, voltmeter, and charging and discharging double pole, double throw knife switch, one test switch, one main switch, circuit breaker and rheostat.

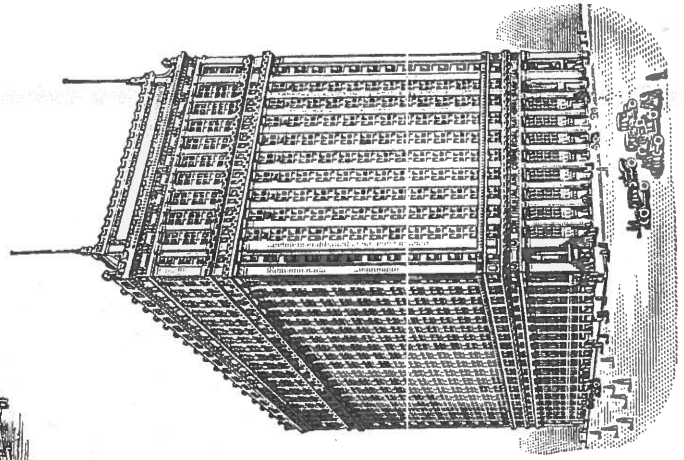


#### Single Cell Storage Battery

Six of this type cell will operate any average clock and time system.

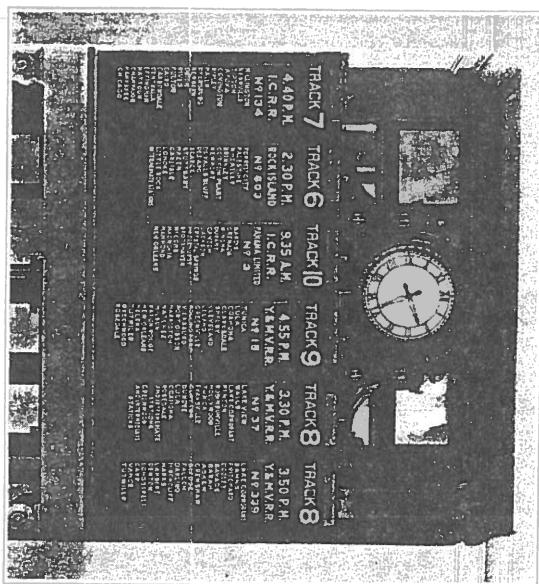


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Fellow Horologists:

In this issue we offer a brief history of the Western Union Time Service, published in the 1960's, we believe as an introduction to the company as part of an effort to sell the organization. (Which did not succeed.) In addition, we continue with the Sohm Electric Clock Co., and the ongoing Riefler Clock series.

Our thanks to Chapter 78 Director Elmer Crum, who has taken over the reins as program and meeting chairman at the major regionals and the national convention. He not only arranges for time in the scheduled programs, but conducts the meetings as well. Elmer has always been one of the valued voices in the operation of the chapter, but has now found the time to come forward and more prominently display his abilities.

We are advised by our Secretary-Treasurer, Harvey Schmidt that there are still 3 copies of the videotape of the exhibit at the 1996 Syracuse regional which was conducted by our own chapter members. It was agreed that this display ranked with the finest ever held on that occasion, and the professionally taped and edited videos provide a lasting remembrance of the event. These are sold at the cost to us of \$15 each plus postage, first come, first served.

The Mart pages will undergo the annual clean-out with the next Journal issue, advise George Feinstein of your intentions. Director Bill Ellison tells us that an updated Journal index will be ready for the next issue.

Journal material is still needed, please keep this request in mind. Happy Holidays to all. Good reading ahead.

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Preface

This document is only intended to familiarize the reader with the history and operations of the Western Union Time Service. Western Union is willing to discuss with a proper party the sale of the customer list and certain of the assets of the Time Service. However, the contents of this document do not represent an offer. Any offer or contract for the sale of the Time Service shall be by formal instrument signed by an appropriate officer of The Western Union Telegraph Company.

## The Western Union Time Service

### I. History and Background

James A. Hamblet founded the Western Union Time Service in about 1877. Hamblet was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on June 16, 1824 and his first position was with William Bond and Son, astronomers. In 1862 he started his own business manufacturing electrical apparatus and telegraph instruments. One of his customers at this time was an ambitious telegraph operator in Boston named Thomas A. Edison who needed apparatus for his inventions, which included a stock ticker. In 1870 Hamblet joined the firm of E. Howard & Company, a Boston clockmaker, and was with that firm until 1876.

In 1877 Hamblet was interested in Western Union's plans to transmit time signals at noon daily from the United States Naval Observatory in Washington D.C. over the telegraph wire network to all of its offices in the nation. Whether Hamblet suggested this service is not known, but he did plan at once to establish a time distribution service. He began providing time service to jewelers and other stores and offices, principally in the Maiden Lane and John Street area of New York City.

Hamblet designed a cogwheel attachment for a master clock which automatically transmitted the time signals to sounders in the subscriber's premises--indicating, by omissions of the seconds beats of the sounders, the passage of minutes, five minutes and hours. His master clock was kept in step with the Observatory time at noon by time beats coming over the telegraph line from Washington D.C. Hamblet took charge of Western Union's time service in 1878 and extended it to thousands of towns and cities over the nation where Western Union's electrically synchronized clocks were installed and became the "Standard of Time".

One means of making standard time known in New York City, beginning in 1877, was the dropping, precisely at noon each day, of a large time ball down a flag pole erected on the tower of the Western Union headquarters building at Broadway and Dey Street, which was then one of the tallest buildings in New York City. The noon time signal from Washington automatically disengaged a lever and caused the ball to slide down the pole. Due to the height of the building, the time ball was visible for many miles. Crowds would gather in the street each day with watches in hand to check their time and captains of vessels trained their telescopes on the time ball.

In 1882 Hamblet petitioned Congress to pass a law establishing time zones and a standard time to replace the many different times then observed by cities and towns throughout the nation. With his snow-white hair and long white beard, James Hamblet became known to the public as "Father Time" and was spoken of and addressed by that name. On November 18, 1883, several large railroads adopted time tables based on the proposed Standard Time and pressure on Congress was renewed. On March 13, 1884, the law establishing Standard Time was passed by Congress.

## II. The Time System

Each morning, over an order wire circuit originating from Washington D.C., a series of time pulses are transmitted to each synchronizing office of The Western Union Telegraph Company throughout the country. From a distributing clock in Washington, the pulse is sent each second so that clicks are heard on each office's sounder. Certain clicks are omitted to mark the minutes and half minutes. Thus the 29<sup>th</sup> second and the 55<sup>th</sup> to the 59<sup>th</sup>, inclusive, are always omitted. Just before twelve o'clock, 10 clicks are omitted, that is, the 50<sup>th</sup> to the 59<sup>th</sup> inclusive and the last click, at exactly noon, is longer than the rest. These time signals are probably never in error by more than a few tenths of a second. Time is determined in Washington within a few thousandths of a second. The distributing clock is correct within a few hundredths of a second. The relays in the telegraph lines introduce most of the error, but in practically every case the signals can be relied upon to be accurate to within a few tenths of a second.

Based upon the clicks heard in each synchronizing office, a Supervisor manually adjusts the master clock located at that office to correspond to the sounder's clicks.

This master clock synchronizes all of the other clocks originating from that office every hour. When everything is working well, no one of the slave clocks should be inaccurate by more than a second or two.

It is possible to service up to 20 slave clocks on one synchronizing circuit. When the number of subscribers totaled in tens of thousands, economy of circuit facilities was enforced. However, as the number of clock subscribers decreased, no attempt was made to use the circuitry to this state of efficiency. Therefore, there are now many synchronizing offices where only one clock appears on a synchronizing circuit. On some circuits, either because of their length or the quality of the line, d.c. repeaters are used to strengthen the synchronizing pulse.



### III. The Clock

The synchronizing self-winding clocks used in the Time Service were made by the Self-winding Clock Company of Brooklyn, N.Y. The term "self-winding" refers to the technique used as the driving power to wind the mainspring periodically. The clock's spring is wound up every hour electrically. The controlling mechanism in the clock is an anchor escapement and pendulum which is a common mechanism used in many clock designs. The driving mechanism is a spring. Each hour the clock mechanism automatically closes a contact which sends current through a little motor that winds up the spring. The spring is wound just one turn and then the circuit is broken for another hour. The same amount of expansion of the mainspring is thus used each hour.

The clock mechanism was invented in 1846 (Ed. Note: this date is in error the system was invented by Chester H. Pond between 1883 and 1888.) Two No. 6, 1-1/2 volt batteries are used to power the winding mechanism and they last for about 18 months before requiring replacement. The master clocks function in the same way in winding, etc. except that a contact is closed upon each hour to transmit the synchronizing pulse to the slave clocks. This pulse is a 120V d.c. signal of about one second duration. If the minute hand on a slave clock is within 50 seconds of the hour, the clock automatically corrects to the proper time.

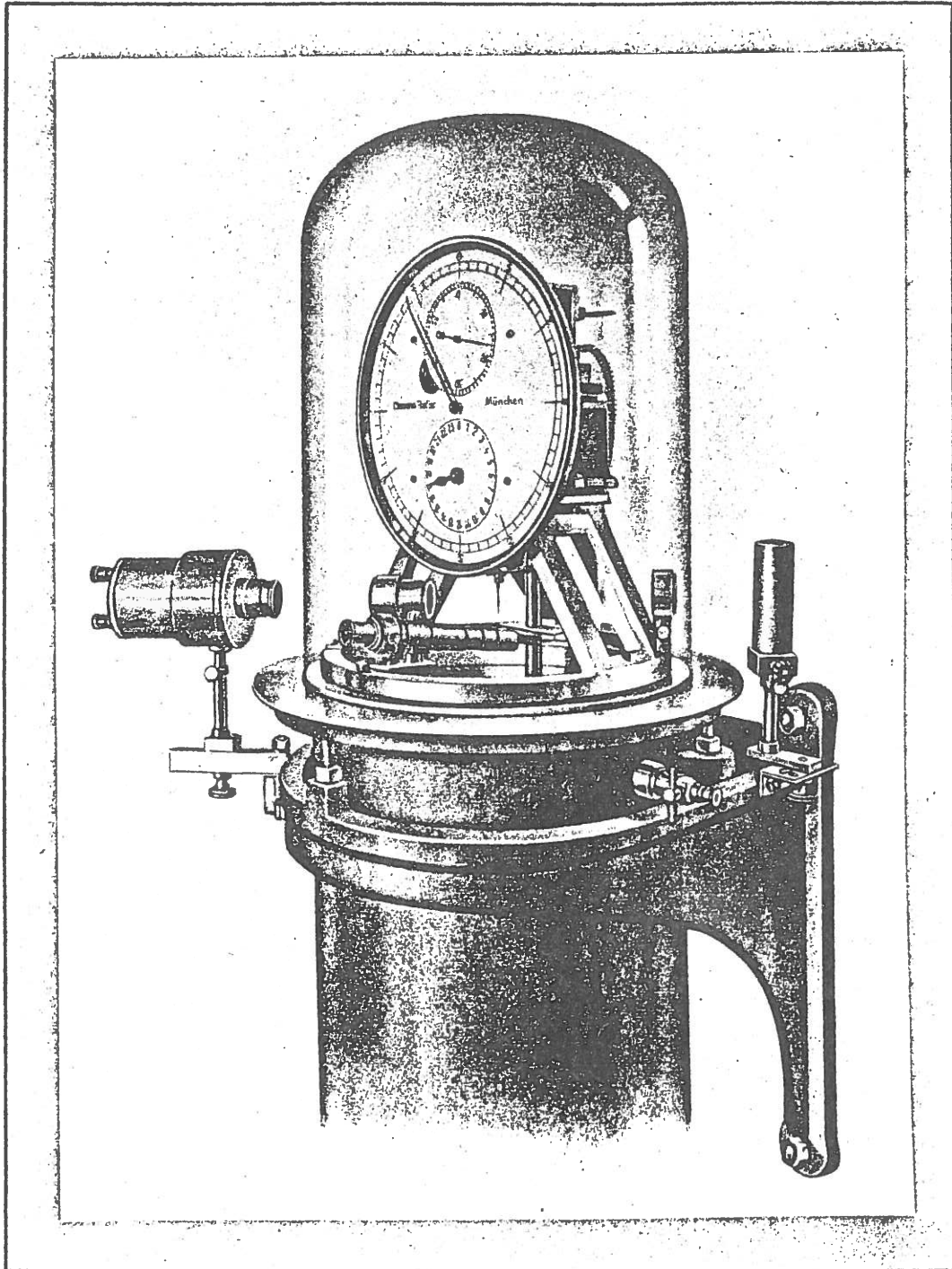
In most cases, a clock is provided to a customer subscribing to the service. However, there are some customers, such as railroads, who only subscribe to the time-beat service.

Up until 1963 the clocks were owned by the Self-winding Clock Company. During that year Western Union bought the clocks from Self-winding Clock Company.

When time changes from Daylight Savings Time to Standard Time, and vice versa, the clocks have to be changed manually. However, in some synchronizing cities, the Operations Supervisor is able to simulate, manually, the synchronizing pulses and retard the clocks' movement for an hour. A maintainer is required to visit each clock to set the clock back an hour. Sometimes, the customer will cooperate and reset the clock an hour.

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Astronomical Precision Seconds Pendulum Clock  
Type D



The Astronomical Precision Seconds Pendulum Clock Type D operates in an air-tight metal cylinder with glass cover, and is provided with the Riefler free gravity escapement, and with an electric winding by means of 3 dry elements. A seconds gear contact with/ or without marking of second '0' enables the overchecking of the rate of the clock by a chronograph. The pendulum is a nickel-steel compensation pendulum type J 1 sch with compensation of the temperature and its stratifications. A barometer and a thermometer is inbuilt to observe the air-pressure and temperature in the metal cylinder. By means of a microscope you can read the arc of oscillation.

Additional equipment:

For exact time measurements by means of the chronograph a photo-electric contact-device, consisting of photo-cell, lamp and amplifier, with a measurement accuracy of  $\pm 0.001 - 0.003$  seconds, can be inbuilt.

The Astronomical Precision Seconds Pendulum Clock Type D is for time measurements of the highest accuracy, and is mainly used in observatories and scientific laboratories.

Of essential importance for the exact operation of the clock is the careful maintenance, as well as the adequate place where the clock will be mounted. This place shall be free of percussions and shall have temperatures as constant as possible. The room must be protected against sun rays and may not be damp. At a careful consideration of these points the daily rate of the clock will remain within the indicated limits, which vary from 0.01 to 0.03 seconds. Such results are attainable only at the use of first class precision clock-works and well compensated nickel-steel pendulums. All brass parts of the clock are electro-gild and the steel parts are chromium plated.

For the exact regulation of the pendulum, the following data are necessary :

- 1.- whether the pendulum shall oscillate in normal time or sidereal time seconds
- 2.- the geographical latitude and hight above sea level of the place where the clock will be mounted
- 3.- the kind of contact required, e.g. intermittent seconds gear contact (with 30, respectively 29 teeth) or a seconds gear contact (contact gear with 60, respectively 59 teeth).

At the same wall where the clock type D is mounted, there may not be a second clock, as otherwise the pendulum oscillations would interfere themselves. It is advisable to suspend the clock at a separate solid pillar.

Our Precision Pendulum Clocks - from which some hundreds had been furnished since their invention to various Observatories, Scientific Institutions, Naval-Stations, Central Clock Plants, etc. all over the world - equipped with the free elasticity escapement, have attained superior rate results, which can be seen from numerous reports and scientific treatises, published in course of the years. However, single cases showed that some of the clocks are not quite satisfactory despite of showing a perfect rate in our laboratories, where they were controlled and supervised mostly for years. Thorough examinations resulted that the clocks - apart from a not quite unobjectionable and competent maintenance had been set up in rooms exposed to frequent percussions, which are of very bad influences to the free elasticity escapement with its extremely sensitive pendulum spring and its fine mechanism.

The idea of producing also for such unfavourable circumstances a first-class precision pendulum clock led us to extensive year-lasting experiments and finally to the design of a new escapement which is called the 'Free Gravity Escapement, with pendulum swing over knife-edges' .

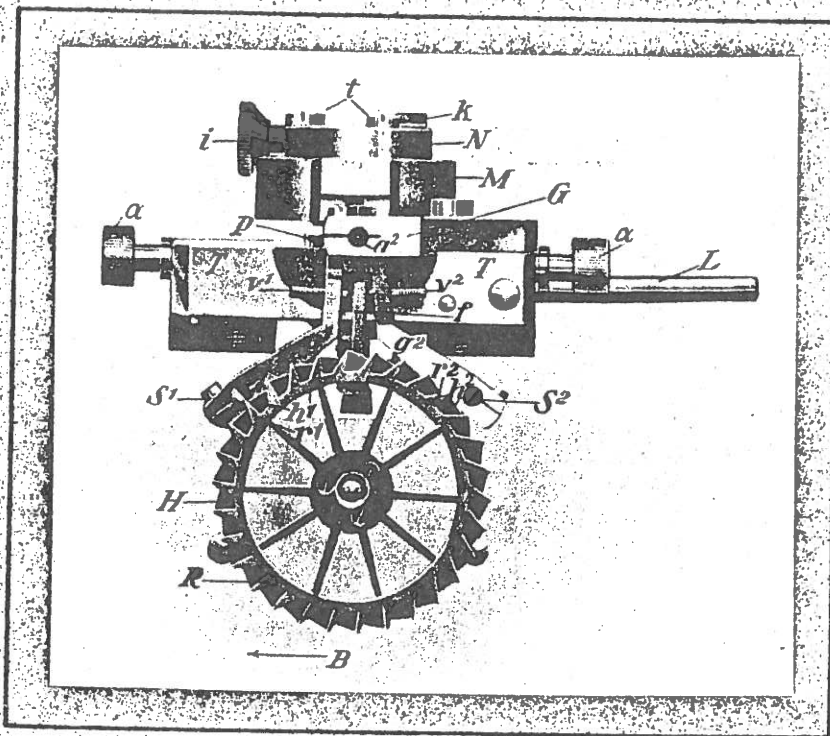
This gravity escapement, where the pendulum oscillates over two knife-edges, and where no pendulum spring is used, has in comparison with the free elasticity escapement the advantage of a simpler mechanism, a lower degree of sensitivity against the exterior influences and a higher stability.

Therefore a clock with gravity escapement is suitable for Observatories, Scientific Laboratories, etc. and everywhere, where the conditions of the place where the clock is to be set up are not adequate, for instance for measurements of the earth gravitation in the open air.

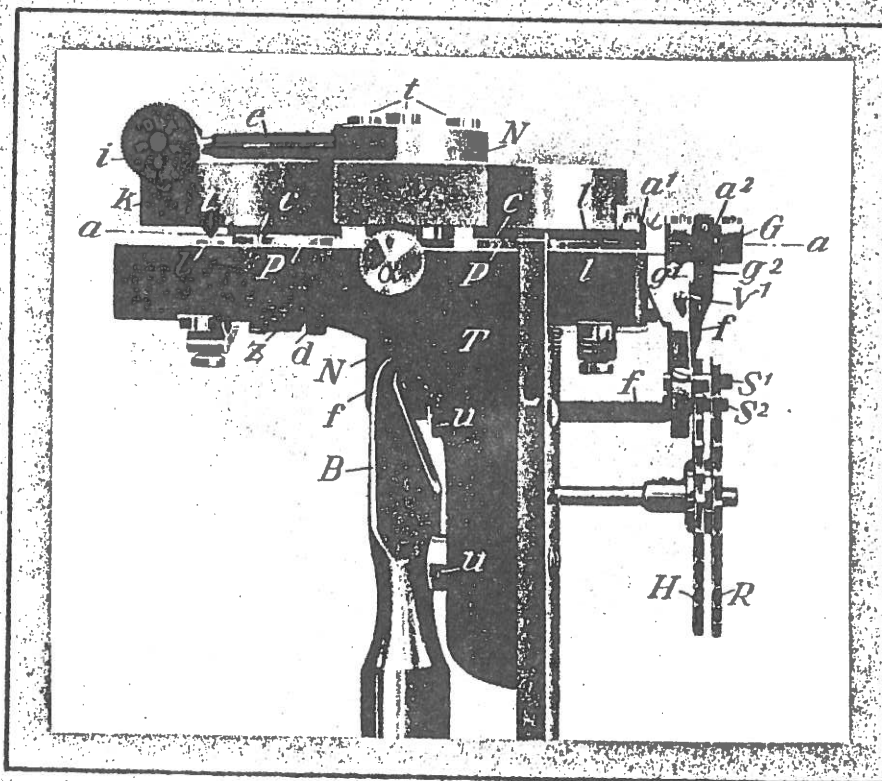
The clock-work equipped with the gravity escapement is of first-class manufacture. The pendulum swings over a knife-edge axis consisting of 2 knife-edges, which are mounted to the pendulum support and are rigidly connected to the pendulum by the pendulum pivot, which pivot is led through the pendulum support, so that the pendulum spring can be abolished entirely. The pendulum drive is effected by the own-weight levers which are independent from one another; their plane of oscillation is parallel to the one of the pendulum, and their axis of revolution coincides with the prolonged axis of oscillation of the pendulum. The two weight levers are acting directly on the pendulum and are each equipped at their lower ends with a pallet which gears into the locking wheel respectively into the lifting wheel in the similar way as at other pendulum clocks. The lifting wheel produces the necessary hub of the weights lever, required for the drive. The adjusting and locking of the two abovementioned knife-edges of the pendulum support - which rest on flat agate plates - follows in the similar way as at the escapement of our free elasticity escapement.

In that clock we use our nickel-steel compensation pendulum type J 1 sch with the utmost temperature compensation error of  $\pm 0.005$  seconds per  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$  and day.

Free Gravity Escapement  
with pendulum swing over knife-edges



Front view



Side-view

Furthermore, this clock is equipped with an intermittent seconds-gear-contact, which serves for the comparison of the time determinations over a chronograph, etc. The contact gear of this contact is provided with 30 teeth, so that there is recorded on the chronograph always one second with closed contact and the next second with interrupted contacts. For the marking of second '0' the thirtieth tooth is taken out of the contact gear.

It is also possible to use a contact gear with 60 (respectively 59) teeth, instead of the contact gear with 30 (respectively 29) teeth.

For the drive of the clock with gravity escapement we provide the clock with an electric winding, which had proved to be of great advantage since its invention many years ago. No supervision is required except for the cleaning of the contact by means of a small file, about every 1 or 2 years. The current consumption is extremely low (53 milliampères) so that a 4-Volts battery will be sufficient for the drive. Only the winding interval (30 to 36 seconds) should be overchecked monthly, and if necessary it should be corrected by means of the sliding rheostat.

The electric winding of the clock is against the usual weights winding in the advantage of having a considerably more constant pendulum drive, as its power transmission is not so disadvantageously influenced by such large gear-transmissions. A further advantage also is that the clock with automatic winding has to suffer neither from percussions - which are always of bad influence to the clock - nor from other accidental disturbances. The heavy weight of about 1-1/2 to 2 Kg at clocks with usual weights winding, is at the electric winding replaced by a weights lever of about 10 gramms, which gives the drive to the clock. The power transmission from the power source (weights lever) up to the scape wheel is only the 7-1/2 fold against the 900 fold of a usual winding.

A sliding rheostat is provided for the regulation of the winding voltage.

To be completely independent from the air-pressure, the clock-work operates in an air-tight metal cylinder with glass cover, as the daily rate of the clock usually depends on the variations of the atmospheric air-pressure. By evacuating of about 100 mm air from the cylinder, the rate of the clock is prevented from the exterior influences of the air-pressure. For this purpose we furnish the clock with an air-pump. For the overchecking of the air-pressure and the temperature in the clock-case a barometer with thermometer is used, which is screwed to the clock-work frame. A microscope serves for the control of the pendulum oscillations; herefore, an oscillation scale is fixed to the pendulum tray. The marking of this scale comprehends two angle degrees to the left and two to the right. The angle degrees are subdivided in minutes. The glass scale of the microscope is divided in 10 minutes and 1/10th minutes to the left and to the right. Therefore, the oscillation arch of the pendulum can be read to an accuracy of 1/10th angle degree minutes.

The precision seconds pendulum clocks are further provided with a seconds-gear-contact which for measuring purposes transforms the single second intervals to a chronograph or oscillograph or

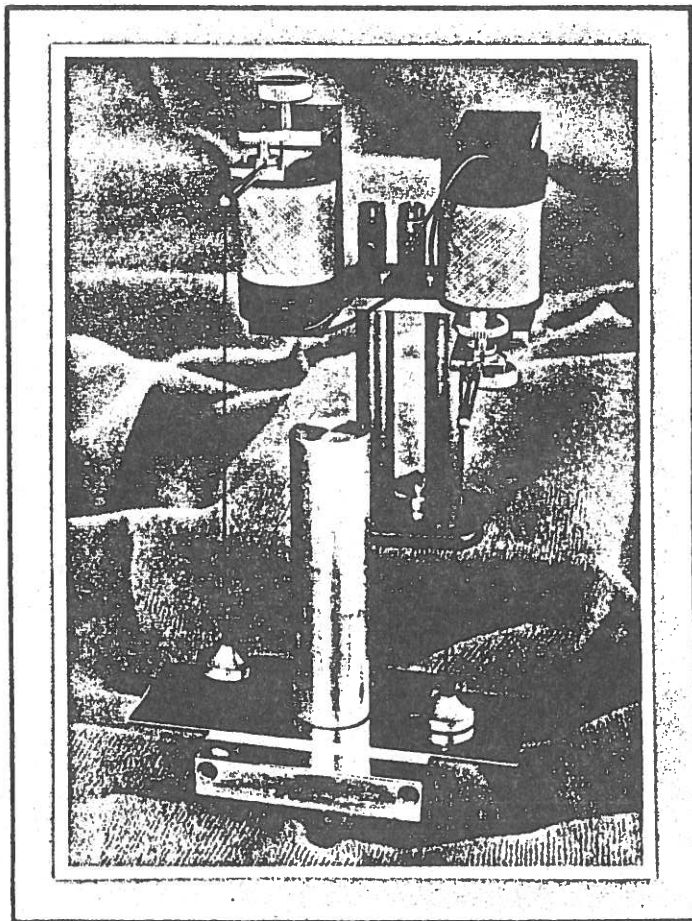
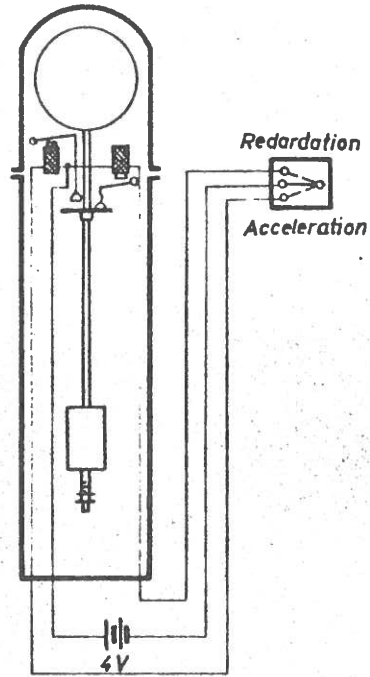


operates directly a relais. The switching contacts, respectively the contact release follows here over a contact lever which slides over the teeth of a contact gear. Though the herewith caused friction resistance is extremely small, deviations in the accuracy of the single contact signs of some hundredths seconds may appear. For time comparisons of pendulum clocks, for time determinations or reception of time signals, the accuracy of the gear contact generally is sufficient. But in case a higher accuracy of the contact signs is required, it is advisable to provide the pendulum clocks additionally with a photo-electric contact-device. The contact release follows here directly by the pendulum. A fine light beam is projected to the photo-electric cell and sets this cell herewith under current. During the center position of the pendulum at each pendulum swing, this light beam is interrupted and released again by a diaphragm which is mounted to the pendulum. The photo-electric cell is switched on and off and controls herewith an amplifier with a connected relay. The accuracy of this frictionless acting photo-electric cell amounts to 0.003 - 0.005 seconds and will be sufficient for all measurements. A more detailed description of this photo-electric cell will be furnished upon request.

Electrical remote-adjustment for Clocks type D. At the internal time-service in the observatories a rate correction of the clock is of no value, as it might easily be calculated. But the clocks of the public time-services have to show the time as exactly as possible. As each clock has a daily rate, i.e. the clock is either too fast or too slow, it might occur that after a couple of days this daily rate comes to a certain amount which the public time-service may not miss. The rate-correction is easily to be adjusted by the remote-adjustment. A greater correction can be done by a change of the air-pressure in the cylinder.

The electric adjustment device consists of 2 electro-magnets. The one of them is arranged to the right side and the other to the left side of the pendulum. The balanced armature of each of these electro-magnets is provided with an additional weight of about 2 gramms which is suspended by a silk-thread. According to the position of the balanced armature the respective additional weight will be suspended freely or will rest on the pendulum tray. Usually the left additional weight will be suspended freely above the tray. But if the circuit for the acceleration is closed by the switch the balanced armature is tightened and the additional weight lies on the tray. Herewith the center of gravity of the pendulum is slightly pressed up, which causes such an acceleration to the pendulum oscillation that the clock will go fast within 6 minutes by 0.01 seconds, i.e. in one hour by 0.1 seconds. When we interrupt now the circuit again the coil-spring of the electro-magnet lifts the weight from the tray. For the retardation serves the additional weight of the balanced armature of this electromagnet, which is at the right side of the pendulum. As the corresponding additional weight at an open circuit usually must lie on the pendulum tray, this balanced armature is provided with a leverage. By closing of the circuit the weight is lifted whereby a retardation of the pendulum is caused. The thread of the additional weight for the retardation, which usually rests on the tray, is slightly bent at each pendulum swing. If this thread has a sufficient length, the pendulum oscillation will slightly be influenced by the small resistances caused by the bendings of the thread. If the clock to be adjusted is provided with an electric seconds contact, it will be the best to determine the rate of the state-correction to be eliminated by a chronograph.

*Electrical remote-adjustment for Clocks Type "D"*







ASTRONOMICAL PRECISION SECONDS PENDULUM CLOCK TYPE E

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Highest exactitude, with temperature compensated seconds pendulum of Supra-invar-steel.

Drive by gravity escapement and synchronized electric winding

Dial with seconds hand

In air-tight metal cylinder with glass-cover, and inbuilt : thermometer - barometer and amplitude-microscope with lighting of the amplitude-scale.

Time control device with control-lamp, optic and photo-electric cell, mounted on an adjustable bar.

Separate photo-cell amplifier, equipped for remote-starting, with relay for closed circuit contact and open circuit contact.

Control instruments for controlling all the working data and voltages.

Working voltage 110 - 220 Volts a.c. Inbuilt gas-tight and acid-proof battery for 18 months drive spare and 24 hours amplifier spare.

The daily variations of rate are below  $\pm$  0.004 seconds

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Price : .....

Delivery : The abovementioned clocks can be furnished within about 8 to 10 months from receipt of order.

Payment: Is requested by irrevocable letter of credit on our export bank the Bayerische Vereinsbank, Filiale Kempten, Kempten/Bavaria - together with order, respectively when the clock is ready for dispatch.

Shipment: Seaworthy packing and delivery FOB-German sea-port are included in our prices.

Mounting : In case, the Astronomical Precision Seconds Pendulum Clock Type E must be mounted in your institute by our specialist, we had to invoice to you the effectively occurring costs too.

# PROGRAM MACHINES

SOHM ELECTRIC CLOCK CO.  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

## PRICE LIST -- CATALOG No. 61

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### MASTER CLOCKS

#### 80 Beat Master Clock, 12" dial

No.	Price
229 Quarter Sawed oak.....	\$55.00 ✓
230 Mahogany Finish.....	55.00 ✓
231 Solid Mahogany.....	65.00

#### 60 Beat Master Clock Standard pendulum bob, 14 in. Silver Etched Dial.

No.	Price
350 Quarter Sawed oak.....	\$125.00
351 Mahogany finish.....	125.00
352 Solid mahogany.....	140.00

(With Secondary Pilot Clock, Voltmeter and step-up button.)

No.	Price
353 Quarter Sawed oak.....	\$150.00
354 Mahogany finish.....	150.00
355 Solid mahogany.....	165.00

#### 60 Beat Master Clock,

genuine mercury pendulum bob, 14" Silver Etched Dial

No.	Price
356 Quarter Sawed oak.....	\$190.00
357 Solid mahogany.....	190.00

(With Secondary Pilot Clock, Voltmeter and step-up button.)

No.	Price
358 Quarter Sawed Oak.....	\$225.00
359 Solid mahogany.....	225.00

#### 60 Beat Master Clock (Floor type)

No.	Price
365 Solid Mahogany.....	225.00
366 Solid Quarter Sawed Oak.....	225.00

Special designs to order

### Single Circuit

12 Hour	18 Hour	24 Hour
No. Price	No. Price	No. Price
700 \$45.00	702 \$52.50	704 \$60.00
With cutout	With cutout	With cutout
701 60.00	703 67.50	705 75.00

### Two Circuit

12 Hour	18 Hour	24 Hour
No. Price	No. Price	No. Price
706 \$80.00	708 \$95.00	710 \$110.00
With cutout	With cutout	With cutout
707 95.00	709 110.00	711 125.00

### Three Circuit

12 Hour	18 Hour	24 Hour
No. Price	No. Price	No. Price
712 \$115.00	714 \$137.50	716 \$160.00
With cutout	With cutout	With cutout
713 130.00	715 152.50	717 175.00

### Four Circuit

12 Hour	18 Hour	24 Hour
No. Price	No. Price	No. Price
718 \$150.00	720 \$180.00	722 \$210.00
With cutout	With cutout	With cutout
719 165.00	721 195.00	723 225.00

### Five Circuit

12 Hour	18 Hour	24 Hour
No. Price	No. Price	No. Price
724 \$185.00	726 \$222.50	728 \$260.00
With cutout	With cutout	With cutout
725 200.00	727 237.50	729 275.00

### Six Circuit

12 Hour	18 Hour	24 Hour
No. Price	No. Price	No. Price
730 \$220.00	732 \$265.00	734 \$310.00
With cutout	With cutout	With cutout
731 235.00	733 280.00	735 325.00

### Combination 80 beat Master Clock and Single Circuit program machine Combined

Finish	No.	12 Hour Price	No.	With cutout Price
Qr. Sawed Oak.....	205	\$100.00	207	\$115.00
Mahog. Finish.....	206	\$100.00	208	\$115.00
	18 Hour			
Qr. Sawed Oak.....	209	\$107.50	211	\$122.50
Mahog. Finish.....	210	\$107.50	212	\$122.50
	24 Hour			
Qr. Sawed Oak.....	213	\$115.00	215	\$130.00
Mahog. Finish.....	214	\$115.00	216	\$130.00

### Time Stamps

No.	Price
600 Wired for any voltage from 10 to 110 volts.....	\$50.00
601 Wired for 220 volts.....	55.00
602 Wired for any voltage from 10 to 110 volts.....	55.00
603 Wired for 220 volts.....	60.00
604 Wired for any voltage from 10 to 110 volts.....	60.00
605 Wired for 220 volts.....	65.00

Prices of relay cabinets, relay equipment and employees time recorders on application

# SECONDARY CLOCKS

# SECONDARY CLOCKS -- continued

## Square wood cases

### 12" dial. Case 20 1/2" x 20 1/2" x 3 1/2"

No.	Price
500 Plain Oak.....	\$13.50
501 Quarter Sawed oak.....	16.00
502 Mahogany finish.....	13.50
503 Solid Mahogany.....	17.50
504 White Enamel.....	13.50

### 15" dial. Case 20 1/2" x 20 1/2" x 3 1/2"

No.	Price
505 Plain oak.....	\$16.50
506 Quarter Sawed oak.....	19.50
507 Mahogany finish.....	16.50
508 Solid mahogany.....	21.50
509 White Enamel.....	16.50

### 18" dial. Case 24 1/2" x 24 1/2" x 3 1/2"

No.	Price
510 Plain Oak.....	\$20.50
511 Quartered Sawed oak.....	25.50
512 Mahogany finish.....	20.50
513 Solid mahogany.....	29.50
514 White enamel.....	20.50

## Round spun metal case

### 8" dial. Depth of case 1 1/2"

No.	Price
515 Natural oak.....	\$12.00
516 Natural mahogany.....	12.00
517 White enamel.....	12.00

### 12" dial. Depth of case 3 1/2"

No.	Price
518 Natural oak.....	\$15.00
519 Natural mahogany.....	15.00
520 White enamel.....	15.00

### 15" dial. Depth of case 3 1/2"

No.	Price
521 Natural oak.....	\$19.00
522 Natural mahogany.....	19.00
523 White enamel.....	19.00

### 18" dial. Depth of case 3 1/2"

No.	Price
524 Natural oak.....	\$23.00
525 Natural mahogany.....	23.00
526 White enamel.....	23.00

## Round spun metal cases flush type (suppressed model) 8" dial

No.	Price
527 Natural oak.....	\$12.00
528 Natural mahogany.....	12.00
529 White enamel.....	12.00

### 12" dial

No.	Price
530 Natural oak.....	\$15.00
531 Natural mahogany.....	15.00
532 White enamel.....	15.00

### 15" dial

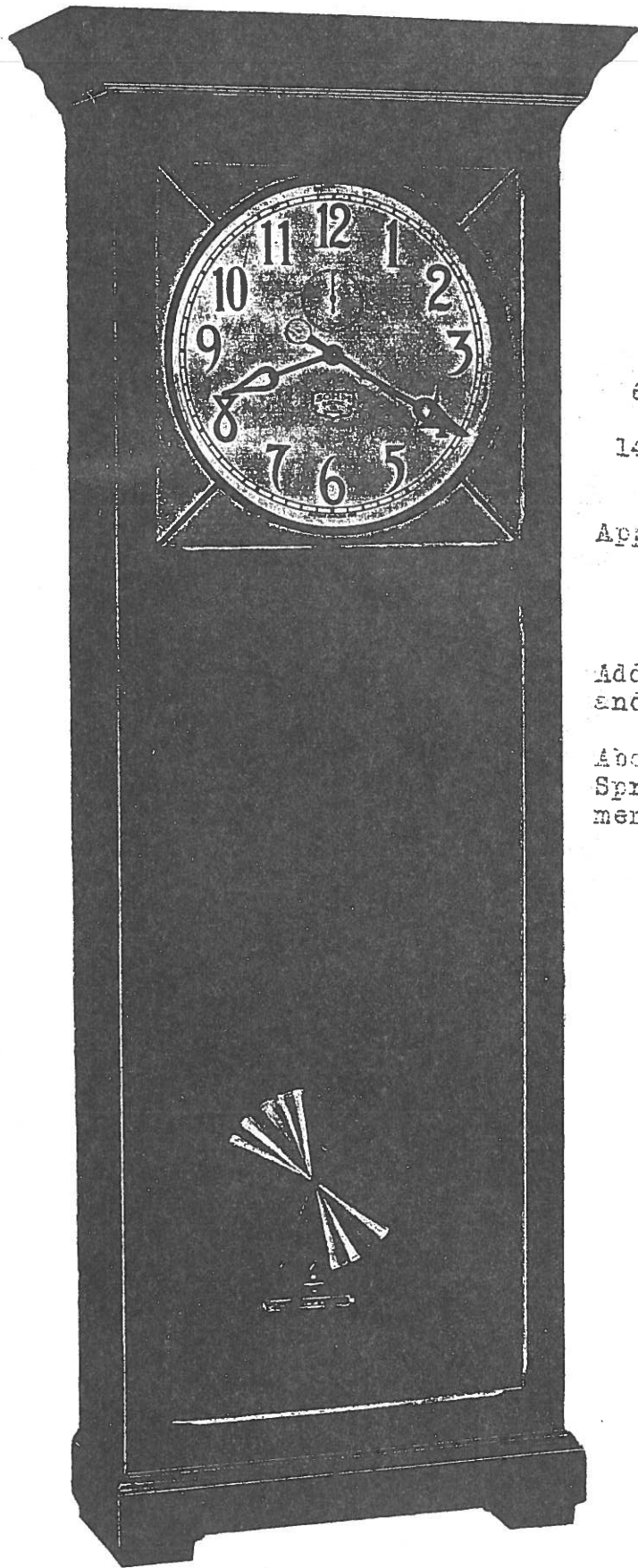
No.	Price
533 Natural oak.....	\$19.00
534 Natural mahogany.....	19.00
535 White enamel.....	19.00

### 18" dial

No.	Price
536 Natural oak.....	\$23.00
537 Natural mahogany.....	23.00
538 White enamel.....	23.00

## Miscellaneous Secondary Clocks

550 Mahogany finish, 6" dial.....	\$30.00
551 Metal case, any finish, 4" dial.....	\$25.00
77 Marble dial.....	Price on application
66 Carrara glass dial.....	Price on application



60 BEAR SOHM KEYLESS SELF-WINDING  
INDIVIDUAL  
14" Silver Etched Dial Local Battery  
65 X 24 X 8"

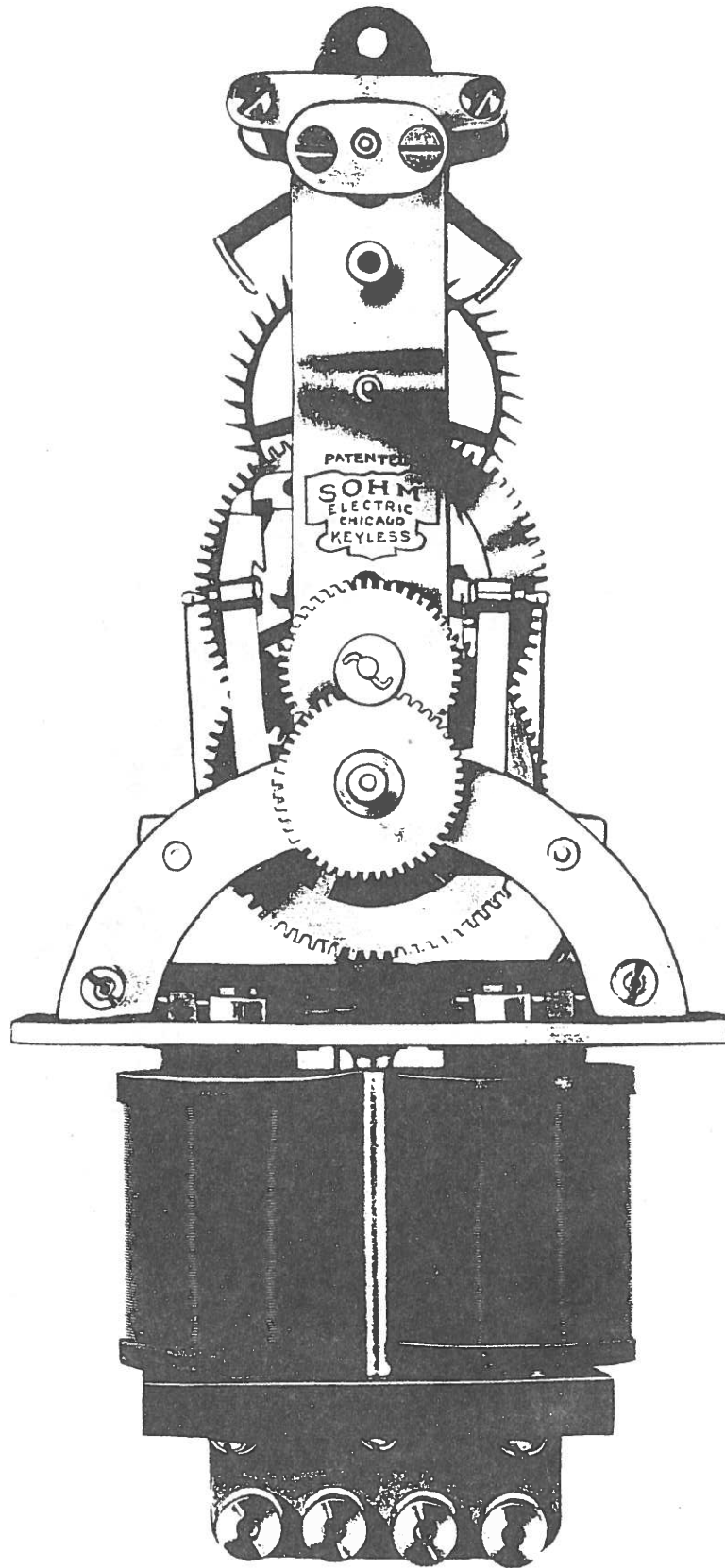
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300 Quarter Sawed Oak  
301 Mahogany Finish

Add letter "A" to number if "Luma" Dial  
and Hands are wanted. (Viz 300A)

Above fitted with Keyless Self-Winding  
Springless Contact Master Clock move-  
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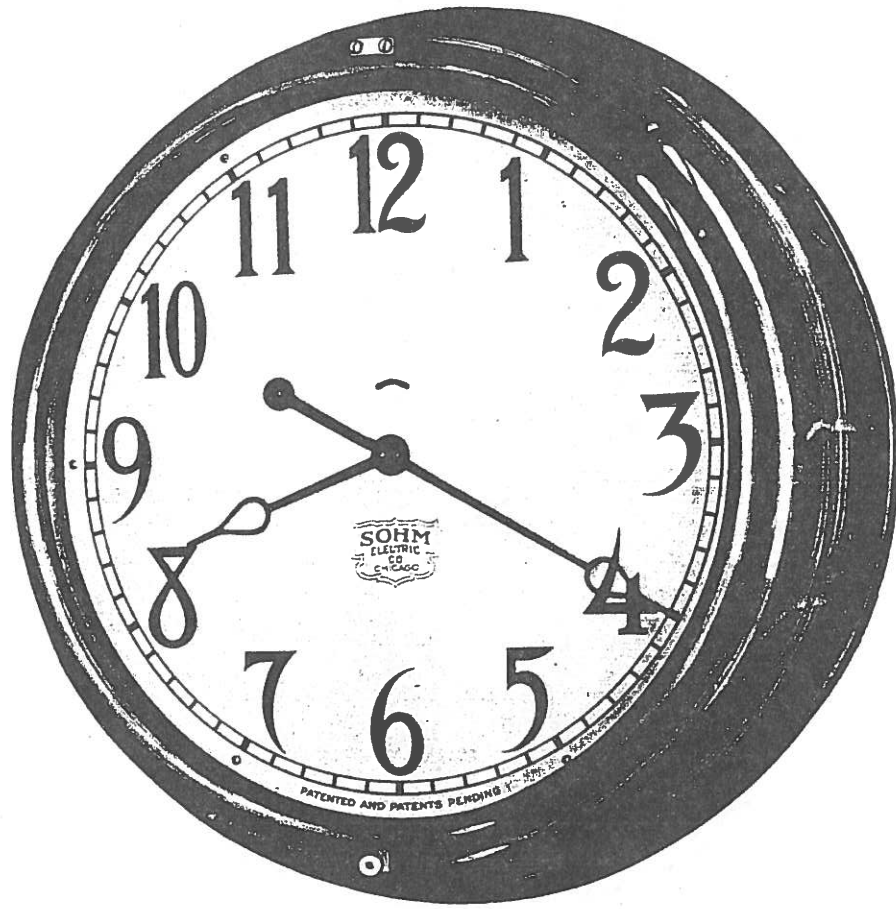
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352 Solid Mahogany



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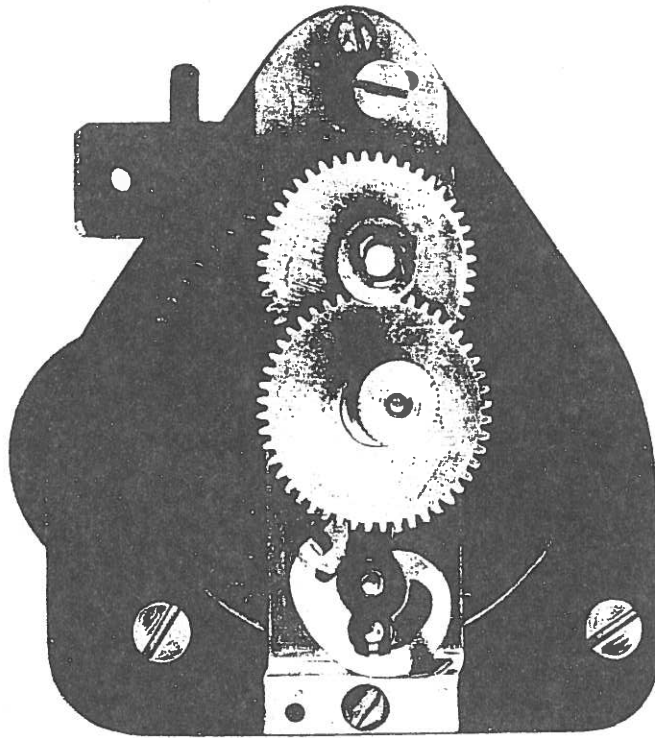
Master Clock Movement

Note, no delicate springs.



Metal secondary clock any finish

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SOHM SECONDARY CLOCK MOVEMENT

Front view

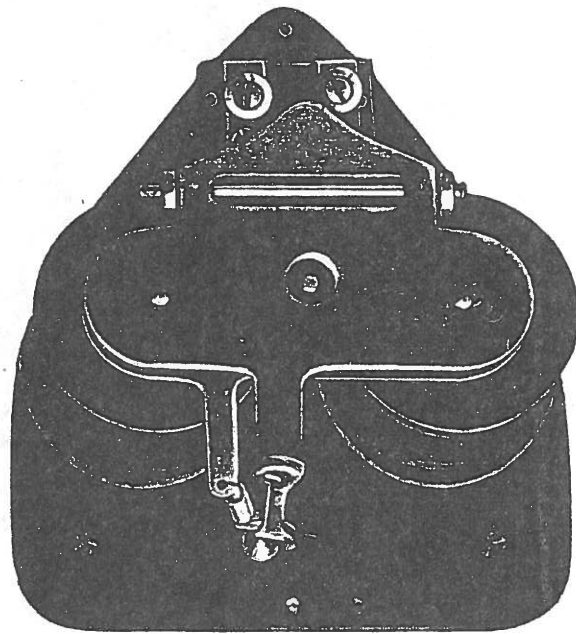
Note Simplicity

No oiling, no cleaning, will not freeze in cold weather.

Weights less than 12 ounces.

Will operate dials 2 to 36 inches in diameter, of Carrara Glass, Marble, Bronze, Brass etc.

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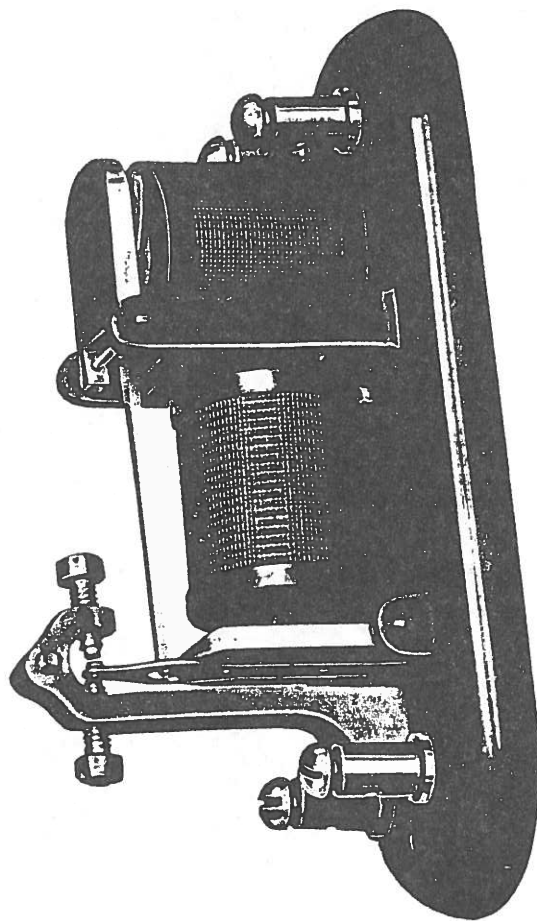


SOHM SECONDARY CLOCK MOVEMENT

Rear view

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Synchronizer

Operated from Master Clock.



SOMM ELECTRIC CO.  
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<b>TRACK 7</b>	<b>4.40 P.M.</b> <b>I.C.R.R.</b> <b>No 134</b> MILLINGTON KERRVILLE TIPTON ATOKA COVINGTON RIPLEY HALE DENSBURG MEMPHIS OBIEN RIVES FULTON CAIRO CARBONDALE CENTRALIA EFFINGHAM MATTOON CHAMPAIGN KANKAKEE CHICAGO	<b>TRACK 6</b>	<b>2.30 P.M.</b> <b>ROCK ISLAND</b> <b>No 603</b> FOREST CITY PALESTINE WHEATLEY BRINKLEY COTTON PLANT NEWPORT DEWALLS BLUFF DEARIE SEARCY STUTTGART HAZEN CARLISLE LONOKE LITTLE ROCK INTERMEDIATE STATIONS	<b>TRACK 10</b>	<b>9.35 A.M.</b> <b>I.C.R.R.</b> <b>No 3</b> PANAMA LIMITED SARGIS GREENADA WINONA DURANT CANTON JACKSON CRYSTAL SPRINGS HAZLEHURST BROOKHAVEN MCCOMB MAGNOLIA HAMMOND NEW ORLEANS	<b>TRACK 9</b>	<b>4.55 P.M.</b> <b>Y.&amp;M.V.R.R.</b> <b>No 15</b> TUNICA LULA COAHOMA CLARKSDALE SHELBY CLEVELAND LELAND GREENVILLE ROLLING FORK VICKSBURG PORT GIBSON HARRISTON WATCHEZ WILSON BATON ROUGE NEW ORLEANS HELENA TUTWILLER GREENWOOD ROSEDALE	<b>TRACK 8</b>	<b>3.30 P.M.</b> <b>Y.&amp;M.V.R.R.</b> <b>No 37</b> LAKE VIEW WALLS LAKE CORMORANT PENTON ROBINSONVILLE HOLLYWOOD TUNICA EVANSVILLE CLAYTON DUNDEE COAHOMA ROSEDALE AND INTERMEDIATE STATIONS	<b>TRACK 8</b>	<b>3.50 P.M.</b> <b>Y.&amp;M.V.R.R.</b> <b>No 339</b> LAKE CORMORANT BANKS FRITCHARD DOOLEY SAVAGE SARAH ASKEW CRENshaw SLEDGE FARLON DARLING HINCHCLIFF HARKS LAMBERT DENTON LONG STREET VANCE TUTWILLER
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*See Memphis*

*28" Dial*

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