

The Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter



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President's Message

I am happy to announce that we have done a great job with the Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter Newsletter. I believe that all the hard work done by many of our members has made this a great Newsletter.

In this issue there are contributions by Charles Lindquist with an article on how to take hands off an alarm clock. I have tried this, and it works great. And, another longtime member, Joel Sarich, has introduced one of his most unusual alarm clocks. You will enjoy his article also.

In addition to these two members, I would like to thank Dennis Sagvold for his many articles and interest in alarm clock collecting which he has generously shared with us.

I would like to encourage more members to send ideas for articles and possibly their own articles to either the Editor Bob Linkenhoker or myself so that we can help publish them.

In addition to thanking Charles, Joel, and Dennis for their articles I would also like to thank member John Koepke for sending me photos of alarm clock pages from a 1925 Catalog that he just acquired. We have printed his photos and included them with this Newsletter as a Supplement. Hope you enjoy this Supplement.

Kevin Osborn from the National has sent me an address link to our Chapter's site making it much easier to locate old and new newsletters on our computers. You will find this address link on the upper left-hand corner on the cover page of the Newsletter.

The address is **Chapter178.nawcc.org** . When trying this address just copy it in the far upper address bar or URL bar of your browser. Not in a SEARCH window. After you have put this in that upper bar, press ENTER and it should take you to the HBACC website in the NAWCC website. If you are having a problem, please contact me at my email address phylathome@hotmail.com or call me at 916-952-4961.

Vince Angell

This newsletter contains material from:

Dennis Sagvold
Vince Angell
Charles Lindquist
Joel Sarich
Chris St Dennis

My thanks to all who send material.

Bob Linkenhoker

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Remember that there will be no newsletters unless the members of Chapter 178 send me information and pictures. I am sure that you all enjoy reading and looking at the various pictures in this and the other newsletters produced for this Chapter. Just remember unless you help there:

WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER

E-mail to rlink3@juno.com or mail to:

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ERRATUM

Dennis Sagvold has reported an error in the last newsletter. The patent date on his Blinking Eye Clock should be 2 Dec 1894 not 2 Dec 1984.



Kathy Lindquist is working on placing items that her late husband left into the hands of those who would appreciate them,

One of these is a box of various Westclox boxes. Vince has indicated he already has these boxes, but perhaps other chapter members would like to have them.

I would be happy to send them out at no cost (other than the recipient perhaps paying mailing costs)

**If interested
Please Contact Charles Lindquist at
gyrunner99@yahoo.com**

Removing Alarm Clock Hands By Charles Lindquist

Since I got re-infected with an interest in alarm clocks (thanks to Vince!) almost all of the small number of alarm clocks I have are in running order. Until I got this blue Monitor Bell-on-the-top tin can. Broken time mainspring.

I would like any clock in my small collection to be in running order. Maybe not good enough to return to a paying customer with a one-year guarantee, but good enough to run for a day or a week and more or less keep time. In the 1960's when I did trade clock repair for two years, I would always shudder a bit when a 1940's vintage Big Ben or Baby Ben would show up. Once the hands and dial were removed, we would clean the assembled movement in an industrial L & R clock cleaner machine, big brother to the familiar L & R Watch cleaner. The barrel springs were removable, and it was a decent cleaning job. The fear factor was getting the hands off without bending the collar, or otherwise marring them. We had "professional" hand pullers, but they didn't seem to work so well here. We used a pair of diagonal cutters with a notch in both sides and hoped for the best. Worked pretty well then, the clocks were newer, and I had better strength.

So fast forward to today, the object blue alarm clock. It's manufacture date was 07/25/28 (marked on the inside of the plate so you really had to want to see it). Ninety-three years old and both the alarm and minute hands well stuck on, welded with the oxidation of the years. This clock did not have a removable barrel spring, so the movement had to come apart and that meant the hands must come off.

Dozing one night, a possible solution came to me. If I could hold the other end of the minute hand shaft gently in a vice, could I use an end nipper to remove the hand and not bend anything? Worked like a charm! Each hand popped off without any marring or damage. Since then, I have begun to use the end nipper as my preferred hand removal tool and highly recommend it!



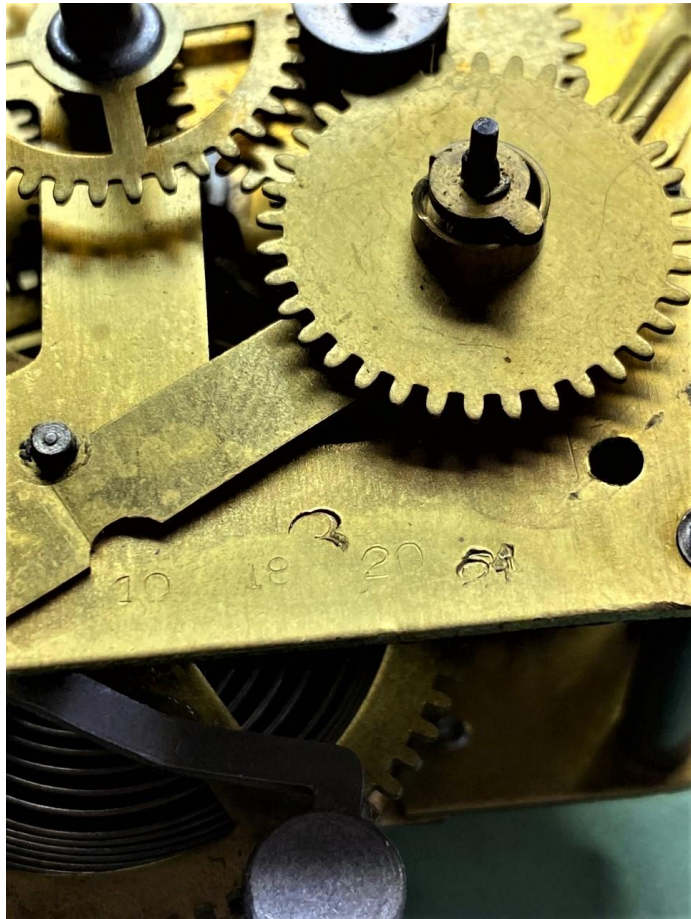


The clock disassembled

Joel Sarich

Here's an odd one! A style one Bingo! Notice the fancy 2, 5, and 7 on the dial. The movement is dated 10 18 20. It is a straight "repeater" alarm clock with no way to make the ring steady, much like the later Big Ben Loud Alarms. The movement is just like the Big Ben movement of the period. Note the little alarm shut off lever at the top of the clock. It acts directly on a peg mounted right on the ratchet part of the alarm lever. When the alarm is shut off the hammer is held tight against the bell. The movement lugs which mount the movement directly to the back of the case seem to stick out more on this model than the model 1A Big Bens. This particular clock is also lacking its "Ring" at the 12 position on top of the clock. It would take a slightly smaller one than the peg leg Big Ben.





When You Think You Have Seen Them All, Another One Shows Up!

By Vince Angell

I have been collecting Parker Alarm Clocks for about 30 years. Not only Parkers but also the earlier company of Parker and Whipple. In these 30 years I have seen what I thought were almost all the models. This includes the models in some of the Parker catalogs that I have never seen at all.

Looking through eBay a couple of months ago I saw a very interesting alarm clock which was described as a Parker Alarm Clock. After looking at the picture the dial did say Parker. They were asking \$49.00 plus shipping. Rather than buying it at that point I just put it on my "Watch list". I had not seen this model before, and it seemed to be extremely unusual. Within an hour I was sent an email asking me to purchase it for \$38.00 plus shipping. With a stroke of my finger I hit the "Buy It Now" button. Five days later it was at my doorstep. The clock was missing the bell on the back but I had a spare bell that I took off of a junker. Interestingly enough it did not fit the rotary hammer but appeared to be a much larger bell. I had noticed on the back that there was a round wear mark close to the edge of the case. This measured 3-1/2 inches in diameter. Within an hour of looking for bells I found one on eBay that I thought might be a perfect size. And as it turns it was perfect! Not bad for \$10.00.

On the next page is the clock that I purchased. I have NEVER seen this model before!! The first thing you should notice is that the front glass and bezel have a hinge on it. There also are no alarm or time setting knobs on the back. By opening the glass door, you have to manually turn the time hands and also the alarm hand. The most unusual things I thought this clock had were the Time and Alarm winding holes. They both take a regular clock key to wind and the spring was very heavy that I assumed because of that and its weight, IT WAS ALSO AN 8-DAY!

Turn The Page and Enjoy The Pictures!



Mantel Clocks

8-Day Chime Clock



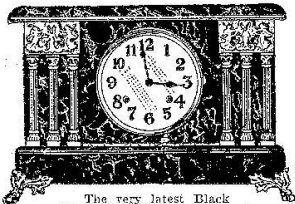
The Clocks illustrated on this page represent our careful selection from the leading clock manufacturers of America. Each one is carefully constructed and beautifully finished, particular care being given to every detail. They are fully guaranteed to give excellent service, to keep accurate time and with the little ordinary attention required should last a lifetime. Comparison will prove the prices at which they are offered bring you a substantial saving in every case. Each clock fully guaranteed.

8-Day Gong Clock



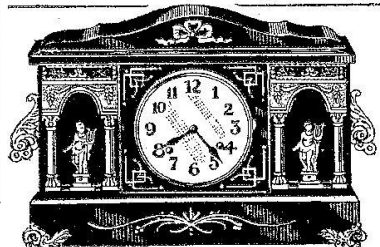
Beautiful Mahogany Finish
This unusually attractive Clock is beautifully finished in a highly polished Dark Mahogany. Stands 10 inches high and is 20 1/2 inches long. The six-inch dial is satin silver finished with raised bronzed numerals and skeleton hands. Reliable and accurate movement will run eight days with one winding. Strikes the hour and half hour intervals on two-tone chime rods. A real good dependable timekeeper that will give years of satisfaction. Shpg. wt., 15 lbs. Mailable.
11 N 827A Price, Each..... **\$9.25**

Popular Tambour Style
hour style case is finished in Mahogany and hand rubbed to a satin finish. Stands 10 inches high and is 22 inches long. Silvered satin finish dial with raised gold finished numerals. Dependable movement will run eight days with one winding. Strikes the hours and half hours on a mellow-toned cathedral gong. Carries the same guarantee as our most expensive ones. Shpg. wt., 15 lbs. Mailable.
11 N 828A Price, Each..... **\$6.75**



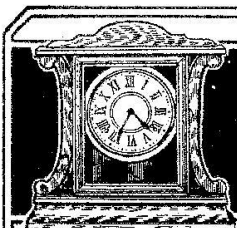
The very latest Black Enameled Mantel Clock in an imitation Italian marble finish. Stands 10 inches high and is 16 inches long. Dependable eight-day movement. Strikes the hours and half hours on a soft-toned cathedral gong. Case is hand rubbed and highly polished. Beautifully decorated with bronze ornaments. A clock that will lend quiet dignity and blend with the furnishings of most any home. Shpg. wt., 12 lbs. Mailable.
11 N 830A Price, Each..... **\$5.68**

This full Westminster Chime Clock with its musical chime and graceful simplicity of design is truly an aristocrat. The case is made of Genuine Mahogany veneer, hand rubbed to a soft satin finish. Stands 10 inches high, 21 1/2 inches long and 5 1/2 inches deep. Strikes the hour, half hour and quarter hour on four sweet-toned chime rods. Has self-adjusting chime and strike that regulates itself. Accurate and dependable 8-day movement. Satin finished silvered dial with raised bronze numerals and hands. Shpg. wt., 20 lbs. Mailable.
11 N 829A Price, Each..... **\$22.75**

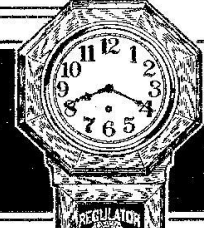


Our best Black Enameled Clock in a pattern which is not only popular but also in great demand. Beautifully finished in jet black, highly polished. Handsomely decorated with oxidized bronze ornaments. Stands 11 1/2 inches high, 16 1/2 inches long. Runs eight days with one winding. Strikes the hours and half hours on a soft-toned cathedral gong. A splendid value at an unusually attractive price. Shpg. wt., 15 lbs. Mailable.
11 N 831A Price, Each..... **\$7.23**

Kitchen Clocks Attractive Time-Keepers Guaranteed 8-Day Movements



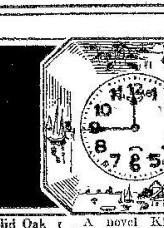
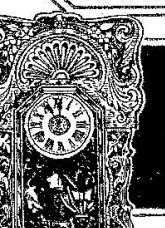
Beautiful Solid Oak case with accurate 8-day movement. Strikes hour and half hour on a sweet sounding cathedral gong. Reliable American make. A clock that will last a lifetime. 12 1/2 ins. high and 13 1/2 ins. wide at base. Shpg. wt., 10 lbs. Mailable.
11 N 832A Price, Each..... **\$3.25**



Dependable 8-day movement. Clock in Mahogany or Oak or Walnut. Runs eight days with one winding. 23 1/2 ins. high with 10-in. dial. Shpg. wt., 15 lbs. Mailable.
11 N 834A Mahogany Price, Each..... **\$4.98**

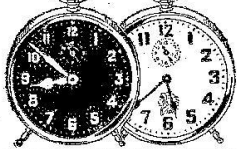
Cuckoo Clock
Ornamented with deer head and oak leaves. Extreme height, 10 1/2 inches; width, 12 inches. Dial is 6 inches in diameter. Runs eight days. Strikes on a wire gong, at the same time cuckoo appears and calls the hour and half hour. Shpg. wt., 20 lbs.
11 N 835A Price, Each..... **\$11.75**

Beautifully Ornamented
Solid Oak Strikes hour and half hour on sweet-toned wire gong. Height, 23 ins. Dependable and accurate. Shpg. wt., 16 lbs. Mailable.
11 N 836A Solid Oak 8-day Mantel or Shell Clock... **\$3.75**
11 N 837A Same with Alarm. 4.25



A novel Kitchen Clock that has become very popular. Entire piece beautifully decorated with Dutch scenes in colors. Dial made of fine white porcelain that is easily kept clean and new. Guaranteed 8-day movement. Size, 3 1/2 x 5 1/2 inches. Shpg. wt., 4 lbs.
11 N 838 Price, Each..... **\$3.45**

Dependable Alarm Clocks with Plain and Radium Dials



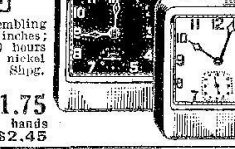
With Plain or Radium Dial
One of the most reliable clocks you can buy. Set the alarm for a certain time and this clock will not fail to ring. Loud steady alarm - stopped by automatic shut-off on top of case. Guaranteed 40-hour movement. Shpg. wt., 3 1/2 lbs. Mailable.
11 N 843 Plain Dial Price, Each..... **\$2.10**
11 N 844 Radium Dial Price, Each..... **2.79**

Your choice of plain or luminous dial. Complete dependable movement; nickel-plated case with hidden bell and 1/2-inch automatic alarm shut-off. Shpg. wt., 2 lbs. Mailable.
11 N 839 Plain Dial Price, Each..... **99c**
11 N 840 Luminous Dial Price, Each..... **\$1.98**

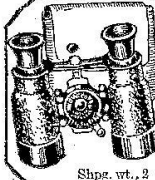


Loud ringing bell back alarm with automatic shut-off.
The very latest in a combination Dresser and Alarm Clock. Highly polished nickel-plated case, fitted with a heavy guaranteed 40-hour movement. Shpg. wt., 3 1/2 lbs. Mailable.
11 N 847 Plain Dial Price, Each..... **\$2.45**
11 N 848 Radium Dial Price, Each..... **3.45**

Dull gray finish, resembling platinum. Height, 4 1/2 inches; width, 8 1/2 inches. Runs 50 hours with one winding. Solid nickel bell concealed from view. Shpg. wt., 1 1/2 lbs.
11 N 841 Squareclock; Price, Each..... **\$1.75**
11 N 842 With luminous hands and numerals. Price, each, **\$2.45**



With Plain or Radium Dial
It takes a good, reliable clock, like the one illustrated, to give perfect satisfaction for 95 days a year. Made of heavy Nickel-plated Brass, highly polished. Sturdy 8-day movement. Loud ringing alarm. For satisfactory service - buy this high-grade alarm clock. 4 1/2-inch dial. Shpg. wt., 3 1/2 lbs.
11 N 845 Plain Dial Price, Each..... **\$2.45**
11 N 846 Radium Dial Price, Each..... **3.45**



Shpg. wt., 2 lbs.
11 N 849 Price, Each..... **\$3.65**

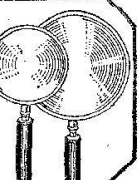
This small size Pocket Field Glass is very powerful, having the magnifying power of 6 diam. Lenses, 25 millimeters in diam. Lever focus arrangement in neat leather case. 3 1/2 x 4 ins. closed. A real good looking pair of field glasses and a bargain. Mailable.
11 N 849 Price, Each..... **\$3.65**

Powerful Pocket Telescope
Genuine "Wetzlar" Pocket Telescope. Has magnifying power of four diameters. Object lens, 1 inch. Size, closed, 3 3/4 inches, open 4 1/2 inches. Although small in size this telescope is very powerful. Shpg. wt., 2 lbs. Mailable.
11 N 850 Price, Each..... **59c**

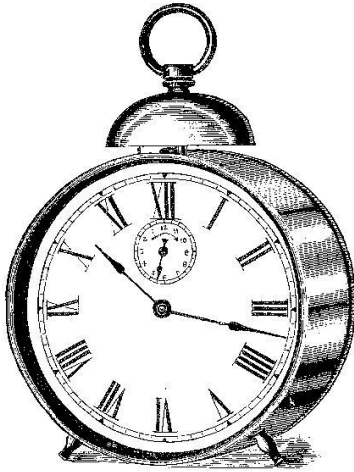
Specially Priced Reading Glass
Our Special Offer in a good grade Reading Glass. 2 1/2-inch lens of wonderful magnifying power. Fitted in a nickel-plated rim with a black enameled wood handle. Shpg. wt., 1 lb. Mailable.
11 N 851 Price, Each..... **43c**

Fine Quality Lens
Nickel-plated Rim

Powerful Reading Glasses
A very handy Glass to have around the home. Lenses are made from good quality optical glass, that has great magnifying power. Nickel-plated frame and etched blackwood handle. Shpg. wt., 2 lbs. Mailable.
11 N 853 3-in. Price, Each..... **.79c**
11 N 854 4-in. Price, Each..... **\$1.39**



Nickel Novelties.



"WAKE UP ALARM"—Extra.
 (Registered) Patent applied for.
 One Day Nickel Alarm.
 4 INCH DIAL. HEIGHT, 6¼ INCHES.
 List each, \$1 60

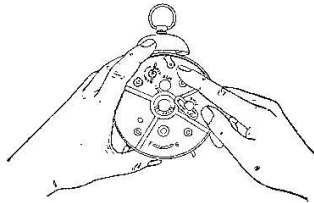


Figure 1.

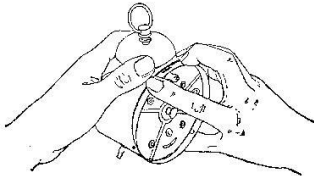
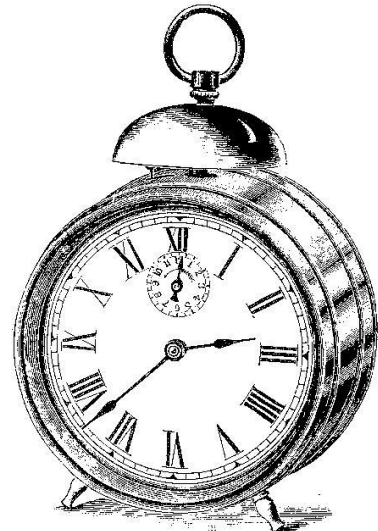
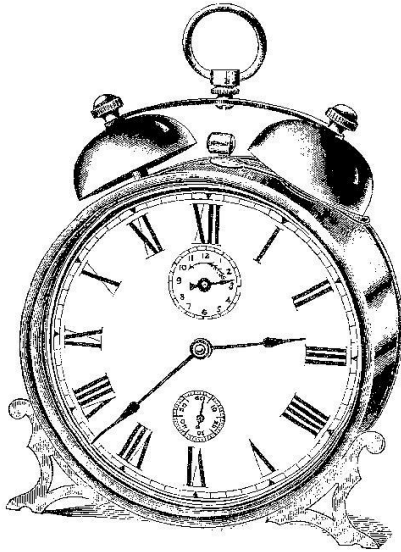


Figure 2.



BUZZ ALARM.
 Patent applied for.
 One Day Nickel Alarm.
 4 INCH DIAL. HEIGHT, 6¼ INCHES.
 List each, \$1 60



PET—Long Alarm—Patented."
 One Day Nickel Alarm.
 4½ INCH DIAL. HEIGHT, 6¾ INCHES.
 Fitted with Second Hand.
 Alarm rings 8 minutes with one winding, but
 can be cut off at pleasure by Switch Key.
 List each, \$2 15

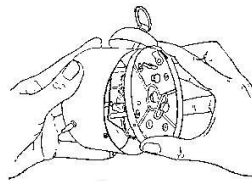


Figure 3.

Movements to all the above Clocks
 can be removed and replaced in 4
 seconds, as described below.

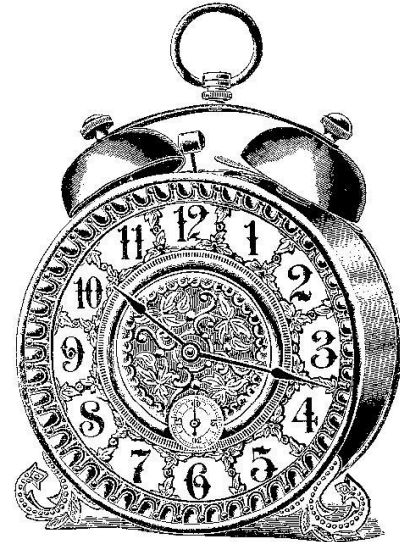
No screws to lose or threads to strip.

DIRECTIONS.

To remove movement from case, wind up springs, slide latch near Alarm Key to left (Fig. 1); pull from top gently (Fig. 2), then from the bottom (Fig. 3), exercising care to avoid bending the hammer.

To replace, enter hammer through opening under bell, push back squarely into case; see that indentations in bottom and back of case agree; then press top of back firmly and turn latch to place.

While simple to the skilled workman, the works cannot easily be removed by the purchaser without directions.



ARTISTIC—Long Alarm—Patented
 One Day Nickel Alarm.
 4½ INCH DIAL. HEIGHT, 6¾ INCHES.
 Fitted with Second Hand.
 Alarm rings 8 minutes with one winding, but
 can be cut off at pleasure by Switch Key.
 Gilt Perforated Dial, List each, \$2 50

FOR SALE

The following 3 clocks are offered for sale by Chris St.Dennis.
If you are interested in any contact her at chrisstdennis@yahoo.com



**WESTCLOX BUNKIE ALARM
\$35 OBO**



**PARKER ALARM IN THE MISSION STYLE
\$75 OBO**



**Black Mantel with an Alarm Feature
\$65 OBO**