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## Mechanical singing bird tabatieres d

This article depends mainly or completely on one source. The relevant discussion can be found on the chat page. Help improve this article by entering citations into additional sources. Find sources: Singing bird box – news · newspapers · books · scientist · JSTOR (November 2020) Unusual singing bird box by Frères Rochat, about 1810. The bird is displayed in a small cage, not hidden inside the box as usual. The singing bird box (boîte à oiseau chanteur in French) is a box, usually rectangular, containing miniature automaton singing birds hidden below an oval cap and activated using an activity lever. Its origins are found in the city of Geneva, and his invention in 1784/85 is attributed to Pierre Jaquet-Droz. The French term tabatière also came to be used in any small decorative box similar to the form of a snuffbox, but not necessarily any longer used to be snuffbox. Characteristics This object is composed of two separate parts, usually crafted by different creators. The outer body is the size of a rectangular box variable, although the standard measurement is approximately 100 × 65 × 40 mm, made of base metals, precious metals, tortoiseshells or other materials. It has an oval hole, about 45 x 35 mm at the top, usually edged with a decorative metal frame. At the front of the box there is a small slider that, when pushed to the right, the lid or medallion rises to an almost vertical position, while a small, mechanical feathered bird appears through the grille and stands vertically in the center of the oval opening. Then he begins to rotate from side to side to flap his wings, move his tail up and down, open and close his beak and - in some cases - turn his head from one side to the other while producing an intact stream of birdsong. At the end of operation, the automaton returns to the box, and the lid closes. While the bird is calling, the decorative pierced grate looks like a hole in the shape of a bird cut through which the performer rises and falls. While singing, a piece of bird-shaped grill jumps up to cover the hole through which the automaton has passed. All movements of bird boxes have a clock work engine, which must be wound up. This engine does two main works: The first is to operate small bellows, which supply air, through the wind chest, whistle, which produces birdsong and the second task is to rotate the number of cameras. One cam controls the attention drawn by the whistle, the second determines when the note will be made and for how long, and the third produces a motion that causes the bird to turn from side to side. In some movements, the bird's wingscaling and its ability to turn its head are also cam-controlled, while in others it is not. The final cam determines the point at which the song ends, folds away, the lid drops and the engine stops. Bird beak beak always connected to the cam, controlling the air supply to the whistle: in this way, the movements of the sound and beak are automatically synchronized. The whistle consists of a tube of miniature organs, containing a clinging piston, which can be moved up and down to provide more than octave inscriptions. The winged performer differs in size, but 30 mm from the beak to the tail is usual. The bird itself consists of a brass frame, to which two shells of half the body are attached, each of which has one wing, turned to the side. Dress a few of them, feathers of South American hummingbirds were used in the past in their brilliant red, green and blue rainbow colors, which gave the well-feathered bird almost a jewel-like appearance, but today they are no longer. As for movement, it is a compact device located between two brass plates. Two mechanisms have been used over more than two centuries to sing bird boxes, each with its own characteristics: fusee-driven movement and ongoing-barrel movement. Origins and evolution from 18th to 21st century Switzerland: the cradle of singing birds' boxes and its development (1785-1885) In addition to sharing the same citizenship, the main names of the early history of singing birds box all unite professional references. Pierre Jaquet-Droz (b. 1721), considered one of the most famous vending machines of all time, is credited with the invention of boîte à oiseau chanteur. In the book *Le Monde des Automates* by Chapuis and Gélis, the record between 1770 and 1784 by several creators including Jaquet-Droz and Jean-Frédéric Leschot (b. 1746) was made to sing in bird cages, in which a bird song was produced in miniature pipe-organ needed a separate tube for each note. The work of mechanical bird miniaturization and the creation of compact movement using one and only one variable pitch tube was completed in 1784/1785 [1], and this component allowed to reduce the size of the movement and therefore gave birth to a box of singing birds. It is possible that this was mainly the work of Leschot, who became a business partner of Jaquet-Droz in 1782. Indeed, Chapuis and Gélis argue that the variable pitch whistle was Leschot's work, but another author, Brittens, argues that the credit for his invention belongs to Henri Maillardet (1745-1815), who also joined the company in 1784, although probably Jaquet-Droz should be credited with it. [2] What it was, it is clear that until 1785, the movements of the size of the uostades or tabatière were known in France, Germany and England. These mechanisms were the work of a small group of skilled and talented men in Geneva, led by

Pierre Jaquet-Droz and his son Henri-Louis Jaquet-Droz [b. 1752] and including the work of Leschot, Maillardet and Jacob Frisard. November 1790 Pierre Jaquet-Droz (after the years of his son Henri) and this logically ended the partnership with Leschot. However, Leschot continues to produce singing birds in Geneva under the old partnership name Jaquet-Droz & Leschot - London (they opened a London office and so they marked their creations with the name of the city, but they were all made in Switzerland). Leschot died in 1824, although he previously retired a year ago. Jacob Frisard is another important name for the history and development of this artifact. Born in Villeret (Switzerland) in 1753, he served his horological apprenticeship la Chaux-de-Fonds. He then settled in Geneva around 1784, where Pierre and Henri-Louis Jaquet-Droz worked and their colleague Jean-Frédéric Leschot. He became a great master of singing bird technology, creating some of the most amazing pieces sold by Jaquet-droz company and contributing to their fame. His close cooperation with Leschot has led to some of the most important technical innovations in this area; for example, he was the inventor of the device, which allows the bird to be folded back into the box when the song is finished and close the medallion or lid. Around 1800, he founded his own business and sought to show his works to influential people, including Napoleon Bonaparte, and in 1809 held an exhibition of his works in Zurich, his efforts remained fruitless. In the early years of the 19th century, Frisard embarked on several trips to exhibit his mechanical works throughout Europe, eventually he died in 1810 after returning to Geneva after a sales trip to Constantinople. His special experience was in designing and cutting the cam sets needed to produce a bird song. He made cameras that were arranged in a continuous spiral so that from the beginning to the end of the bird's song there would be no break. It was a unique feature, never again any other bird box manufacturer would ever happen again. [3] He really did a lot and perhaps all the mittens used by Jaquet-Droz and also worked on Frères Rochat early in their production. Frères Rochat works with independent musical movement and center seconds, a quarter repeating clock, about 1820. Frères Rochat (Rochat Brothers). These three brothers from Le Brassus Vallée de Joux were the sons of the master clock maker David Rojat (1746–1812). These included: Jacques François Elisée Rochat (1771–1836). David Frédéric Henri Rochat (1774–1848) and Henri Samuel Rochat (1777–1854). David Rochat formed an association with his three sons around 1800. At the end of the 18th and early years of the 19th century David Rochat and sons were present bird ébauches in Jaquet-Droz, and continued to do so when Jean-Frédéric Leschot took over the Jaquet-Droz company after henry-louis's death in 1792. In this case, they generally complied with the specifications to them Jacob Frisard, Jaquet-Droz & Leschot singing bird specialist. When Frisard, in order to develop his business became less accessible after 1800, Leschot sought to replace him with Rochats, but this collaboration was short-lived. 1810 Leschot was almost retired and Frisard died, so it was left to Frères Rochat to continue producing high-quality singing bird boxes in the Jaquet-droz tradition and so they did until 1849. After his father's death, the three Rochat brothers moved to Geneva and went into business at their own account opening shop in 1813. They worked there, in Terreaux de Chantepoulet, until about 1820, when they split into two groups. François remained alone and continued terreaux de Chantepoulet, later assisted by his son Ami-Napoléon François (1807–1875), known as Ami. Frédéric and Samuel moved to rue de Coutance 76, where they were later assisted by Frédéric's sons Antoine Auguste Frédéric (1799–1882) and Charles Louis François (1795–1862). At that time, other Rochats were also working in Geneva. Among them is Louis Rochat, originally from L'Abbaye in Vallée de Joux, which is considered a piece with a clock and singing birds (today's Beijing Museum), which won the prize from geneva's Reunion des Industriels in 1829. 1814 Louis and his brother François formed an association with Pierre Daniel Campiche, called Frères Rochat et Compagnie. To complicate matters, there were connections between the various Rochats. For example, Louis Rochat of l'Abbaye worked with Antoine (son of Frédéric) for some time, about 1850. However, it is clear that the Rochat family produced many of the best and most complex objects of singing birds. They also built some of the smallest singing bird boxes ever made. [4] It should be said that, like all the producers mentioned above, they were not related only to this point, they also made other machines and mechanical devices. Review in Switzerland by Charles Abraham Bruguiet, enamel attributed to Louis Dufaux père, 1840. Gold, marble, mother-of-pearl and painted on enamel, ruby and emerald set music sing in the form of a bird's box of paper weight loss. Finally, the last of the great masters of mechanicians in tabatières crafting the true tradition of Jaquet-Droz, as well as the Swiss Bruguiet family, Charles Abraham Bruguiet was born in Geneva in 1788. He gained great fame in the production of the miniaturized songbird port boxes (he made other kinds of pieces, too), among his contributions to the expansion of sound and bird performance, his movements contained in the richly decorated cases of often famous Geneva emolists such as Richter, Dufey and Procchietto, were also singled out for his quiet acts. From 1816 to 1822, he lived working in music boxes and machines, and it was during this period that his son, also named Charles Abraham, was born in 1818. The family returned to Geneva in 1823, when Charles Senior began studying bird boxes in time and producing them, planning both improvements and techniques to increase their production levels and therefore make this article come through more people to achieve. The movements embossed by C. Bruguiet à Geneve, followed by three digit numbers, were made until about 1850. C. A. Bruguiet's father continued to personally repair the singing birds until 1861, one year before his death occurred in 1862. Charles-Abraham 1818–1891) first included in the 1843 census as a seminar independent of the father. He continued to produce mechanisms that were very similar to the quality mechanisms of his predecessor, and the same is true of his father Jacques Bruguiet (1801–1873) and his son Jacques-Alexandre. These movements are sometimes noticeable, but many of them remain unmarked and unnumbered. The Golden Age of Singing Bird Box (1785–1885) begins with the Bruguiet family. [5] However, this was not the end of it, as the innovations and simplifications of the movement carried out in France allowed this work of art to endure until now. All of the aforementioned Swiss famous maestros worked on the fusee-driven movement without exception. During the Jaquet-Droz/Leschot/Frisard period and the early days of Rochat (until about 1815), a detailed layout of the bird box movement was made with a series of changes to simplify the operation and ensure greater reliability, but overall, they did not affect the performance significantly. The exception was automaton's ability to turn his head from side to side, often confirming that all the early Swiss singing birds turn their heads, but this is not true. [6] After about 1820, the design and layout were deposited into a more or less standardized layout. With the rochat family business in the late 1850s and the death of Charles Bruguiet's father, almost all the pioneering works of the fusee-wound movement ceased. [7] France: The French Revolution in the second half of the 19th century, before the beginning of the First World War, paris was a thriving production centre throughout the world, and it was in this historical context that Maison Bontems flourished. France pioneered the creation of quality tabatières during the last quarter of the 19th century and early 20th century. Blaise Bontems' ad was published in 1878. The last line reads: Tabatière avec Oiseau chantant (Snuffbox with singing bird). So by the 1870's he was already making them. Play mediaModel n° 11 by Bontems (the most popular of its range), c. 1890. A real tortoise shell case with a silver-gold cover depicting hand-engraved birds and plants On the right, the automaton is dressed in rainbow hummingbird feathers. Museo Cerralbo, Madrid, (Spain). Charles Bontems label, about 1890. 1910 Bontems catalog. Left view; cover with awards and right image; pages showing prices and photos. In 1814, Blaise Bontems was born in the village of Le Ménil in France, and he progressed to become the main watch maker and in time one of the most important manufacturers, specialized mechanical birds and other automated animals. He allegedly inspired his craft while he was an apprentice clockmaker; when the client brought in the music snuffbox to be repaired. According to his biographers, Blaise Bontems was disappointed that the whistle was unnatural, so he changed the mechanism so that it made a more realistic and authentic sound. In 1849, he started his business in Paris, singing birds that were exhibited at the London exhibition in 1851. From the accounts available, it seems that these birds were alive and caged. Sometime in the 1870's they introduced their tabatières, which resemble the external look of some rochat and bruguiet models, but they have developed a completely different completely new design mechanism. Blaise Bontems died in 1893, and the company passed on to his son Charles Jules (b. 1848) and later to grandson Lucien Bontems, who died in 1956. Later, it was purchased by Reuge S. A. St. Croix (Switzerland) in 1960 and it was their starting point for singing in the bird box industry. A wide series of mechanical changes implemented by the famous French house involves replacing the fusee engine employed by all Swiss developers until then, a simple going-barrel, eight-song/air camera stack of just two and parallel action bellows vee-shaped bellows, automaton internal mechanism has been much simplified as well. This basic movement had become a model and standard for all subsequent developers until now. [5] Although the company marked its crowd and address with its crowd and address, it did not imagine such an identification mark on tabatières, although it had the serial number at the earliest. Identification largely depends on the individual style of his movements and the deeply healthy birds that do not have their heads, containing (along with Flajoulot) bone or ivory beak. Bontems can be considered the father of modern singing bird boxes, after his simplification of movement and improvements in sound. A successful house praise for the real quality of their songs, they are exhibited at several Universal Exhibitions and Fairs, where they were awarded 43 medals of gold, silver, vermeil and bronze in Europe, the United States, Asia and Australia. They were suppliers to Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom, among others. Well-adjusted Bontems movement with good-condition bellows a clear and pleasant bird song for about fifteen seconds of each performance. It is a simple and robust construction, and on its day it became the property of a singing bird box, which is more accessible to the general public than any of its Swiss predecessors. At this point, you can't forget the Bontems family's cousin Alfredo Bontems, a direct competitor who also worked in Paris. The pieces of his singing birds were almost identical to those of his relatives, and the movements were supplied to them, although they were signed, sealed on the top plate of the inscription AB France. His company operated from about 1900 to 1950. Another Parisian maison is E. Flajoulot, which began producing them for the first time around 1890 to 1950. It favors metal boxes, highly embossed and engraved silver and silver gilded, some enamel and enamel pictures on the lids. His standard movement was well made and, although due to much bontem design, was not a simple replica. His movements have an additional feature of the ingenious method of speed control and stamped by developers in the name and serial number. He also seems to have introduced the idea of starting/stopping to pull the rod and button on the right side of the box to replace the previously ubiquitous slider at the top right front of the box. Finally, Juvénia has been operating in France since about 1893, they have created several models, which are the most popular of its range of sarcophated wooden holsters with hand-painted scenes of the country and people dressed in the 18th century. The intervention of the Paris vending machines in the history of this element of curiosity has undoubtedly led to a revolution. Many of the traditional features of Swiss singing bird boxes have been removed: for the going-barrel fusee, the lid slowly close to the wheel of the train, the longer the song and simplify the bird's internal mechanism, the loss of head movement only took the automaton bird back to its origin. The work of Bontems, his contemporaries and heirs preserves him in a situation where without them he could have disappeared [10] the victim of unstoppable and progressive industrialization. England: Rara sheep The only English producer of bird boxes was John Manger and Co, a London whose main activity was watchmaking (producer and importer). John Manger, listed as working in London from 1875-1881 to Brian Loomes's Watchmakers and Clockmakers of the World, started them in 1878; The successor company John Manger and Sons, London, operated in the early 20th century but did not achieve the same level of quality as before. They are all equipped with bontems type going-barrel movement. Swiss developers in the first half of the 20th century electric blue guilloché enamel event with included clock. Ray, 1925. Lid decorated penitent magdalene after painting Pompeii Girolamo Batoni. According to the authors of the above-mentioned Alfred Chapuis & Marguerat: Édouard Gélis, three producers operated in Geneva in 1928: Mr Cattelin, Marguerat and Mr Salmon. C. H. Marguerat - Production d'Oiseaux Chantant, Avenue de la Gare des Eux Vives 18, Genève - is best known of the three, although their movement is not always marked. Charles-Armand Marguerat (1887-1931) is marked with rectangular boxes with a small round clock mounted on two pillars above the box. The clock mechanism can be set so that the bird box is activated in the same way as the alarm, or the box can be played separately. Other Marguerat boxes are very often oval in shape, but use the usual movement to trim at the corners. The used movement is very similar to Bontems, but - like Flajoulot - the speed control governor is exodus and may have originated from Flajoulot designs. In general, marguerat mechanisms were well made, and especially enamelling cases are very good-quality epochs. Of the other two creators, antoine salmon pieces (about 1876–1951), enamel work is often of very good quality. He was originally French, but settled early in Geneva. Very few of his bird boxes are known to sign. And finally Mr Cattelin, it is not very clear if he ever made them, although it may be possible that he was responsible for some perfectly made good anonymous boxes that are far from unusual. Another Geneva producer was Raymy, who has worked around since 1903, but such was his lack of workshop records, advertising or prominence that dating his products is quite speculative. It is known for its well-built boxes, some with an oval clock and guilloché enamel. The usual OMM seal in the windmill frame is always visible in Raymy's movements, and in the previous one - the original L.M.G.. It is considered that the same Swiss producer of these two supposedly different brands because of the obvious similarities between their respective movements. [12] All these companies share the movement of the Bontems floating barrel, which is contained in normally beautifully prepared trays in various materials where the clock was clocked in the interwar period in relative frequency (1920 and 1930). They are distinguished by favorable conditions for the use of guilloché enamel techniques. Germany: An accessible article two posters in the 1930s showing Karl Griesbaum's range of bird boxes. Right below, you can see the movements of the proposed three build features. Bontems-style Tabatières was made with the C.K. Lamy of Furtwangen brand in the Black Forest. In his book Mechanische Singvögel Peter Schuhknecht traces the history of the company in 1927 until its closure. Little is known about its range, but several examples seen were considered well-enamelled in silver and have birds with bone beaks. Movement is basically a copy of Bontems. For six years from 1922 to 1928, eschle briefly appeared in Triberg (including the Black Forest), producing bird boxes. In 1950, two brothers, Robert and Otto Eschle, son of the original founder, relaunched the business, which remained until 1977, when it was acquired by Reuge as well. Their cases were very similar to Griesbaum, but since they both label their respective products with their respective names or symbols, they can be easily identified. Eschle products were sold cheaply in souvenir shops in the Black Forest and their movement had a key for wrapping screwed on the barrel gazebo. [13] Model No 7, was one of the most expensive enamel silver boxes, around 1930. Nevertheless, the only company of the 20th century that has dominated the production of bird boxes for more than 50 years and its production exceeds all others was the truly fruitful company of Karl Griesbaum (1872–1941). Founded in 1905 as well as Triberg, they originally made watch parts and in the 1920s they began singing bird box production before its closure in 1988. During their lives cases have been presented to them in a variety of more than thirty different styles, some based on previous models of Rochat, Bruguiet, etc., while others displayed novelty designs not seen before. In all these cases there was only one song and one type of movement, but this mechanism (closely modeled on the bontems model) was offered three build properties that were first introduced between 1922 and 1925. According to the 1930 price list it was available: 1. Finely finished and polished steel springs. 2. Solid finish, unpolished, with brass springs. 3. Easily made unpolished (special construction). There was no audible difference between these three versions, so most griesbaum boxes were equipped with the cheapest movement. [14] Following the cessation of activities in 1988, the contents of griesbaum workshops were acquired by Siegfried Wendel, who in 1990 transferred production to Rüdeshheim am Rhein (Germany), which established MMM (Mechanische Musikwerke Manufaktur) GmbH. Twenty-first century The only remaining developers producing this article in Europe are the aforementioned Reuge (Switzerland) and MMM (Germany). In 2010, in Switzerland was founded on behalf of Frères Rochat and 125 years after its termination around 1885, both fusee-driven movement and bird head movements. Its first two models started in 2013. Collections left: a piece in the mother-of-pearl event of Frères Rochat, about 1810. It's also a jewelry box. Up to 201 Once belonged to the French Empress Josephine Bonaparte. Right: An experimental prototype of Griesbaum at the writing table with blue guilloché enamel and ivory cameos. There was never a production in the early 1920s. For more than 225 years of continuous production, this small objet de vertu has been fascinated by generations of people of all roads and walks of life, from kings and aristocrats to cob, middle class people, etc. Many feel especially impressed by their purely mechanical performance in complex movement, without any electronic components. Others may give preference to cases of artistic and aesthetic values with many designs. He became a collector's item, especially swiss Jaquet-Droz & Leschot, Jacob Frisard, Frères Rochat, or the Bruguiet family. Several aspects, essentially four, must be taken into account when purchasing or evaluating; the quality and case of the whistle. Taking into account the tray, its construction, its craftsmanship, the decorative methods used (e.g. guilloché enamel, hand-painted lid scenes, etc.), the type of material used; precious metals, ivory, mother-of-pearl, tortoise shell, etc. As for the bird, the discerning point is the complexity of the melody and sound quality, its overall appearance, the type of feathers (for example, rainbows of real hummingbird feathers), the beak; the proportions of the body of the sheep or bone compared to metal or plastic, etc. Another issue is rarity or singularity of a particular piece, for example, if it has an additional complication, such as two submachine gun instead of one, music movement and/or clock, etc. collectors have to be careful with fakes, because in some cases chunks of older boxes are stoned together to claim the object is original. In particular, since MMM uses many of the same techniques, parts and casemakers, new MMM boxes are often sold as antique Griesbaum boxes for some dealers and auction houses. If any singing bird box is described as antique, it is advisable to require to see a picture of mechanical movement - no different from the inspection movement on a fine watch. Other unscrupulous practices include spotting glitter glue on birds, trying to make feathers look like rainbow hummingbird feathers that destroy the value of a piece. Media Singing Bird Boxes was featured in several TV shows: Little House on the Prairie, Season 5, episode 99, Wedding (1978). Antiques Roadshow (USA), season 16, episode 27 (1997). Antiques Roadshow (United Kingdom) series 27, episode 22 (2005). As it did, season 13, episode 7, Pressure Cooker/Mechanical Singing Birds/Oceanographic Buoys/Stainless Steel Tank Trailers (2009). Storage Wars, Season 2, episode 8, San Burrito (2011). 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