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Restoration of Bulle Clock Serial Number 179287



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This Bulle movement sits on an oval ebonised wooden base with a crystal dome (retained by the owner). The obvious things to note here is the dirty condition of the silvered dial. This looks to be years of tar from cigarette or a domestic fire . It should clean off OK though.. The dials these crystal domed clocks are engraved and silvered but are difficult to restore if damaged because the chapter ring is not separate from the dial and silvering is therefore difficult to achieve without also silvering the rest of the dial..

No major damage was found with this clock.





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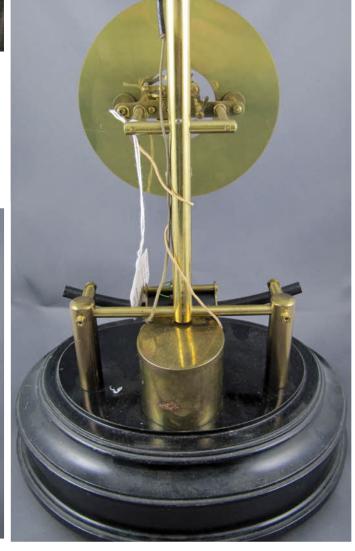
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The pendulum casing will need to be repainted.

The rear of the clock and the dirty dial.









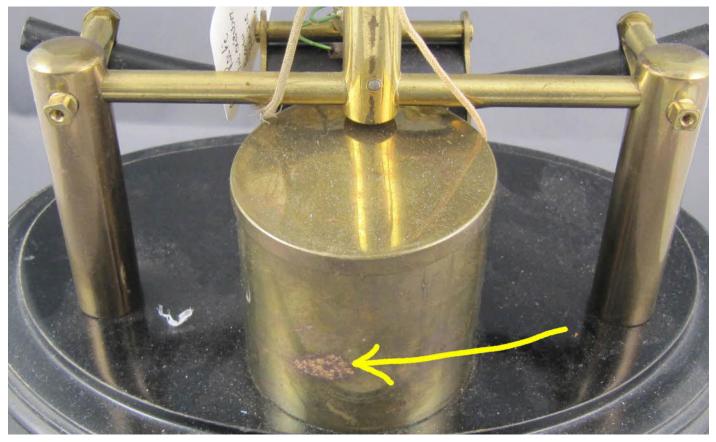
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This photo shows the underside of the base with the battery compartment cover. This is a little rusty and will be cleaned and repainted.

This last photo below shows that there has been some battery acid burn through in the tube, but most of it should polish out. The difficulty with these tubes is that they are impossible to remove from the wooden base and so any internal acid damage has to be cleaned away manually with using chemicals.



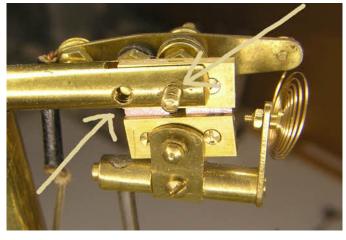




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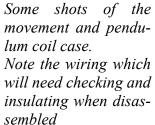
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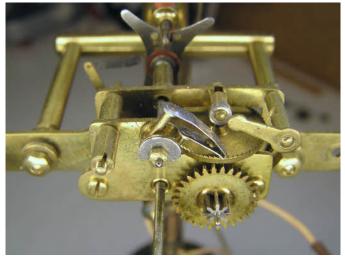


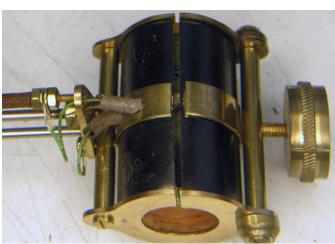


The photo above shows the missing nut from the stud and the missing blued suspension clamping screw. Both will be made and fitted.









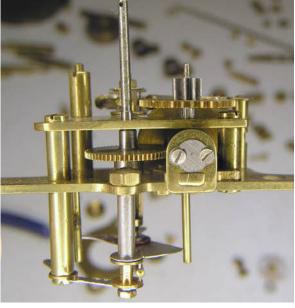




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The movement looks to be in good condition with no rust or damage.

The fork and contacts are also in goo condition and will only need cleaning.

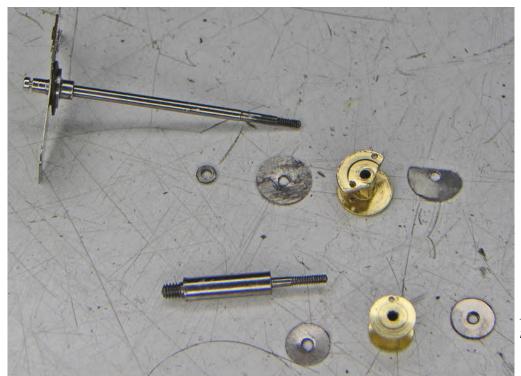




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I have included this photo to show the parts in the fork arbour and top Isochron bracket.

Below is the cleaned movement back in place.

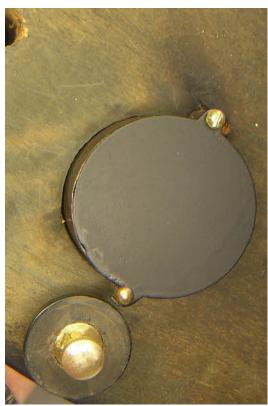






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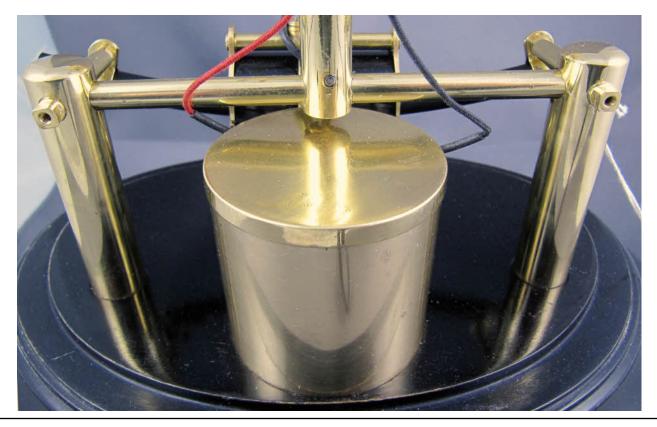
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The photo at left shows the repainted battery cover. The photo above shows the new suspension blued screw and nut.

The photo below shows the cleaned battery tube with little sign of the acid break through.







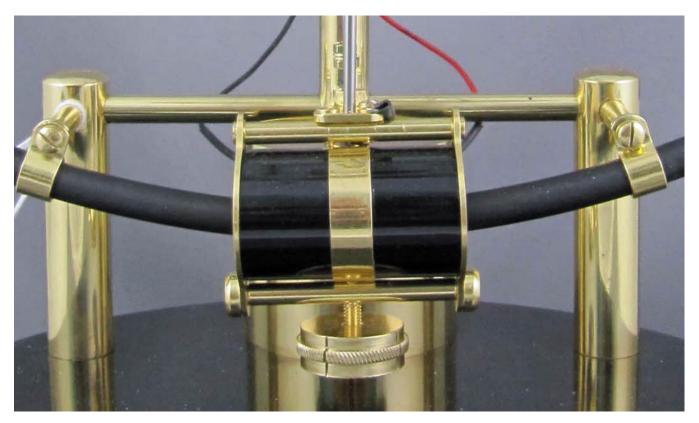
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View from behind the dial.

The pendulum casing repainted

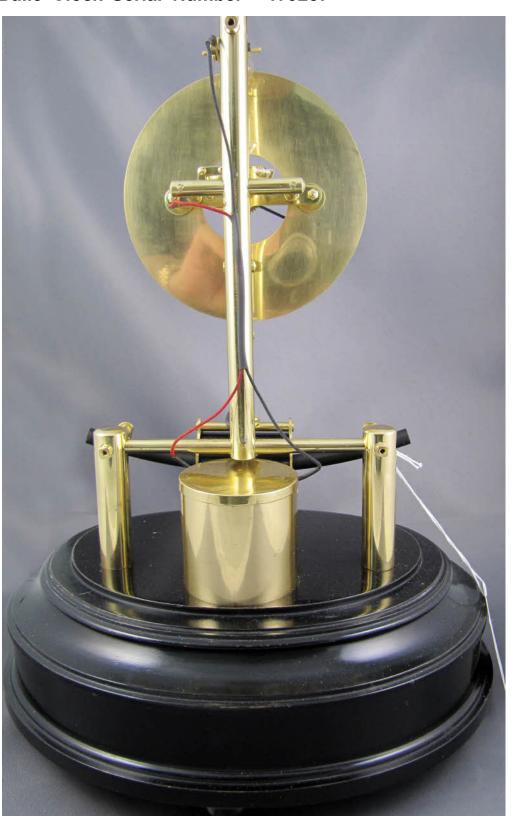






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Rear view of the finished clock.





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The finished clock.