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The clock was delivered as seen on the left, without case which is of the brass lancet type.

The dial has black insulation tape around the edge for some unknown purpose although the dial itself looks to be in good condition with no major marks or scratches.. The rest of the movement seems in good condition with nothing missing. The pendulum coil casing is brass painted black with an unpainted section in the middle to imitate a solid collar.

It's interesting to note that the bar magnet has brass end caps which are usually only found on clocks with cases that would show off the whole movement, such as a four glass. There is no need of such embellishment when the movement is substantially hidden from view in a wooden or brass case. If we then take into consideration that the dial type is one of those with the deep brass pan and insert aluminium insert which again would normally be found on a fully exposed clock., I would suggest that this movement did not start life with the lancet case, That's probably why the black tape has been applied; to somehow cover the bright brass rim in a dark case, or to help the dial rim fit to the case. I also note that the top of the stem has a threaded hole that again would normally be found on a four glass case, where the stem is secured to the inside of the top plate.

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Close up of the dial showing insulation tape. The tape was found to be glued on (see photo below) which makes removal and cleaning of the brass pan surround very difficult when you are trying to leave the dial itself undamaged..



This photo at left shows the pendulum coil casing and the extra piece of plastic above the rating nut. I assume it has been put there to increase the weight and therefore slow the clock down. But the plastic has no weight to it an would not have contributed much.

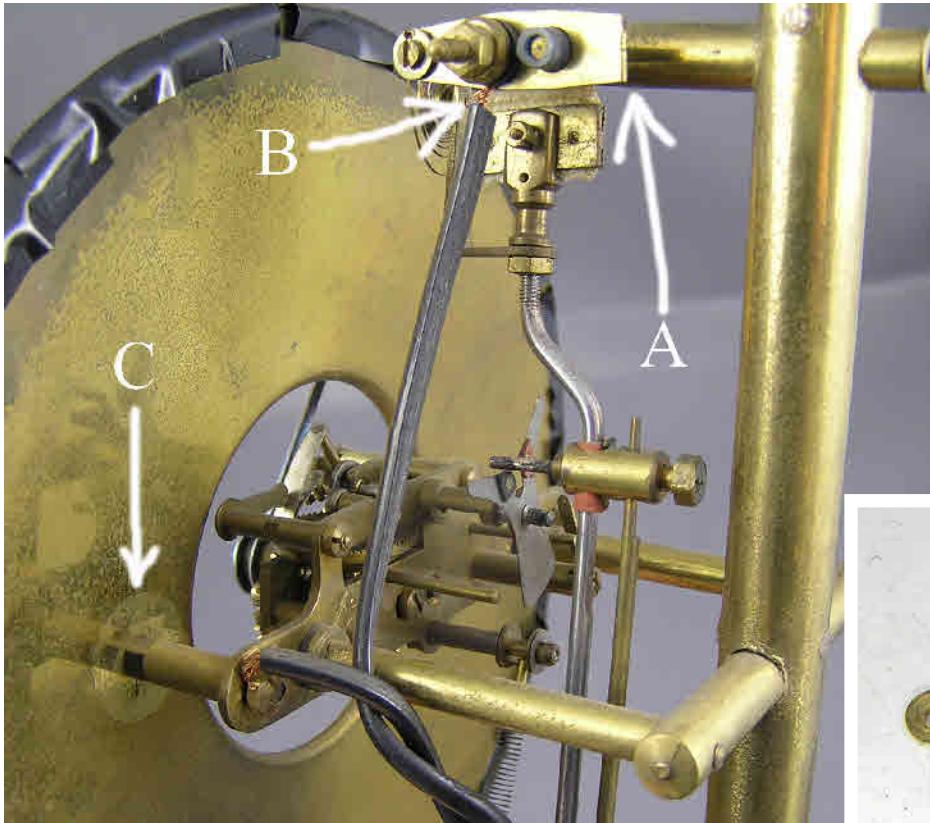
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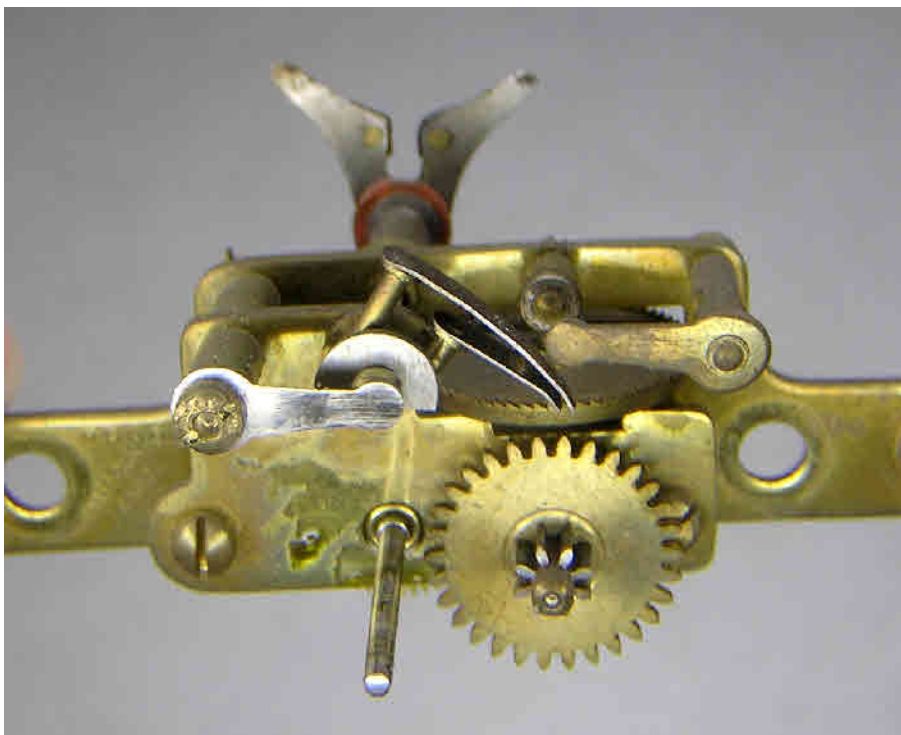
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This photo shows **A)** The broken bar of the insulated negative terminal assembly. This should have a hole through which a nut and screw (see photo below) are used to attach the wire from the negative side of the battery. **B)** The point where the wire is now wrongly attached. **C)** The mark left by the missing 15mm washers that support the dial and stop it from bending.



The movement and fork look to complete and in good condition.



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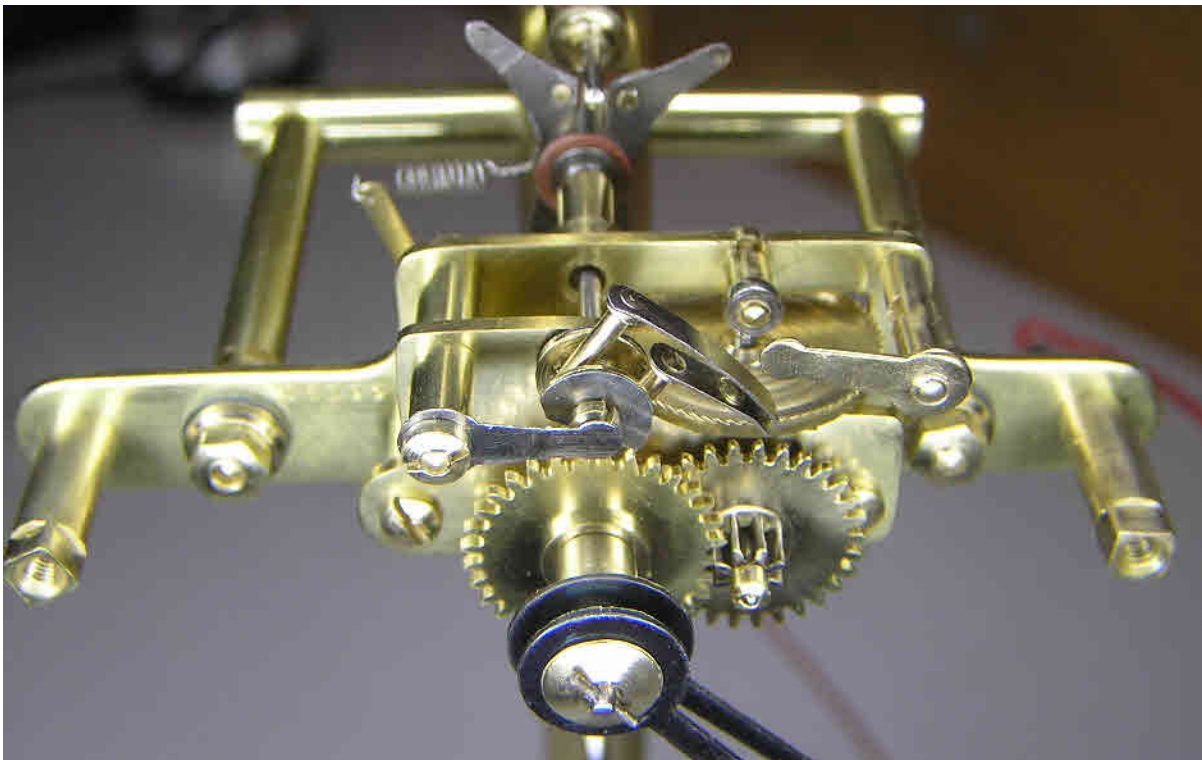
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The coil is all original with no breakages or shorts. Note the thick card washers that are sometimes found inside the coil casing. These take up any free movement between the coil bobbin and the coil casing end caps.

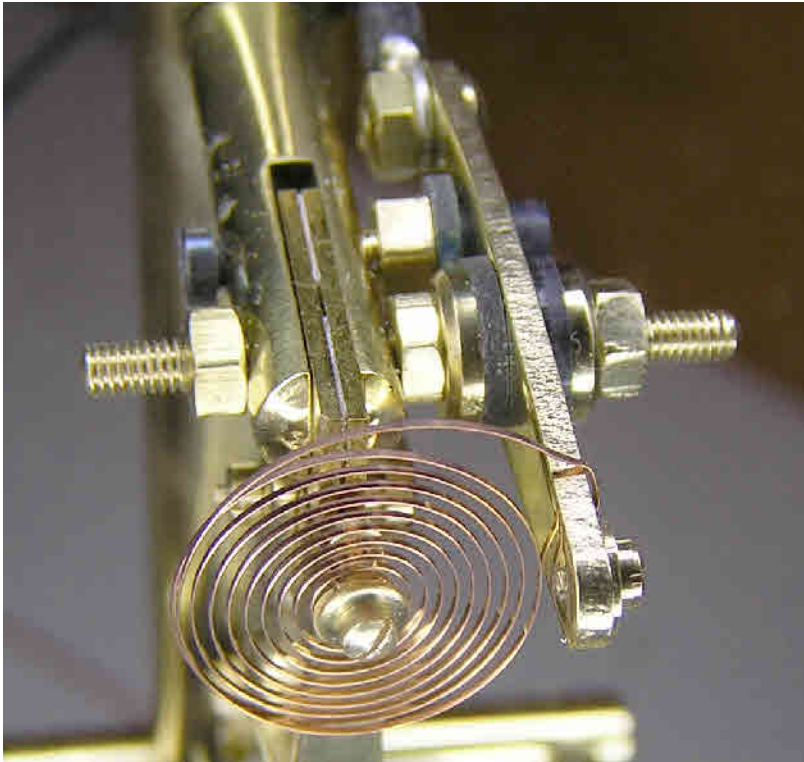
The photo above shows the new arm of the negative terminal assembly in position on the cleaned frame. The new silk suspension is also in place. Note the threaded hole at the top of the column. This is where I think the movement was secured into a four glass case.



The movement restored fitted to the frame.

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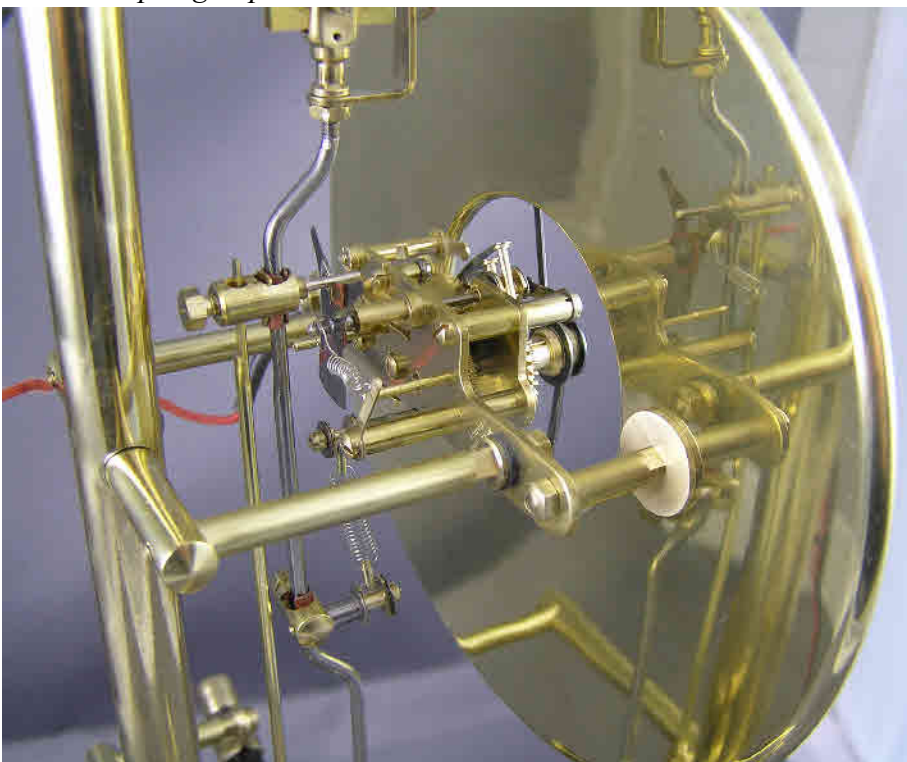
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A detailed photo above showing the terminal assembly and the new hair spring in place.



The new dial washers to be fitted to the back of the dial.. Below and below left, we see a side view of the finished clock.



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The completed clock .

As the clock was supplied without its case I have mounted it temporarily on a small wooden base for test-