The Carpus-Bearing Clock



On a rainy Tuesday in the late 17th century, Swiss inventor Julius Dinklaker was straining to move his spousal unit's seven-foot tall spring-powered clock tower from the bedroom to the parlor when a severe twinge in his lower back prompted him to abruptly abandon the task, repair to his laboratory, and invent a more portable timepiece. The result was the Carpus-Bearing Clock (CBC), a timekeeping device that was intended to attach conveniently to a person's wrist. Without a doubt, Julius was an accomplished mechanical tinker, however his knowledge of what a human arm could comfortably accommodate was suspect. Which is why the 22-pound, 34"-radius CBC failed to revolutionize the portable timepiece industry.