

## Lot 554



<b>Auction</b>	<b>Fine Jewels &amp; Watches</b>
<b>Date</b>	18.11.2020, ca. 15:33
<b>Preview</b>	13.11.2020 - 10:00:00 bis 16.11.2020 - 18:00:00

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### MERCEDES BENZ Wristwatch.

Origin: Switzerland.

Clockwork: Automatic.

Case/Wristband: 750/- yellow gold, orig. leather strap with gold plated pin buckle clasp, dial enamel, hands/indices goldtone.

Total Weight: ca. 120,5 g.

Measurement: Length 20,9 cm, Ø 4,0 cm.

Description: The head of the "Classic History Department" Dr. Harry Niemann wanted to honour the brilliant engineer Béla Barényi, who worked for Mercedes-Benz for decades and invented true wonders. He registered more than 2,500 patents for Mercedes-Benz, including the invention of the "safety cell", i.e. the crumple zone for all passenger cars. Mr. Barényi was the discoverer of "passive safety" and saved the lives of thousands of people as a result. When he retired due to old age, the company wanted to give him this magnificent gold chronograph as a token of gratitude. This Dubois-Dépraz 2025 caliber wristwatch was to be engraved with the words "Dr. Harry Niemann for Béla Barényi". However, "Béla Barényi for Dr. Harry Niemann" was wrongly engraved. Thus it came that now 2 pieces of this chronograph exist worldwide. Spare clasp enclosed .

Condition B/C: Movement: Very good condition, to be overhauled.

Dial: Very good.

Case: Very good condition, slightly worn.

Estimate: 12.000 € - 15.000 €; Hammer: 7.500 €

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