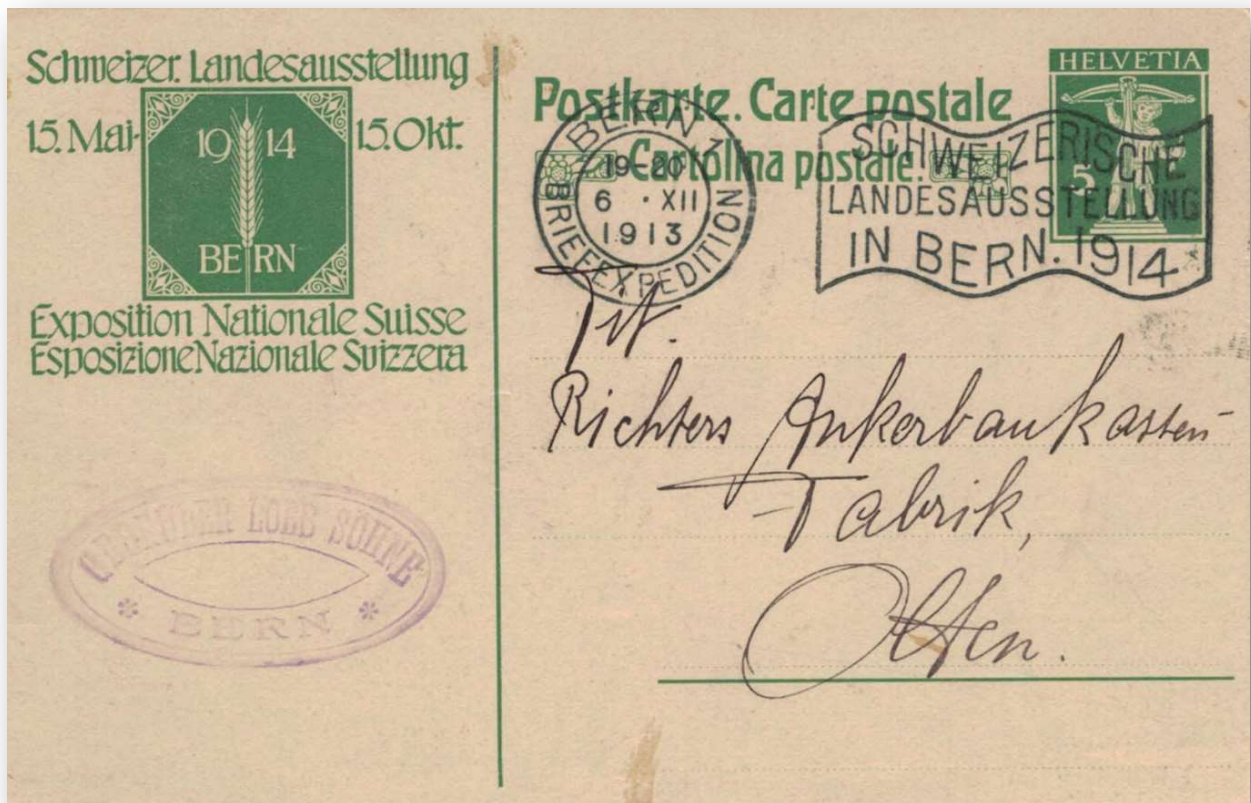


Anker stone construction kit

From the Anker advertisement: They are regarded as aviation pioneers, and their experiments were the main driving force behind the development of today's aircraft technology: The brothers Otto and Gustav Lilienthal. It is less well known, however, that the younger brother Gustav in particular owned numerous toy patents. One of these patents was the ANKER stone construction kit, which the Lilienthal brothers sold, heavily in debt, to the entrepreneur Friedrich Adolph Richter. Under his hand, the ANKER brand became a worldwide success from 1880. In 1921, the company was restructured and divided into two state-owned joint stock companies. The GDR leadership turned the company in Rudolstadt into a state-owned enterprise, and production finally ceased in 1963. It was only thanks to a Berlin TU professor that ANKER Baukasten made a "comeback" in 1995. Even after more than 125 years, the Rudolstadt location still stands for reliability and a sense of tradition - certainly in the spirit of the two Lilienthal brothers who were aviation and toy enthusiasts.....



Eine Gansache aus 1913 – rückseitig werden einzelne Bausteine bestellt.

Who wouldn't want to go back to their youth and try an exhibit on the Anker Steinbaukasten? In my youth there was Matador, later Lego - the Duplo bricks I know now only from advertising

and when I buy a gift for my grandchildren. I have never seen an Anker stone building set - I would be interested in it. And a castle made of real stone would make me proud after all - even if these castles are expensive, but castles in the air can be even more expensive.

Further reading:

- You can find a detailed instruction manual for an exhibit on the net at <http://www.ankerstein.ch/downloads/CVA/Buch-PC.pdf>
- Löwenzahn 230 page 15 / D. Werner: You'll be amazed!