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**HANS B. EMMRICH OF GIDDINGS
INVENTOR OF SHUTTER-
ACTUATING APPARATUS**

It might be of interest to many of our readers to know that Giddings has a resident who is the inventor of a "Shutter-Actuating Apparatus" and has secured Patent No. 1344997 which protects said invention, which was granted at Washington June 20th, 1920. In brief, speaking of the patent it has this to say:

"The object of the invention is to provide a simple and relative inexpensive apparatus by means of which a camera shutter may be operated either for snapshots or time exposures, from a point at distance from the camera so that operator may be included in the photograph and yet be able to absolutely control the time and duration of the exposure to suit the conditions under which the photo may be taken. Further objects and advantages appear in the description."

The great advantage of this invention is that a camera may be lowered to the bottom of the ocean when a photo can be made of the surroundings which is thought may be of great help in locating vessels as well as contents of vessels that are lying at the bottom of the ocean. No doubt it is of great value as Mr. Emmrich has already had numerous inquiries asking for what he held his patent for, one party telling him to set a price on it and he would sell it for him. It is hoped that Mr. Emmrich may derive returns from his patent which will pay him for his many years of study and from what now seems he will do this and perhaps receive much more as well.

We are glad to chronicle that we have an inventor in our midst and it seems the news of such will be as much of a surprise to his many friends as to the writer who did not know he was working on anything of this kind until after he had received his patent. Here's wishing you well,
Hans.