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3. the patent journal.

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which the Patent Office has considered in judging the patent worthiness of the claimed invention (§ 43 para. 1). If the abstract (§ 36) has not yet been published, it should be included in the patent booklet.

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(5) The patent journal contains regularly appearing summaries of the entries in the register insofar as they pertain not only to the regular expiration of the patents, and notices as to the possibility of inspecting the records of patent applications, and notices of the possibility of inspection of the records of separated parts of a patent (§ 60).

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