Courtship by Wire.

I HAVE often been asked whether we telegraph operators in busy offices are able to pay attention to the sense of the messages we are all day receiving and dispatching, or whether (as is said to be the case with copying clerks) we fall into the habit of performing it like machines, without conscious apprehension of the meaning of the words which we transmit. Speaking for myself, and for those of my fellow operators with whom I have discussed the matter, I should say that almost always the truth lies in the latter alternative.

Sometimes, however, one is able to read between the lines of messages less interesting than mere business dispatches. Any number of amatory telegrams are sure to pass through your hands. Most of them (as I have already said) will be received, or dispatched, by you with callous unconsciousness. But once perhaps in 50 times your mind will condescend to interest itself in one of these romantic messages. A case in point (it occurred to myself) is before me now; and as I think you may find it both amusing and instructive I will make bold to relate it.

I was then employed as telegraph clerk in one of the larger offices. One morning a young man came up to the counter and handed in a message. He was a well-dressed, good-looking young fellow, with a pleasant, ingenuous face. He handed me his message with an elaborate, though hopelessly futile, affectation of nonchalent indifference. Poor young gentleman! His voice distinctly trembled as he said:

"I wish to pay the reply."

I took and read the message. My mind, as it chanced, was then very much awake. This was his telegram:

Miss Maud Hampton, 218 Regency Terrace, St. John's Wood—Meet me, I implore you. Albert Memorial, six this evening. Wire reply to this P. O. Reggie.

"One and sixpence half-penny," I replied, looking up at him through the wire screen. His boyish face was fresh and good to look at, and his embarrassed blushes did not ill become him by any means.

He handed me a coin and I gave him his change. Then raising his hat politely went away. In a minute, however, he was back again.

"I say, you'll—you'll send that wire at once, won't you?"

I assured him that it would be dispatched without delay.

When he returned, at the end of an hour, I had just received the answer. It was addressed to Reginald Peel, care of our office, and was extremely short and sweet:

Shant. Maud.

When he came I handed it to him—of course without any comment. He tore it open eagerly. He turned pale. He crushed the telegram in his hand and thrust it into his coat pocket. But even in his mortification and disappointment he was not forgetful of his politeness. Again he raised his hat to me and hastily quitted the office. I did pity him very much indeed.

It was three or four days before I saw him again, and then he brought another message addressed to the same lady. It ran thus:

Won't you ever write? Reggie.

"I will pay the answer," he said (his expression of face was quite painfully woe-begone), "and I will call for it here later on."

"Very well," I replied.

He did not, this time, go away quite immediately, but leaning his elbows on the counter, and casting furtive glances to his right and left to make sure no one was near enough to hear him, he murmured, with nervous rapidity:

"I say, I'm glad it's you, and not any of the others, who have taken my message again. You're not the sort to make fun of a fellow over an—an affair of this kind, are you?"

"Indeed, no!" I assured him. "On the contrary, I am very sorry—I mean it is no business of mine, and I see nothing whatever to make fun of."

"Thanks, awfully," he murmured, with a grateful look, and speaking even faster and more nervously than before. "I spotted you as the right sort. I—I liked your face, you know. I will call by-and-by for the answer."

The answer, when it came, made me really very angry with the unknown Maud. It ran thus:

No, I won't. Maud.

He called soon afterward, and I handed it to him. He read it. I saw him set his teeth tight, as if repressing some explanation of pain or chagrin. I did feel dreadfully sorry for him. He was such a boy, and he took it all so to heart. I suppose I must have expressed my sympathy by looks. At any rate, he said to me in his ingenuous, natural way:

"I say, its awfully good of you, who are a perfect stranger, to—to feel for me. They—my friends, I mean—all laugh at me about it. They call me a fool for persisting in a hopeless attachment. But I don't care. I shall never love any girl but her. You—you must think it rather strange," he went on hurriedly and with artless confidence, "my telegraphing to her like this; but she won't see me when I call, and she won't answer my letters. So the only way of getting her to notice me was to send her a reply-paid wire. You see how she has answered me. But it doesn't make any difference. I love her just the same, and I would rather have a cruel reply from her than no reply at all—I would, upon my soul!"

Then this ingenuous boy lover lifted his hat to me and was gone.

Two days later he came again. He handed me in another message to Maud. I noticed that his face was set, determined, as of one who has taken a desperate resolve. The wording of his telegram confirmed this impression.

Will you marry me or won't you? If you refuse I will propose to the very first girl I meet. Wire reply. Reggie.

I took it and read it through.

"You—you see what I've said to her," he remarked. "The fact is, I'm so miserable that I can't stand it any longer. And this must settle it one way or the other. If she really cares for me, she—she won't drive me to marry some other girl, will she?"

"Perhaps not. But isn't it rather a rash threat?" I could not help saying.

"It may be. I don't care. If she loves me, she won't drive me to it; and if she doesn't love me, then it won't matter. Nothing will matter," he answered, in gloomy desperation. "You'll send it off at once, won't you? And I'll call again for the reply."

I despatched the message. I awaited the reply in positive suspense. I felt so awfully sorry for the poor love-lorn boy. The reply came. I quite wished that I had Miss Maud handy, so that I could have boxed her ears soundly for being so cruel and insolent to him.

No, I won't. Propose to the first girl you meet, and welcome. Maud.

He came. I gave him the heartless reply. He tore it open. He scanned it.

"By heaven," he exclaimed in savage determination. "I'll take her at her word! I will—I will!"

He turned and hurried away. He had gone as far as the door, when he came back. There was now a curious look—a look of puzzled embarrassment on his handsome face.

"I say," he began confusedly, bending over the counter toward me, and speaking in low, rapid tones, "you know what I told her I'd do if she refused me? And—and I mean to do it. But—well, you see—in fact—I mean to say—that is—you were the first girl I saw after receiving her reply; and if I am to be as—as good as my word—I 'hem—I've got to—to propose to you."

He blushed furiously as he stammered out these words, and averted his gaze in the utmost embarassment.

I could not help smiling. The humor of the situation tickled me immensely. I saw how it was. He did not want to propose to me, but he felt in honor bound to carry out his threat, more especially as I myself was acquainted with its exact terms and had been a witness of his fixed resolve to execute it. However, I could easily extricate him from that little dilemma.

"Very well," I said, laughing. "In order to satisfy your sense of honr, you may propose to me. You need not be afraid that I shall take advantage of you. Ask me to marry you. I will refuse. You have done what you threatened, and there's an end to it."

But he did not jump at this simple method of evading the consequences of his rash undertaking as readily as I had expected.

"The fact is," he said quickly, "I—I thought that if I was engaged to—an another girl Maud might be sorry when she found that she had lost me, and—and—well, you see, it might bring her around and all might come right."

"Rather rough on the other girl, though," I replied, smiling, "to throw her over and go back to Maud."

"Ah, you don't quite understand me!" he murmured. "I thought that if I could find some—some kind, sympathetic girl of the right sort who—who wouldn't mind pretending to be engaged to me, I—I might—"

But at this critical point my attention was claimed by other senders of telegrams; and so his remarks were brought to a premature conclusion. He did just say, however:

"I'd like to talk this over with you. You have taken such a kind interest in the—the affair. When—when do you leave off work?"

"Not until 8 o'clock," I replied.

"May I wait for you then at the corner of the street?"

His request was made so pathetically that I had not the heart to refuse. I nodded assent. It was perhaps ill advised of me, but he looked so unhappy and I was so sorry for him.

When I reached the corner of the street soon after 8 p. m., there he was, sure enough, awaiting me.

"Let us go into the park," he said. "We can talk there quietly."

We went into the park and sat down. It was a beautiful summer evening, but only a few people were about. We had our seat to ourselves.

"You—you remember what I was saying to you this afternoon?" he began with an awkward, nervous air.

"Oh yes," I replied. "You said that you wanted to find some girl of the right sort who would pretend to be engaged to you, in order to make your sweetheart sorry that she had lost you, and so to bring things out all right."

"Yes—yes! That is it!" he said hurriedly. "I say don't—don't be vexed, but I've been thinking that, as you have been so kind in taking an interest in me, and as you're the—the sort of girl I feel that I can trust, perhaps you wouldn't mind—I mean you might—might let me pretend that I was—was engaged to you!"

"But we are strangers," I protested, "and, alothough of course I feel flattered by your expression of confidence, still—well, I really do not see that I can put myself in such a false position."

"Are you afraid of my not—not acting on the square with you?" he cried in disappointing tones.

"Not in the least. I have no doubt of your honor. But a girl, such as I am, living alone, must needs walk very circumspectly."

He sat silent for a minute or two after that, looking straight in front of him. Then suddenly he blurted out:

"I say, don't—don't be angry with a fellow, but if there was to be no—no humbug about it—if it was to be a—a real engagement?"

"What do you mean?" I demanded.

"I—I—oh, hang it! I can't keep up this—this shamming any longer. I must tell you the truth. Those—those telegrams to Maud were all buncombe."

"All what?" I ejaculated.

"All buncombe," he repeated. "The fact is—oh hang it, I hardly know how to explain! But—well, I couldn't help it, you know. I—I fell in love with you the first time I saw you, three weeks ago; and— don't be angry with a fellow, but I'm such a shy, awkward, bungling fool when it comes to love-making that I hadn't the courage to—to go about it in the straightforward way. Besides, I was afraid that, even if I could screw up cheek to address you, you'd think me an impertinent puppy and shut me up. So I hit upon a—a dodge for getting you to take an interest in me and be sorry for me, and serve as an—an introduction. My brother helped me, and—and—I say, are you awfully angry with a fellow?"

I was so paralyzed with astonishment that I acutally let him gather me up in his arms, and when he slipped a ring upon my finger I was too much taken aback to resist; and the engagement was held good till our wedding.—Truth.

AN INTERESTING CASE.

Twin Brothers, Twin Sisters and Two Sets of Triplets.

W. E. Curtis in Chicago Record.

Down in West Virginia the other day I learned of an astonishing domestic incident which is worthy the attention of biologists and believers in the doctrine of heredity. About a year ago, Dorothy and Parthenia Freeman, twin sisters, living in Breeden, a mining village near Huntington, were married to Walter J. and Howard E. Swanson, twin brothers, engaged in the lumber trade. The ceremony took place in the village church. The double wedding was attended by the entire population for miles around, and was widely commented upon in the newpapers because of the peculiar circumstances. It is not often that twins marry twins.

On the 16th of October last at 4 p. m., Mrs. Walter J. Swanson gave birth to three babies, all girls, weighing together twenty-seven pounds. Half an hour later, he sister, Mrs. Howard E. Swanson, in the same house, gave bith to three boys, whose combined weight was thirty pounds. Both the motners and the entire team of babies are as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

Mr. Swanson, the father of the girls, is a Democrat and has shown his devotion to his candidate for president by naming them Willie, Jennie and Bryanie, while his brother and brother-in-law is a staunch Republican and has named his three boys, Hanna, McKinley and Roosevelt. A. B. White, the Republican candidate for governor of West Virginia, and Judge John H. Holt, the Democratic candidate, held a joint debate at Breeden two days after the six little ones came into the world and acted as godfathers at the christening. Mr. White standing sponsor for the three Republican boys and Judge Holt for the three Democratic girls, although the judge declared that it must not be taken as a precedent or as evidence that he is in favor of trusts.

Judge Holt, who is the authority for this story, says that it is just the ordinary luck of the Democratic party in West Virgina, whose majority is being rapidly cut down by immigration. He says that nearly every voter that comes into the state nowadays is a Republican.

CHILE'S SILVER KING.

Richest Yankee in South America. How George P. Chace Found a Mine Through Friendship With a Spanish Priest.

Douglas White, in Ainslee's.

The most successful North American in Chile, and probably the wealthiest of all the Yankees who have sought fortune in the southern continent is George B. Chace, known in the mineral markets of the world as "Chile's Silver King."

But Mr. Chace was not always a Croesus. Thirty-five years ago he left California after a long and futile search for a paying prospect. In 1865 he landed at Iquique, Peru. From there he went to Tarapaca, Chile, where he got work in the nitrate beds. He made friends with old Padre Miguel, who read mass in the little church at Pozo Almonte, a little town in the interior, surrounded by the great nitrate deposits. The priest taught Chace the Spanish language and helped him to acquire an acquaintance with the geography of the locality. As soon as Chace had laid aside sufficient from his earnings he would start on a prospecting tour. For nine years he searched and toiled in vain. Chace was beginning to lose heart. One day when he was talking to Padre Miguel about his luck, the old priest told him of a wonderful silver mine in the neighborhood that had been worked by the Spaniards a hundred years before. "Where was this wonderful mine?" was Chace's first query. And the old priest told of its location somewhere in the northwest of Pozo Almonte, exactly where Miguel could not say, but if memory served him rightly, there was among the archives of the little church a map of the mine's location. The Spanish discoverers in their gratitude had given to the church an interest in their fortunate find, and with much devotion christened it "El Minas de San Pedro y San Pablo" (The Mine of St. Peter and St. Paul). So it happened that the map was filed in the old church at the corner of Pozo Almonte's plaza. The old priest gladly promised to look up this map on the morrow.

The following day from the church's archives was brought an old sheet of parchment, yellow with age, traced with the rough outline of a mining location. Down in the corner were the names of the original owners, the date of discovery, and the dedication of a portion of the mine's production to the church. One line, and one only, gave anything like a distinct clew by which the mine might be traced, and that was a straggling mark stated to be the road to Huantajaya.

Chace presented a request for a tracing of the map, the padre accommodated him, and with the next dawn the prospector was away on his search.

A STRIKE AT LAST.

The antique map-makers had drafted better than first appearances indicated, and further to aid the seeker after wealth, there had been no change in the trail leading from Huantajaya past the mine's location. Fortune was at last with the Yankee miner. Inside of three days his pick was delving into the abandoned and forgotten pile of tailings. The mine itself was uncovered from the midst of a thick growth of underbrush. Delirious with his great find, Chace made his way back to Pozo Almonte and thence to the coast.

An assay proved that the half-worked tailings of the San Pedro y San Pablo were richer than many original discoveries, and it was not a hard matter to secure the required capital for working the find. But the good fortune did not end in the pile of tailings. With his now plentiful supply of money, Chace reopened the mine itself, and with little trouble picked up the lost lead. For years the once abandoned property has paid sums even more fabulous than in the days when the Spaniards crushed their ores under the pressure of patient burros' hoofs and stamp mills were unknown even to the inventive American.

The relocation of San Pedro y San Pablo was but the beginning of the Chace millions, for in the past twenty-five years he has located several properties which have rivaled the old Spanish find. Among these may be mentioned the Discobradora and San Augustin mines in the interior of the province of Antofagasta, both of which have yielded millions. His latest enterprise is a bunch of claims in what is known as the Chuquicuinata, a wonderfully rich mineral district well back in the mountains of Antofagasta. These claims promise to be the richest of the Chace properties when their extent is considered, as they number twenty claims in all.

With all his good fortune, Chile's silver king has not been allowed to accumulate his millions in peace. First came the change in government, when the province of Tarapaca passed from the hands of Peru into those of Chile at the settlement of the devastating war between these two republics. This meant an overhauling of titles and consequent disputes. One of these centered on Chace's properties, with the result that he has during the last twelve years spent more time in the courts of Chile than he has at mining, and after a long, tedious legal battle has at last wiped out any possible question against his ownership. Meanwhile his great properties have been producing wealth, and in spite of the fact that a Chilean lawsuit is even more expensive than a struggle of the same kind in the United States, he has placed to his credit with English bankers a fortune estimated to exceed five hundred thousand pounds.

In his affluence he has not forgotten the source of his wealth, and is a constant contributor to the funds of the church.

ANECDOTE OF MODJESKA.

Forgot Her Lines but Saved Hefself by Ready Wit.

Many interesting stories have been related anent Mme. Modjeska, the renowned actress. The following in Answers is characteristic: "On one occasion when she was visiting at a friend's house the conversation turned to the subject of her native Poland, and she spoke enthusiastically of its musical language and its beautiful and pathetic ballad poetry. The other guests finally asked her to recite a specimen of Polish verse, and she consented. Twice she began, but each time, her memory failing her, she broke down. At the third attempt, however, she found something in which she was quite at home, and poured forth a flow of impassioned though unintelligible eloquence. Her voice rose and fell, her gestures were now of pathos, now of exaltation, now of quiet humor. Her various moods were translated to her audience with such power and vividness that it was swayed alternately to smiles and to tears. The recitation ended amid a storm of applause.

"When the cheers subsided some one asked her what was the name of the piece she had recited. Modjeska laughed heartily. 'I am sorry to have deceived you,' she said. 'The fact is, my memory played me a trick. I could not remember a single one of the ballads I once used to know so well, and as I had to give you some sort of a recitation I recited, as a last resort, the numbers from 1 to 250 in Polish.'"

Solemn Subject.

"I see that the servant girl question has been made the subject of a comic opera in London," said Cumso.

"That's all wrong," replied Cawker. "The servant girl problem is no laughing matter."—Harper's Bazar.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

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—OF—

Valuable Real Estate

—ON—

FRIDAY, NOV. 16, 1900.

By virtue of sundry writs of Fieri Facias, Levari Facias and Venditioni Exponas, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County, to me directed, I will expose to public sale by vendue or outcry, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the court house, in the City of Scranton, Lackawanna, County, on FRIDAY, the SIXTEENTH DAY of NOVEMBER, A. D., 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, all the right, title and interest of the defendants in, and to the following described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz.:

No. 1.—All the right, title and interest of the defendant in and to all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land bounded and described as follows, to wit: Situate in the City of Scranton, County of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, and known as Lot No. 2, in Block No. 1, of Thurston's Addition to the City of Scranton, said lot adjoins corner lot on Jones street, fifty (50) feet in front on Main Road to Providence, on the west side of the Lackawanna river and one hundred (100) feet deep, and is the land conveyed by Henry Thurston et ux., to Fannie Arnold, the thirty-first day of October, 1873. Recorded in Lackawanna County Deed Book No. 3, page 102, etc. All improved with two two-story frame dwelling houses and other outbuildings thereon.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of New Schiller Building and Loan association of Scranton, Pa., vs. A. W. Bertholf, executor of Samuel Arnold, deceased. Debt, $800. Judgment No. 457, November Term, 1900. Fi. fa. to November Term, 1900. STOKES, Att'y.

ALSO

No. 2.—All the right, title and interest of the defendant in and to all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Scranton, County of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz.: Being Lot No. 27, in Square or Block No. 28, and situate upon street known as Stone avenue, upon the town plot of Scranton, being forty (40) feet in front on Stone avenue and one hundred and forty (140) feet in depth, with the usual ten (10) feet privilege in front. All improved with a two-story frame dwelling house and other outbuildings thereon.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of New Schiller Building and Loan association vs. Wladylaws Kawcynski, administratrix of Leon Kawcynski. Debt, $910. Judgment No. 453, November Term, 1900. Fi. fa. to November Term, 1900. STOKES, Att'y.

ALSO

No. 3.—All the right title and interest of the defendant, Luella Blanchard, in and to all that certain lot of land situate lying and being in the Third ward of the City of Carbondale, County of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point, the intersection of Seventh avenue with line of land of John Murrin; thence southerly along said line one hundred and eighty (180) feet to line of lands of the late Bernhard Champman; thence in a westerly direction along said line one hundred and five (105) feet to line of lands now or formerly of John Hausan; thence along said line northerly one hundred and eighty (180) feet to the said Seventh avenue; thence easterly along said Seventh avenue one hundred and five (105) feet to line of lands now or formerly of John Murrin, the place of beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Luella Blanchard by Daniel E. Blanchard by deed dated Jan. 31, 1896, and recorded in Lackawanna County, in Deed Book No. 130, page 515, and Nov. 12, 1894, and recorded in Deed Book No. 121, page 51. All improved with a two-story frame dwelling house, barn, and other outbuildings.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of Eagan & O'Donnell vs. Luella Blanchard.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of Eagan & O'Donnell vs. Luella Blanchard. Debt, $88.75. Judgment No. 33, March Term, 1898. Fi. fa. to November Term, 1900. H. D. CAREY, Att'y.

ALSO

No. 4.—All the right, title and interest of the defendant, S. Jay Austin, in and to all that certain lot, piece, parcel or tract of land bounded and described as follows, and situate in Lackawanna County, Pa., to wit: Commencing at a point in the center of the Great Bend and Philadelphia Turnpike, where the Prickly Ash Road crosses the said turnpike, being as near as may be the central point of this crossing; thence along the Factoryville Road north eighty-three (83) degrees west, seventy-five (75) perches to a corner; thence by lands now or late of Edward Reynolds south thirty (30) degrees west thirty-nine (39) perches to a post; thence south twenty-six and one-fourth (26¼) degrees east thirty-eight and six-tenths (38.6) perches to a post; thence north forty-five and a half (45½) degrees east twenty-nine (29) perches to a post; thence south forty-four and a half (44½) degrees east, seventy-eight (78) perches to a point in the center of the Great Bend and Philadelphia Turnpike; thence along said turnpike north seven and one-fourth (7¼) degrees east thirty-two (32) perches to a corner; thence south eighty-two and three-fourths (82¾) degrees east forty-seven (47) perches to a corner; thence north three and a half (3½) degrees west, twenty-four (24) perches to a post; thence north sixty-two (62) degrees east, nine and six-tenths (9.6) perches to a post and stones; thence north forty-three and three-fourths (43¾) degrees west about fifty (50) perches to a corner; thence north eighty-three (83) degrees west sixteen (16) perches to a point in the center of the Great Bend and Philadelphia Turnpike; thence along said turnpike north two and a half (2½) degrees west one hundred and twenty-one (121) feet to the point of commencement, containing fifty (50) acres more or less. All improved with two frame dwelling houses, a barn and other outbuildings.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of Assigned to W. H. Seamans vs. S. J. Austin. Debt, $2,000. Judgment No. 385, November Term, 1900. Fi. fa. to November Term, 1900. NEWCOMB, Att'y.

ALSO

No. 5.—All the right, tile and interest of the defendant, in and to all those forty-seven lots of ground situate in the Township of South Abington, County of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, known and designated as Lots Nos. 28, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 94, 95, 97, 101, 112, 118, 123, 124, 125, 155, 171, 175, 176, 177, 178, 178, 185, 188 189, 190, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, 279, 283, 284, 285, 286, 291, 292, 293, 294; all in a certain plan of lots called "Summit Park" surveyed for Wood, Harmon & Co., by C. S. Miller, civil engineer, and recorded in the office for recording deeds, etc., in and for Lackawanna County aforesaid, in Deed Book No. 87, page 482, etc.

Also all those sixty-two (62) certain lots of ground situate in South Abington township aforesaid, known and designated as Lots Nos. 397, 424, 425, 427, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 443, 444, 447, 471, 472, 480, 485, 486, 489, 492, 499, 500, 505, 506, 510, 523, 525, 526, 529, 530, 535, 536, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 558, 559, 560, 561, 572, 573, 589, 606, 610, 613, 615, and all those lots numbered from and including 644 to and including 656; also that one-half of Lot 579, which adjoins Lot 80, in a certain plan of lots called "Summit Park Annex," surveyed for Wood, Harmon & Co., by G. W. Milnes, civil engineer, and recorded in Lackawanna County as aforesaid in the recorder's office, in Deed Book No. 100, page 398, etc.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of William E. Harmon, Trustee, vs. Henry S. Alworth. Debt, $2000. Judgment No. 408, November Term, 1900. Fi. fa. to November Term, 1900. SHURTLEFF, Att'y.

ALSO

No. 6.—All the right, title and interest of the defendant, E. L. Lord, in and to all the following described two certain pieces, parcels or lots of land known and described as "Miller Block," being Lots Nos. 21 and 22, in Block No. 3, in Park Place, formerly called "Winan's Addition," situate in the Second ward of the City of Scranton, County of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, said lots being each forty-six (46) feet wide front and rear, and one hundred and forty (140) feet in depth, fronting on Railroad avenue, with an alley in the rear. Excepting and reserving therefrom the coal and other minerals. All improved with a three-story and basement brick dwelling house block, one barn, one two-story wood frame dwelling house with basement, also outbuildings and fruit trees.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of the Girard Fire and Marine Insurance company, assignee of I. J. Post, vs. E. L. Lord. Debt $5,620.91. Judgment, No. 575, September Term, 1896. Lev. fa. to November Term, 1900. WOODRUFF, Att'y.

ALSO

No. 7.—All the right, title and interest of the defendant, Louis Spitz, in and to all that certain lot of land, with the improvements thereon, lying and being in the Borough of Winton, County of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, known and distinguished as Lot No. 1, upon plot of lots designated as Patterson's Addition to the Borough of Winton, as described and designated in his survey of the same, accompanied by a map thereof, being in front fifty (50) feet on street called and known as Jessup Road street, and in rear fifty (50) feet, and in depth one hundred (100) feet. Excepting Coal, etc. Improved with a two-story frame building used as store and dwelling.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of George Hosly & Son vs. Louis Spitz. Debt $76.50. Judgment No. 175, November Term, 1900. Vend. ex. to November Term, 1900. CAREY, Att'y.

ALSO

No. 8.—All the right, title and interest of the defendant, Howard W. Hull, in and to all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, situate in the Village of Dalton, Dalton borough, in the County of Lackawanna, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northeast (north) corner of lands deeded by C. R. Newton and wife to Julia S. Brewster; thence along the line between lands of C. R. Newton, now of Hull (being the lands hereby mortgaged) and lands of Julia S. Brewer south thirty-two (32) degrees eighteen (18) minutes west one hundred and forty-seven (147) feet; thence along lands of Randolph Crippen north sixty-five (65) degrees two (2) minutes west fifty and seven-tenths (50.7) feet to a corner in lands of Randolph Crippen and C. D. Mackey, the west corner thereof; thence north thirty-two (32) degrees eighteen (18) minutes east one hundred and fifty-four and one-half (154½) feet to the north corner hereof and a corner of C. D. Mackey on the public street in front of the premises hereby conveyed; thence along said street south fifty-eight (58) degrees fifteen (15) minutes east fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning. Containing seventy-four hundred and twenty-five (7,425) square feet of land, more or less. All improved with a two-story frame dwelling house, fruit trees and other outbuildings thereon.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of Charles R. Newton vs. Howard W. Hull. Debt, $1,408.51. Judgment No. 247, September Term, 1900. Alias fi. fa. to November Term, 1900. PATTERSON & WILCOX, Att'ys.

ALSO

No. 9.—All the right, title and interest of the defendants, George Boczar and Mary Boczar, in and to all those two certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the Village of Jessup, in the Borough of Winton, County of Lackawanna, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as Lots Nos. 13 and 14, in Square or Block No. 1, and situate upon street called and known as Dolph street, upon Plot No. 2, of "Winton, Dolph and Sturges' Map of David Brown's Survey," which said map is recorded in the recorder's office of Lackawanna county, in Deed Book No. 59, page 576, the said two lots are contiguous, being rectangular in shape, and each of said lots is fifty (50) feet in width in front on said Dolph street, the same in rear, and one hundred and fifty (150) feet in depth. Coal and minerals excepted and reserved as the same are excepted and reserved in a deed of the said premise from the Anthracite Building and Loan association to George Boczar and Mary Boczar, dated the seventh day of March, 1898, and recorded in the recorder's office of Lackawanna County, in Deed Book No. 161, page 211. All improved with two double frame dwelling houses and outbuildings.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of Anthracite Building and Loan association vs. George Boczar and Mary Boczar. Debt, $400. Judgment No. 279, May Term, 1898. Alias fi. fa. to November Term, 1900. ZIMMERMAN, Att'y.

ALSO

No. 10.—All the right, title and interest of the defendants in and to all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the Borough of Winton in the County of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as folows, to wit: Situate on what is known as "David Brown" tract, being Lot No. 2 in Square or Block "G," and situate on Church street, as shown in map intended to be recorded, said lot being fifty (50) feet in front by one hundred and fifty (150) feet in depth and is rectangular. All improved with two two-story frame dwelling houses and other outbuildings thereon.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of New Schiller Building and Loan association vs. Theophilus Konecaney and Joseph Konecaney. Debt, $2,100. Judgement No. 482, November Term, 1900. Fi. fa. to November Term, 1900. STOKES, Att'y.

ALSO

No. 11.—All the right, title and interest of the defendant in and to all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being upon Grove street, in the City of Scranton, in the County of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Being Lot No. 10 in Square or Block No. 11, in Winan's Addition to the City of Scranton, said lot being forty-two and four-tenths (42.4) feet in width in front on Grove street, the same width in rear, and one hundred and thirty-eight (138) feet in depth. All improved with a two-story frame dwelling house, and other outbuildings thereon.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of New Schiller Building and Loan association vs. Charles Billings. Debt, $991. Judgment No. 494, November Term, 1900. Fi. fa. to November Term, 1900. STOKES, Att'y.

ALSO

No. 12.—All the right, title and interest of the defendants, W. H. Sant and Jennie Sant, in and to all that certain lot or piece of land situate on the southeasterly side of Fillmore avenue in the Fourth ward of the City of Scranton, County of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, being the rear half of Lots Nos. 1 and 2, in Block No. 16, of Price and Pancoast's addition to the City of Scranton, and further described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a corner on the southeasterly side of Fillmore avenue at the distance of seventy-five (75) feet northeasterly from the northeasterly side of Price street; thence southeasterly and at right angles with said Fillmore avenue fifty (50) feet to a corner; thence northeasterly seventy-five (75) feet to a corner; thence northwesterly fifty (50) feet to a corner on said Fillmore avenue, and thence southwesterly along said Fillmore avenue seventy-five (75) feet to the place of beginning.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of the West Side Bank vs. W. H. Sant and Jennie Sant. Debt, $232.25. Judgment No. 76, January Term, 1900. Lev. fa. to November Term, 1900. THOMAS, Att'y.

Also at the suit of J. W. Slocum vs. W. H. Sant. Debt, $410. Judgment No. 89, November Term, 1900. Fi. fa. to November Term, 1900. WILLARD, WARREN & KNAPP, Att'ys.

ALSO

No. 13.—All the right, title and interest of the defendants, Eliza Lown and George Lown, in and to all the following described lots, pieces or parcels of land situate in the Township of Madison County of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

First—Beginning at an original stone heap for a corner of Lots Nos. 193, 194 and 203 respectively; thence by Lot No. 194 fifty (50) degrees west one hundred and thirty-two (132) perches to a stone heap corner, a corner of Lots Nos. 195 and 201; thence by last mentioned lot north forty (40) degrees east sixty-one (61) perches to a stone heap; thence by land sold to Jacob Biesecker south fifty (50) degrees east sixty-five (65) perches to a stone heap for a corner; thence north forty (40) degrees east by the other parts of said land one (1) perch and two (2) links to a stone corner; thence south fifty (50) degrees east sixty-five (65) perches to a stone corner; thence south forty (40) degrees west sixty-two (62) perches and two (2) links to the place of beginning. Containing fifty (50) acres of land, be the same more or less. Improved with a one and one-half story frame dwelling house, three barns, one shed, one orchard and outbuildings thereon.

Second—Beginning at a post and stone corner, the west corner of land contracted for by Horatio Sager and Charles Biesecker's land; thence by the same south fifty (50) degrees east one hundred and four (104) perches to a post and stones corner; thence by land sold to Jacob Biesecker and land of Henry Yeager south forty (40) degrees west thirty-three (33) perches to a post corner; thence by land sold to John Coon north fifty (50) degrees west one hundred and four (104) perches to a corner; thence by part of orignal Lot No. 200, north forty (40) degrees west thirty-three (33) perches to the beginning. Containing twenty-one acres and seventy-two (72) perches of land more or less. Improved with a one and one-half story frame dwelling house, outhouses and orchard.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of W. R. Bevan, assigned to Thomas R. Cummings. Debt, $400. Judgment No. 312, November Term, 1899. Alias fi. fa. to November Term, 1900. COMEGYS, Att'y.

ALSO

No. 14.—All the right, title and interest of the defendant, John J. Snyder, in and to all those two certain lots or pieces of land situate, lying and being in the Twenty-first ward of the City of Scranton, County of Lackawanna, and State of Pennsylvania, known and designated on the map or plan of lots called "Eureka Lawn," as Lots Nos. 13 and 14, having a frontage on the southeasterly side of Summit avenue of seventy and five-tenths (70.5) feet, and being ninety and forty-six one hundredths (90.46) feet in depth along the southeasterly side of Pasadena street, seventy-nine and fifty-six one-hundredths (79.56) feet in width at the rear on the southeasterly side of said lots along the line of an alley, and ninety (90) feet in depth along the north easterly side line of Lot No. 12, in said plot, situate in the southerly angle formed by the junction of Summit avenue and Pasadena street. Being the same premises which Mina Robinson granted and conveyed to John J. Snyder by deed dated March 1, 1898, and recorded in the recorder's office of Lackawanna county, in Deed Book No. 162, at page 219. Coal and minerals excepted and reserved, as in said deed. All improved with a two-story frame dwelling house and large barn.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of Citizens' Building and Loan association vs. John J. Snyder. Debt, $2,454.23. Judgment No. 503, November Term, 1900. Fi. fa. to November Term, 1900. ZIMMERMAN, Att'y.

ALSO

No. 15.—All the right, title nad interest of the defendant, George Pabst, in and to all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the Borough of Dunmore, in the County of Lackawanna, and State of Pennsylvania, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning on Irving avenue at a corner of lands of Michael O'Hara's land one hundred and fifty-seven (157) feet to an alley; thence northeast along said alley thirty-one (31) feet to a corner in lands of W. C. D. Pabst; thence northwest along said W. C. D. Pabst's lands one hundred and fifty-seven (157) feet to a corner in Irving avenue aforesaid; thence southwesterly along Irving avenue thirty-one (31) feet to the place of beginning. Being the same lot of land conveyed by W. C. D. Pabst to the defendant, in deed dated Nov. 26, 1895, and recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds of Lackawanna County Deed Book No. 134, page 30, etc. Coal and minerals reserved. All improved with a two-story frame dwelling house and outbuildings thereon.

Seized and taken in execution at the suit of German Building association, No. 3, vs. George Pabst. Debt, $2,000. Judgment, No. 481, November Term, 1900. Fi. fa. to November Term, 1900. HANNAH, Att'y.

ALSO

No. 16.—All the right, title and interest of the defendant, The Speedway Land company, the defendant within named, in and to all the surface or right of soil of the following described lot or parcel of land situate in the Fifth ward of the Borough of Dunmore, County of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones corner which is at the intersection of the northerly side of the Nay Aug Falls and Elmhurst Boulevard, as conveyed by the Pennsylvania Coal company, and the southeasterly side of the township road, which crosses the said Boulevard at the Kite Track. Said corner being sixteen (16) feet from the middle of said township road as now used and also one hundred and ninety-eight (198) feet on a course north eighty-two (82) degrees thirty-five (35) minutes east along said boulevard from the southwest corner of lands of L. A. Watres and Celia A. Hill; thence along north side of said Boulevard north eighty-two (82) degrees thirty-five (35) minutes east seven hundred (700) feet to a corner; thence along lands of Celia A. Hill north seven (7) degrees twenty-five (25) minutes west three hundred and seventy-one and five-tenths (371.5) feet to a corner, thence along lands of the Pennsylvania Coal company south eighty-five (85) degrees west four hundred and fifty-five (455) feet to the easty side of the aforesaid township road; and thence along the easterly side of the said road south six (6) degrees fifty (50) minutes west one hundred and sixty-eight (168) feet south thirty-three (33) degrees twenty (20) minutes west one hundred and fifty-eight (158) feet and south thirty-six (36) degrees twenty (20) minutes west one hundred and forty-eight (148) feet to the place of beginning. Containing four and seventy-eight one-hundredths (4.78) acres of land or therabouts, and being part of the same premises which were granted and conveyed to Celia A. Hill by the Pennsylvania Coal company by deed dated the twelfth day of August, A. D., 1898, and recorded in the office for recording deeds in and for said county of Lackawanna aforesaid, in Deed Book No. 165, at page 293, etc. And being the same premises which Celia A. Hill, et. al., by deed dated the twenty-eighth day of November, A. D., 1899, and recorded in the aforesaid office for recording of deeds in Deed Book No. 185, page 91, etc., granted and conveyed unto the said The Speedway Land company. Excepting and reserving, however, all coal and minerals in, under and upon said described lot or parcel of land, with the right and privilege of mining and removing the same. And also subject to the reservations, exceptions, savings, stipulations, conditions and provisions as all are contained in the two above recited deeds. Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements rights, liberties, privileges, easements, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever unto the hereby granted prem