

# CLEVERLY DODGES LEGAL SUMMONS

**Mrs. Winchester of San Jose  
Completely Baffles Expert  
Servers.**

Special Dispatch to the "Chronicle."

SAN JOSE, October 15.—An order for publication of summons was made in the Superior Court to-day, to compel Mrs. Sarah L. Winchester to appear and answer to a suit for condemnation of land, which was instituted by the Peninsula Railroad Company. The company required a strip of land owned by Mrs. Winchester on the south side of Stevens creek. They entered condemnation proceedings last June, but complained that they have not been able to serve the summons on the defendant.

It appears that a corps of expert summons servers have been on Mrs. Winchester's trail, but without success. One of the Santa Clara county deputy sheriffs was first intrusted with the papers, but, after vainly trying to catch a glimpse of the lady for weeks, he acknowledged that the job was too much for him.

Edward Haley, who is described as a man experienced in serving legal processes, spent a month in the vain endeavor of placing the papers in the defendant's hands. On one occasion he was nearly successful, but before he could approach near enough the defendant re-entered her house in great haste. Mrs. Winchester sometimes lives at Burlingame, and the San Mateo county officers were asked to assist. But the Sheriff of San Mateo county confessed that he was baffled by the will-o-the-wisp tactics of Mrs. Winchester, and he, too, returned the summons. The order will now be published and Uncle Sam, in the person of one of his letter carriers, will deliver the summons.