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Subject: Re: Unknown Madretsch OF Caliber — 10 Size/17L — 21J

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Caliber 35 can also be a 21 jewel OF. I have one. This is another, but it has several unusual characteristics:

- 457k. First non-V-series watch in that range, and first caliber 35 outside of the normal range. I wonder if these watches (atypical production in the early 45xk range) were an attempt to use up unfinished material. The rest of the oddities are probably related to when it was built.
- Marked G. W. Co. and nothing else. First time I've seen it.
- 21 jewels and marked. Surprising that it has 21 jewels in this time frame (the other atypicals are all 15/17 jewels). Other 21j cal 35s are not marked (but are earlier).
- Rare cap jewel style. Caliber 35 uses cap jewels in steel settings except on this movement. Probably was a 17j ebauche. But why convert to 21j?
- No chronometer balance or poised pallet fork. This is not surprising as neither one was used on the other atypical production movements.
- All Positions text, and location. Other atypical movements were 3 positions, or Adjusted only. Usually positions text is next to balance. This is a 21j movement; I guess it's adjusted better.
- Standard swan regulator. Caliber 35 normally uses a different regulator. Unsurprising for such late production.

Hi, everyone. I'm back. It was a nice vacation.