

REFUSES TO GO TO PARENTS.

Blanche Young Meets Promised Husband First Time.

Blanche Young, 16 years old, yesterday declared to the Harrison street police that she would not return to her home at Battle Creek, Mich. She came to this determination after meeting Frank Falter, the lumberman from Eagle, Wis., to whom she had become engaged by letter. The two met for the first time yesterday in the office of Captain Mahoney at the police station, and verbally renewed their pledges. The girl is still detained at the station and will await the outcome of a message sent yesterday by Captain Mahoney to her mother, asking if she would give her consent to a marriage after so short an acquaintance with Falter. The young man was released yesterday morning after a night in the witness cell.

"I suppose no introduction is necessary here," said Captain Mahoney when Detective King ushered Falter into the office, where stood the girl, who is pretty and vivacious.

Blanche looked steadily at the young man whom she had chosen, because she "liked his style of writing letters," and of the two she showed the less embarrassment.

"As I understand it," said the captain, breaking the silence, "you folks have never met before."

"Oh, I have seen her," contradicted Falter quickly. "She was with a policeman and I didn't like to go up to her. I knew her the moment I saw her. You see, gentlemen," he went on, "I liked this young lady from the moment I saw the photograph which she sent." Then he explained how he had seen the advertisement, the exchange of letters, and his final decision to marry her and give her a good home if she were willing.

"But how," asked Captain Mahoney, "are we to know whether your intentions are all you say they are?"

"Well," said Falter, "if she doesn't like me I'm willing to release her at any time. It will be awfully hard," he said, with a deep sigh.

She held out her hand and he took it.

"I think we had better let the captain decide what is best for us," she said. "I love you and we'll wait until we can be married. If I can't get my parent's consent, we'll wait, if you're willing, until I can marry you without it."

"I'm willing," answered Falter.

The girl was taken to the annex and Falter was told that he might go with Detective King and call as often as he liked.