

# LOVERS SAY "HOWDY DO?"

## BLANCHE YOUNG INTRODUCED TO HER SWEETHEART.

**Sixteen-Year-Old Michigan Girl Who  
Came to Chicago to Marry Frank  
Falter of Wisconsin Meets Her  
Fiance in the Harrison Street Sta-  
tion—Say They Like Each Other and  
Are Bound to Carry Out Their Mat-  
rimonial Program—May Wed Today.**

"Miss Young, allow me to make you acquainted with Mr. Falter—Mr. Falter, Miss Young."

Blanche Young, 16 years old, blushed, smiled sweetly, then impulsively extended her hand.

Frank Falter, nine years the girl's senior, failed to muster half so much self-possession. He was happy, perhaps, but not comfortable. At any rate, he took the girl's hand.

Captain Mahoney of the Harrison Street Station was doing the introducing.

"It's no more than proper that you two young people should know each other, especially since you're bent on getting married," he continued. "What do you think of each other, anyhow?"

"Blance seems like an awfully nice girl," asserted Falter, who was recovering his wits, although his praise of Blanche was somewhat paradoxical.

"Frank is all right," commented Miss Young. She viewed the tall Wisconsin youth as critically as if she were matching a dress pattern.

"Well, I'm glad you're satisfied," said Captain Mahoney, with a sigh. "You young folks are making me a lot of trouble. If you like each other, that helps a little. Even now, though, I'm not quite sure what to do with you."

Captain Mahoney determined early in the morning that he might as well let Falter and Miss Young meet, even though later on he might be obliged to veto their marriage scheme. It was apparent that the austere police Captain was more than half in sympathy with the Battle Creek girl and the Wisconsin boy who had learned to love each other after a correspondence which had its origin in a matrimonial "ad."

When the two came to Chicago by appointment on Wednesday they committed no grievous breach of decorum, in the Captain's eye. They were ready to be married, and it was no fault of theirs that their plans went amiss through a misunderstanding of train time, and that the police then took a hand and locked them up because they feared the girl was too young to wed.

### Smooth Way for Wedding.

Steps were taken during the day which may lead to a marriage this morning. Captain Mahoney sent telegrams to the girl's parents, who are separated. The father replied that he would come to Chicago for his daughter, but a later telegram from him asked if the girl would return to Battle Creek alone if a ticket were sent. But such a program was vetoed by Miss Young herself.

"No, indeed, I will never go back home," she declared. "I would rather stay in this police station for ten years than to go back to my father. I love Frank and he loves me. We will be married some way, and the sooner the better. There is nothing to be gained by trying to prevent our wedding."

No answer was received from the mother, but the police believe that the marriage will be sanctioned by her, in which case it will be allowed to proceed.