

Cupid and the Jail.

A sad tale of love and time-tables getting mixed comes from Chicago. The would-be groom is from Eagle, Wis., and the bride that was to have been is from Battle Creek, Mich. She failed to arrive on time, and he failed to meet her, consequently Blanche L. Young, aged 16, and Frank Falter, who had arranged a marriage by correspondence got into the Harrison, street police station.

Falter sent money to her with which to come to Chicago, and his last letter to her, which she showed to the police, was written in Milwaukee. It told her to meet him February 26 at 3:55 o'clock. Their failure to meet was on account of a change in the time of the arrival of trains from Battle Creek. He was at the depot and spoke to the policeman about the match.

According to the policeman he was well dressed and wore a flower in the button hole of his coat and appeared ready for the marriage. He was told of a train arriving at 5:00 o'clock and another at 6:00 o'clock. He was there at 4:50, but failed to come back when she did not appear on that train.

He was found by the police a few hours later and was taken into custody.

"I'll meet the girl," he suggested to the police, "and if I like her I'll marry her. That's fair isn't it."

They thought best to hold judgment in reservation and lock him up. When Blanche heard about it she was real mad.

"It's a shame the Michigan girl cried. "Why he hasn't done anything wrong. It isn't a crime to want to get married when the girl is willing, is it?"

"I'll never go back to Michigan, the police can depend on that. They might as well let us get married first as last. What if Frank has got only \$10? That's enough to take us to his home in Wisconsin, and he isn't afraid to work."

Miss Young seems not to doubt for a moment that life would be one sweet dream with this youth she had never seen.

"I'm sure Frank is all right," she explained. "His letters are too sweet for anything. When he asked me to marry him I said 'yes,' because I was not happy at home and wanted to get away from there.

"These people here say I'm too young to marry. Well I'll show them. It's none of their affair and I'd like to see them stop me. I won't go back to Michigan—that's sure. My parents are separated and our home is broken up."

Letter No. 4 from Falter, after he answered the correspondence advertisement in the paper, contained an offer of marriage, the next one, money for fare to Chicago, then came the misunderstanding and the police.

Falter is well known at Eagle, Wis., is about 25 years of age and resides on a farm two miles south of town. He has been working this winter for the Grayton Ice company on Lulu Lake. Falter has always been considered as steady as the average run of young men.