

WEDDING BLOCKED BY THE OFFICERS

BOTH PARTIES ARE TAKEN TO THE STATION.

Became Acquainted Through an "Ad." in Matrimonial Paper—Altered Time Card Causes Delay.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Hansel L. Young, fifteen years old, came from Battle Creek, Mich., yesterday to marry a man who is now in Chicago.

The matrimonial came about through an advertisement in a matrimonial paper. A misunderstanding as to the time of the arrival of the train caused the man, Frank Falter of Battle Creek, to leave the Illinois Central station and the policeman in charge of the girl, who is now at the Harrison street police station arrested.

Falter was arrested at the Illinois Central depot in the evening. He was taken to the Harrison street police station and picked up morning, an examination this morning. The young man had returned to the depot to await the 9 o'clock train. Detectives saw him and asked if he was Hansel. He told them that he was awaiting a train from Battle Creek, on which he expected would be Miss Young, and said that he intended to marry the girl if after a talk they approved of one another.

Miss Nellie E. Fisher, an old of the Young Women's Christian Association, discovered the girl at the depot and the case. Mrs. Fisher noticed the girl was sitting about the station and questioned her. Hansel told her story and said that she would not know Falter if she saw him.

The story told by the girl to Acting Lieutenant James L. Moore of the Harrison street station is to the effect that her sister, Rose, inserted a notice in a matrimonial paper.

No Answer for a Time.
No answer came to the advertisement for several weeks and then Rose told Battle Creek to live with her mother at Battle Creek, Mich.

Finally there came a letter from Falter. Hansel answered the letter. She explained frankly that she was Rose's sister, but if he desired she would correspond with him. His agreement was signified by a second letter. Falter asked Hansel if she would marry him. She told the police that her life was so hard that she decided to accept the offer. Her father and mother had separated and had afterward been divorced on the ground, she said, of the brutality of the father. He lives in Battle Creek, Mich., and it was to get away from him that she came to Chicago and had letter to Falter sent money to her with which to come to Chicago and the letter to her, which she showed to the police, was written from Milwaukee. It told her to meet him February 26 at 11 o'clock at the Illinois Central Park row station.

Plans Spoiled by Timewear.
This failure to meet was an account of a change in time of the arrival of trains from Battle Creek. Falter was at the depot and spoke to Policeman Wiley about the match. According to the policeman he was well dressed and wore a flower in his buttonhole. He was told a train arriving at 12 o'clock and another at 6 o'clock. He was there at ten minutes to 6 but failed to come back when she did not appear on that train.

Wiley explained the case to Mrs. Fisher. She decided to take the girl in charge and took her to the police station.

It is thought that Falter will be found at the station.

"The girl is too young a girl to be permitted to marry a man she does not know and whom she will meet in this peculiar manner," said Mrs. Fisher.

"Nothing can induce me to go back to Battle Creek," said the girl. "I will not live where my father does and I cannot go to my mother, as she cannot keep me and the town is too small to any more work in. I like Frank's letters and if he is an nice a young man as they indicate I'll marry him."

"The police can't stop me either," she added defiantly. "I'll don't like him he may try to send me back, but I don't care to go and I shall not."

Official authority was communicated with the authorities at Battle Creek to learn what he was of the girl. She gave her address as 228 South Main street.



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