

CARL AND MAUD ELOPE

A Stage-struck Girl and a Railway Postal Clerk.

THE PAIR CAUGHT IN NEW YORK

The Fifteen-year-old Daughter of Mrs. Gilbert, a Treasury Clerk, Ruus Away in Company with the Man to Whom She Was Affianced—He Is Held in \$3,000 Bail, and a Charge of Abduction Will Undoubtedly Be Placed Against Him.

Pretty Maud Gilbert, who has had, and probably still has, stage aspirations, and Carl J. Jatho, her accepted sultor, are under arrest in New York. Detective George Wheeler and the girl's mother, Mrs. Eveline C. Gilbert, left for New York last night, the first to bring Jatho to Washington on a charge of abduction, or any other charge that Mrs. Gilbert may make if she finds anything wrong, and the latter to reclaim her pretty sixteen-year-old daughter.

There is a good deal of romance connected with the story of the disappearance of the girl and young Jatho, to whom she has been engaged to be married for some time, notwithstanding her youthfulness. Some time ago Mrs. Gilbert, who is employed in the Second Auditor's office, in the Winder Building, and her youthful daughter moved into the apartment house at No. 457 Missouri avenue. Mrs. Gilbert's duties compelled her absence from home during the day, and it was noticed by the neighbors that the attractive girl did not lack for company while the mother was at her work. Jatho was a constant caller at the house in the day time, and frequently put in an appearance in the evening while the mother was at home. The announcement was made then that the young people was negaged to be married, and this stopped the tongues of gossiping neighbors, especially as Mrs. Gilbert had herself sanctioned the betrothal of her daughter.

Longed to Go on the Stage.

Miss Maud was an expert dancer and sang sweetly, as all the neighbors are willing to testify, and it seems that Jatho irgratlated himself into the good graces of the girl by telling her she should go on the stage, where she could not help but be a shining light. The girl believed, while the mother did her best to dissuade her daughter from entertaining such ideas. But nothing would suit the young lady thereafter but the stage. She warbled and danced through all her spare moments.

Several days ago the mother returned home from her day's work, and was surprised that her daughter was not at home to greet her as usual. She waited for a time and then scoured the neighborhood to learn if any one had seen the girl, but without success. Then she visited in turn all the friends they had, in the vain hope that her daughter was with them, but again without success. Full of alarm she returned home, still hoping against hope. The next day she started on another search, but could obtain no tidings of the girl. Then she reported the disappearance to the police. When Inspector Hollinberger learned that the girl had stage aspirations he concluded he would be able to get trace of her in New York, and wired Supt. Byrnes, of that city, to be on the lookout for Miss Maud and Jatho, who, it was afterward learned, had left the city on the same day that the girl disappeared.

Gone to Bring Her Daughter Home.

Mrs. Gilbert is filled with alarm at the thought that some evil has befallen her daughter. She argues that it was not necessary for the two to elope, as she had given her consent to their marriage some time ago. The best she can think of the matter is that Jatho induced her daughter to go to New York with him, telling her he would secure for her a theatrical engagement. On what grounds he based such an assumption she does not know, but she does know that the girl was stage-struck, and that Jatho was continually talking stage business to her and telling about his prospects the coming season with a theatrical company.

Yesterday Supt. Byrnes, of New York, wired Inspector Hollinberger that he had the young couple located in that city and for him to send on an officer with a warrant. Accordingly Mrs. Gilbert and Detective Wheeler left for that city last night. They will return this evening. It will be learned then under what circumstances they were arrested and what charge Mrs. Gilbert will press against Jatho, if she presses any at all. The couple put up at the Coleman House for a few days, later going to a furnished room at 145 West Fofteenth street, where they were when arrested. They passed under the name of C. H. Ford and wife. Jatho was held in \$3,000 bail for examination on Friday, and the girl was turned over to the Gerry Society.