

—The magistrates of Jeffersonville reap rich harvest from the eloping couples, say the Louisville *Courier-Journal*. There is considerable competition in the business. Each magistrate has his "runner" or agent who waits at the ferry-boat, and who, by long experience and close observation, can tell an eloping couple at a glance. One agent more enterprising than the rest, has stationed himself at the Short Line depot in Louisville, and catches them before they come over. These few fellows usually stand in with the magistrates for half the fee. Sometimes, however, the "happy man" gives the guide a fee for showing them the ropes. He procures the license, finds the magistrate, swears to the girl's age, and, in fact, does everything but marry the girl himself.