New Novel By Irene Moody

Rview by John W. Garvin

Noted Canadian man of letters, Toronto, from the October issue of the Canadian Bookman.

'Delphine of the Eighties," by Irene H. Moody. London, John Bale Danielson Ltd. Book Craft Co. Ltd., Toronto, Canada. Sold by all booksellers in Vancouver. 252 pages.

"Irene H. Moody, who lives in Vancouver, B.C., was born in Ontario and educated at the Collegiate in St. Thomas, and the scenes of this book are laid in her native province with London as a centre.

Mrs. Moody was chairman of the Board of School Trustees in Vancouver and has been president of the B C. School Association. So far as I know, this is her first book and it is the initial volume of a proposed trilogy.

" 'Delphine of the Eighties' ..... is the most important novel of its kind since the publication in 1908 of 'Anne of Green Gables.'

"The heroine is a girl, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. James Avery, the husband an Englishman and the wife of French descent, but both immigrants from the Ise of Guernsey.

"Two faults, if faults they be, may be found in the story, it stirs one's feelings too frequently, and certain of the characters appear too perfect. But it is well to have ideal characters placed before us occasionally in fiction, lest we forget in this life of struggle and misfortune..... to strive to attain the ideal.

" 'Delphine of the Eighties' should be read and re-read by parents, guardians and teachers—as the character of such a child in the hands of the thoughtless and selfish could so easily have been blighted and ruined. Delphine grips the heart of the reader so tightly that the next volume of the trilogy will be looked for eagerly."

KEEPING THE PROMISE.

Mrs. Briggs had been attacked by a dog while out with her husband. To her disgust, Mr. Briggs had immediately taken to his heels, leaving his wife to her fate.

"You're a coward!" she told him when she had made her escape. "Fancy leaving me to be bitten like that! Why didn't you grab its collar?"

"Well, dear," pleaded Mr. Briggs, "when we got married we agreed never to keep anything back from each other, didn't we?"

Prince of Wales Has Expert Knowledge of Tongues

Details of the Prince of Wales's address on the value of a knowledge of languages in promoting foreign trade are contained in the English newspapers. The Prince's remarks were made at Oxford where he spent many happy hours visiting his old college—Magdalen—and recalling his undergraduate days. His visit was for the purpose of inaugurating the new extension of the Taylor Institution, centre of the study of modern languages.

"I know from my own experience," he said, "what a difference it makes if you can speak to the foreigner in his own tongue. Barriers seem to fall, the ice is broken.

"Great mistakes and irreparable harm may be done if negotiating parties do not fully understand each other's idiom. Not every word has its exact equivalent in another language, and often a mere shade of accent or phrasing may alter the whole sense.

"As a result of my travels my interest in modern lanugages has grown year by year. I am glad to learn that the School of Modern Languages which, in my undergraduate days, was still struggling for full recognition, is now one of the larger schools in the university."

Recalling that it was his own college which had been the first to teach modern languages, having appointed Giovanni Florio, the translator of Montaigne, in 1585, the Prince quoted his dictum:

"I wish there were such a law that any one who should bring up his children without teaching them foreign languages should be beheaded."

"Much as I believe in the value of modern lanugages," he continued, amid laughter, "I am not prepared to go so far. However, to learn a new language is to have a new life opened up to us, to know new people and new modes of thought."

Mexico Plans System To Link All Highways

Mexico City.—Development of a highway program, which, when completed, will provide trunk lines connecting widely separated sections of the country, has been undertaken by the government through the National Highway Commission. Second routes serving areas joined by trunk lines also are under consideration.

The trunk highways planned are five in number, with a total length of 5,062 miles. Subsidiary roads branching out from the trunk lines will have a length of about 4,784 miles, so that the total system of national highways will extend approximately 9,846 miles.

The approved system of highways will provide not only direct communication between all the states and territories of the country, but also each of the federal divisions and the main highways of the United States and Guatemala.

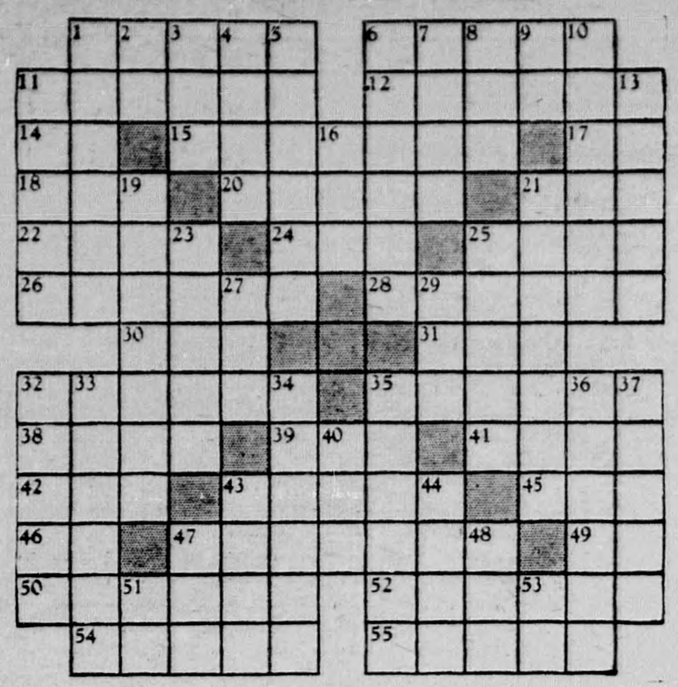
The federal government is co-operating with the various states in the constuction of highways.

One highway which is receiving a great share of attention is the one extending from Mexico City north to Laredo. This route will form part of the Pan-American Highway.

DYE-HARDS

A famous actress has declared that she will never have a grey hair as long as there is a chemist's shop doing business.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



Horizontal

1—Ropes
6—To hesitate
11—Elephant driver
12—Deletes
14—Aloft
15—Feeling
17—Musical note
18—Overly
20—Pedants
21—To be tardy
22—To engrave
24—Knowledge
25—Celebration
26—Surgical threatds
28—Fabrics
30—Mohammedan name
31—Beverage
32—Huts
35—Classes
38—Minerals
39—Companion
41—Demigod
42—Dance step
43—Spanish city
45—Heavenly body
46—Latin conjunction
47—Officer who examines deaths
49—Prefix. from
50—To mislead
52—Sins
54—Fruits
55—Residence

Vertical

1—Hooded cloak
2—Exclamation
3—Deer
4—To unload
5—Birds
6—Vouchsafes
7—God
8—Servant
9—Pronoun
10—To pertain
11—Silences
13—Savants
16—To unite
19—Musical intervals
21—Envoys
23—Pits
25—Verdant
27—Nothing
29—Greek letter
32—Expected
33—Spoke
34—Extras
35—To fasten
36—Eats
37—Parts of shoes
40—Fuss
43—Cipher
44—Starting point
47—Engraving
48—Margin
51—French article
53—Pronoun

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A Lift in the Spirit

By Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt

I think out of all these months of hardship and sorrow there is going to come one great good, namely, a growth of understanding and of interest among all the women of the city and nation in their sisters who work for their daily bread. I feel in the last few weeks a lift in the spirit of the country, a new sense of hope.

Whether there is any tangible reason for this hope or not, even though we may not be able to put our finger on any specific thing, stilll am confident that the mere feeling that lies within us will bring better days for us all. But these days will not come unless each and every one of us has learned a lesson from the hard days we have been through.

The fire of true enthusiasm is like the fires of Baku, which no water can ever quench, and which burn steadily on from night to day, and year to year, because their wellspring is eternal.—Ouida.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

Toledan Adventure

You have here a brown, warm plain, studded with villages, donkeys, olives and dome-shaped walls; from this plain, without any warning, a great granite rock thrusts itself, and all the objects on it are squeezed together, one on top of the other; and below in the chasm of brown rocks flows the brown Tajo. . . .

So many periods and civilizations enter the hard clutch of the Toledan rock. And then, in one of the narrowest streets, from the barred window of a human cage a bird's-eye view of Toledo is revealed to you: one single surge of flat roofs beneath the blue sky; an Arab town, glistening in the brown rocks, gardens on the roofs, and delightful, languorous patios with an intimate and comely life of their own.

But if I were to take you by the hand and show you over everything that was revealed to me in Toledo, I suppose I should first lose my way in those winding poverty-stricken streets. Not that I should regret that, for there too we should have to keep clear of the donkeys, pattering over the cobbles with their nimble hoofs, we should see the open patios and the majolica encounter people. Perhaps here I should find that Mudejar chapel, white and chilly, with its fine horse-shoe arches; a little further on is a rock which falls sheer into the Tajo, and opens out a magnificent and austere vista; and the synagogue del Transito, bestrewn with fragile and curiously refined Moorish ornamentation. . . If I were to enter another age it would not be another age; it would be only a bewilderingly fine and high adventure lake Toledo, like the Spanish land. —From "Letters from Spain," by Karel Capek, Translated by Paul Selver. (New York: Putnam.)

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Owl Laffs

Because each of us pauses at this season to renew his expression of Cheer and Goodwill, all Christendom puts aside its work to do homage to the Spirit of Christmas. Cease the exchange of merry greetings and much of the charm and potency of Christmas is destroyed.

And so it is fitting, we believe, that this column convey to you our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Christmas

This Christmas Day let's lay away
The burdens of the year,
With gladsome shout let's go about
A-spreading of good cheer
May we on this Blessed Christmas
Be filled with joy and mirth,
And our hearts re-echo the anthem,
Peace, and good will on earth.

When a literary man gets so much a word for his writings, he spreads them around as thickly as confetti on a returning hero.

Her—"I think dancing makes a girl's feet too big, don't you?"
Him—"Yeah."
Pause.
Her—"I think swimming gives a girl awfully large shoulders, don't you?"
Him—"Yeah."
(Pause).
Him—"You must ride quite a lot, too."

"Most of the girls that come here don't want to marry."
"How do you know?"
"I've asked 'em."

Human nature is man's excuse for a lot of his ornery actions. When a woman has a suspicion he is always willing to share it with others. Perhaps the greatest optical delusion in trade is the price tag which says $2.98. Strange, isn't it, that so many critics remain only critics? Too many people are like the sea—they never can dry up. Some successes are made from the fine art of profiting by early mistakes It's as natural for a boy to want a dog as it is for a girl to desire a doll. We heard a sheik say that a flapper's complexion doesn't always taste as good as it looks. Jobs have a habit of seeming easier when done now, rather than to-morrow. Once month every man complains of his family's extravagances.

Landlady—"You'll have to pay your bill or leave."
Lodger—"Thanks, awfully. My last landlady made me do both."

Dr. Mayo says the human body is worth sixty-seven cents. How does he explain a doctor's bill for $500 worth of repairs on a sixty-seven cent machine?

Teacher—"Willie what is an adult?"
Willie—"An adult is one that has stopped growing except in the middle."

"Eavesdropping again," as Adam said when his missus fell out of the apple tree.

In England it has been decided cows have a legal right to use the roads. This must be a great relief to the cows.

A woman journalist has started a school to teach women how to buy clothes. Why doesn't somebody start a swimming school for fish?

Little Jean was certainly looking rather ill when she returned to the house from the garden.

"Mummy," she said, rather softly, "is it true that an apple a day keeps the doctor away?"

"That is the saying, my dear," she said. Why?"

"Well, Mummy," said Jean, I've kept twelve doctors away this morning, but I'm afraid we shall have to have one now."

Jake—"Did you travel in Europe to satisfy your thirst for knowledge?"
Carl—"No, just my thirst."

Geneva, 1932

(A plea for reconvention of the Disarmament Conference)

We who are serfs, Lord, each to his own dark mind,
Or to the greed of nations, as of old,
We who are still idolaters of gold,
Foregather yet from every shore to find
Ease from our own forged chains whose fetters bind
All earth in armour to an end foretold;
Only Thy solvent Light, which we withhold,
May melt the shackles that enslave mankind.

Not all the punishment and waste of years,
Nor sacrificial blood and agony
Of guiltless youth, heirs of the erring past,
Avail to make us masters of our fears.
Burn us with vision, manhood, Lord, so we
Stand freemen shriven in Thy sight at last.

—Grace Clementine Howes, in the Boston Transcript.

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France Lowers Marriage Age of Men to 21

The organized women of France, although they have not yet achieved the vote, appear, in the light of their periodicals, to be much more interested than the men, whether organized or not, in a project of law which would allow a man to marry at the age of 21 without consent of parents or guardians, instead of making him wait until he is 25, as is now the case. A woman

ed by the new measure; the age above which she may defy her parents and marry whom she chooses is to remain at 21.

The Roman tradition that the child is subject to the father's authority for life obtained in France until after the Revolution. As late as the latter part of the last century a man could not marry without the consent of his father until he had passed the half-century mark, nor could a woman until over 45.

When, some years ago, a Frenchman was considered eligible to vote at the age of 21, he was not eligible for marriage on his unratified volition until 25, although a woman who could not vote, could contract a marriage on her own account and also assume the responsibility of financial transactions at the age of 21

The new bill has already passed the Chamber and is now marking time in the Senate. Why the men have shown no particular interest in it is said to be due to the fact that parents since the World War have been extremely amenable to their wishes and in any case, it was easy enough to summon intransigeant parents by an "act respectueux" and so have the exigency of the age limit waived, although this right has been rarely exercised.

One of the greatest authorities on legal relationships in France is Maitre Levy and he has taken the occasion to change his view of the "business marriage" (mariage de convenance), which he formerly approved as being the rational basis of all French family life. He now considers that if persons who reach their majority were allowed entire freedom in regard to marriage there would be many more happy and lasting unions in France

Women Motorists Declared No Better—No Worse

London, Eng.—These latest statistics seem to settle the question of driving ability.

Leading insurance companies at a secret conference here recently, at which the whole question of insurance risks was reviewed, decided that the woman driver was no worse a risk from their point of view than the man driver.

This decision was reached when it was decided to increase the cost of insurance on motor-cycles and reduce that on motor-cars by offering larger no-claim bonuses.

A suggestion was put forward that the woman driver was a greater source of danger on the road than men drivers, and should be charged more for instance.

Statistics were called for, and these completely vindicated the woman driver.

It was found that certain women drivers were very bad risks, but the same applied to their rivals.

An average was taken, and it was found that there was little to choose between them.

"All that is made is the work of God, and all is good."—Mary Baker Eddy.

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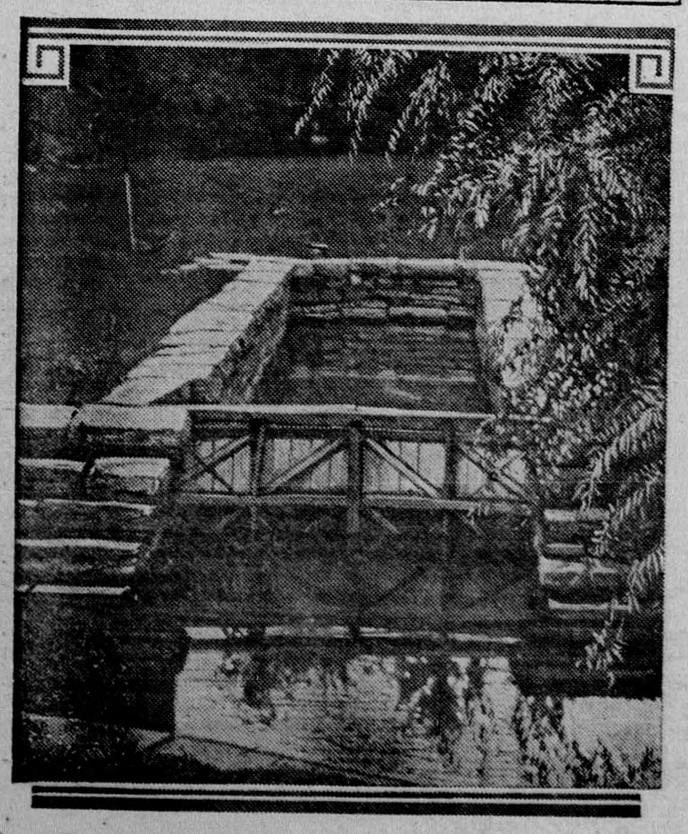

That the first canal on the St. Mary's River at Sault St. Marie was built in 1797 by the North West Trading Company for the transportation of its canoes and boats from Lake Huron to Lake Superior? It was destroyed during the War of 1812 but has since been restored to its original form, as shown above, and is preserved as an historical relic in a park in Sault St. Marie, Canada.

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