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"ELIZABETH" IN ROLE OF MENTOR

"LOVE" BY "ELIZABETH"

Doubleday Page & Co.

"Elizabeth" has come out of her "German Garden" and it seems that she has strayed into one of sterner realities. With the same light and whimsical style she is treating a subject of more weight.

Catherine Cumfrit and Christopher Monckton were among the adoring few who went to see "The Immortal Hour" several times a week. Because they were so few, on Christopher's thirty-third night and Catherine's tenth, Christopher moved over to sit beside Catherine. She was glad to have him but she did not encourage any sudden advances. Yet Christopher was a sudden young man. So sudden that he was dead in love with Catherine before she had time to tell him that she was a widow, with a married daughter as old as Christopher himself. So that by the time she could tell him Christopher had gone too far.

And all the time, while Christopher is feeling the ecstasies of first love, the refrain of the world's judgment is going over and over in the mind of his best friend, in whom he has confided. "Poor Chris. A widow. Got him in her clutches. And what a name. Cumfrit. Good God. Poor Chris."

But Christopher's headlong methods prevail, and the widow promises to marry him. She feels so young with the rejuvenating power of his love that it surely cannot be a mistake. She even looks so young now that the bus drivers all call her "Miss" or "Missy."

They are married and go for a wonderful honeymoon on the Isle of Wight. When they return to London they settle down comfortably in Catherine's apartment. Then the inevitable begins to happen. Christopher wants to dance, Catherine hasn't danced since she married George Cumfrit twenty some years ago. Christopher leads her such a pace of exercise and gaiety that Catherine takes to frequenting beauty parlors to keep her newly found youth. People begin to take them for mother and son, or at best aunt and nephew.

Catherine becomes hectic with anxiety and the effort to keep up. Then, all at once, reality steps into her life and she finds a new standard of values. "Elizabeth" has tried to solve the problem of how much older can a woman be than her husband? Whether or not she has solved it she has made of her attempt a clever story.

ADVENTRESS IN TEMPLE-BREAKING

"STOLEN IDOLS" BY

E. Phillips Oppenheim
Little Brown & Co.

To any but the "Prince of Story-tellers" such a title as "Stolen Idols" would be but symbolic. But not so to him. Here are the idols, little grinning Chinese things that for a thousand years have been sitting complacently in a sacred temple making faces at the public. Then along comes Gregory Ballaston, a young Englishman whose family fortune has dwindled so alarmingly through an excess-

Stolen Idols

The strange adventures of Geoffrey Ballaston, following his theft of a famous Chinese idol with whose jewels he hoped to restore the fallen fortunes of his house.

By
E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM
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sive patronage of the racecourse, that he is reduced to desperate straits.

Gregory and his father have heard the oft repeated legend that inside these polished idols are hidden all the jewels of this sacred temple, and Gregory and a friend have come over from England to have a look. But the priests for reasons of their own resent the intrusion and we first meet Gregory on his way to be fed to the crocodiles, and the friend we meet not at all, since he is dead.

But Wu Ling, a Chinese trader, rescues Gregory and takes him back to Peking from whence he may set sail for England, taking with him one of the idols which he has in his possession, the other having fallen through various vicissitudes into the hands of Wu Ling.

Now the man who carved these grinning idols a thousand years ago, made them symbolic, one of the soul, the other of the body. One was spirituality, the other bestiality. Together they gave an impression of oneness, or of humanity, alone each becomes the symbol of only one side of human nature. It was said that the "body" without the "soul" would have a devastating effect on its possessor, but Gregory is willing to risk it. It is not long, however, before it begins to take effect.

Arrived in England the worst is not yet over and many things are scheduled to happen before the idols weep—since they come through their eyes—their gems.

The moral code of the young Englishman who thinks that because he and his family have squandered their own wealth they have a right to squander other people's, is a strange one. It makes rather strained relations between you and your hero throughout the story. Otherwise the story is good, for entertainment, which is what it is meant for. Mr. Oppenheim has written better tales than this and yet he has no reason to be sorry he wrote this one.

Suggest New Plan to Relieve Traffic Snarl

The establishment of a metropolitan traffic area embracing the territory contiguous to the large cities in the country, was suggested by the Chicago Motor club, at the Midwest Motor Transport conference held in Chicago, May 27-28.

Zach C. Elkin, of the Chicago Motor club; Dr. J. Gordon McKay, of the United States bureau of public roads; and George F. Quinlan, Cook county superintendent of highways, members of the resolution committee, recommended that the highway division of the conference take steps to formulate plans for the creation of these districts surrounding the traffic surveys similar to the one completed in Cook county be made in these districts.

The plan is to secure the coordinated effort of federal, state, county and municipal highway officials, so that sufficient through routes for motor vehicles may be obtained. This plan

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contemplates the widening of city streets, county highways and state highways in these areas, so that motor traffic could proceed from the heart of a metropolitan city to its destination probably 50 or 75 miles distant, over one expanse of broad, through highway, containing no bottle-necks to slow up the large volume of traffic which would naturally flow through such arteries.

Motor Club Recounts Hazards of Closed Car

Changing from the open car to the closed car brings with it new hazards as well as new comforts, according to the accident prevention department of the Chicago Motor club.

"These hazards, however," says a bulletin issued by the club, "are no

greater than are encountered in open car driving—they are only different. For example, the blind spot at the junction of the windshield and the side windows, disconcerts the man who is driving his first closed model, but he overcomes this when he learns to move over a little toward the center of the seat.

"The motorist who has lately changed to the more luxurious method of travel, will find that night driving is difficult unless the windows are kept as free of dust as the windshield. He will also find that the more comfortable appointments of the closed model, and the lessening of noises from the outside and from the motor, tends to increase the conversational facilities of his passengers, and if he is not on his guard he may find himself committing one of the cardinal

sins of motoring, turning around to talk to his passengers."

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Judge for yourself. Try to imagine anything anywhere near Chicago that approaches these three North Shore areas as homesite or investment opportunities. All this property is not only wonderfully located on the new "Loop"-Lake Forest extension of the North Shore Line, but it is beautiful wooded land, for many years part of North Shore suburban estates.

AREA NUMBER 1 at Glenview Road and the New Extension

Some few choice locations still remain in the Golf View residential section which overlooks the North Shore Golf Club, is \$400,000 former Colvin estate and is surrounded by perpetual Forest Preserves. Glenview is the first suburb north of Niles Center on the new line and is just west of Evanston and Wilmette. One section at Glenview—the Forest Preserve Addition—is sold out.

AREA NUMBER 2 at Clavey Road and the New Extension

This is the Forest Ridge section of Highland Park, destined to be even more desirable as a residential district than the older section of that famed suburb.

The homesites available are all very deep, beautifully wooded and 60 to 70 ft. and more in width. Highland Park's police protection, fire protection, water and sewer supply will be at the service of residents here.

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