

BOOKS and REVIEWS

Madame Bovary Author: Gustave Flaubert (translated by Freds. Steegmuller) Publisher: Random House Reviewer: Frederick G. Bahr

Your reviewer embarked on the review of this newest translation of "Madame Bovary" with considerable trepidation. Until one month ago he had known of Flaubert's work, "one of the world's great novels", only through hearsay. Since that time he has been asked countless times 1) whether he had read the original in French and 2) whether he has studied the book and is thereby qualified to review what is generally considered a classic.

HOWEVER, your reviewer is solaced with the thought that the vast majority of readers are in his same position and will find this good translation makes excellent reading, even to the "layman". The setting is mid-Nineteenth century Brittany. The titular character, Emma, beautiful and fairly intelligent, and Charles Bovary, her cloddish husband, are of the richer peasantry or somewhere between middle or lower middle class. Emma's discontent with her lot is engendered by a soul pervading romanticism rather than a desire for social betterment. Her tragedy comes in her search for a knight on a white charger. For this she is willing to give complete devotion spurning neither herself, her husband, or family.

THE CATALYST which brings to the surface Emma's desire for a dream world is a weekend party given at the chateau of some local nobleman. As the world of masque and ball gown becomes more and more the only reality for Emma, she progresses from an innocent flirtation with the local law clerk to complete involvement with one

In the Queen's Author: Ellery Queen Publisher: Simon & Schuster Parlor Reviewer: Louise Renfrew

In this series of sketches Frederick Danney and Manfred B. Lee discuss with us some of the fun and labor that go into the making of a detective or mystery tale. They trace their beginning from Edgar Allan Poe down to present day writers. This discuss intriguing plots which many authors share and tell of several duplications. PSEUDONYMS are hard to pick and their first two were unsuccessful. Finally they hit upon Ellery Queen. They are avid collectors

of first edition detective and mystery books and have edited Ellery Queen awards and Ellery Queen magazine for years. From these sources and from their wide friendship with most of the present day mystery writers, they have a hundred tales to tell. All the Rise in Craigland, The Shrunkon Heads are a few of the enticing headings. Dyed in the wool fans will thoroughly enjoy the behind the



Says the Barrister
You have read that Michigan had a driver education law but you didn't know what it was all about. So, I looked into this matter and found some interesting facts. For instance the experts tell us that these things are involved in traffic accidents, namely: the vehicle, the prevailing conditions (roads, surroundings, etc.) and the people. Of these three things the one most responsible for the accidents is the latter, i. e., people. And usually "the people" in this case is the driver of the automobile. His errors or omissions account for approximately 90 per cent of the accidents, I'm told.

THE MICHIGAN legislature must have had this in mind when in November 1955, in special session, it passed the Driver Education Law. This law has three outstanding features. They are:
1. Beginning February 1, 1957, no person under the age of 18 will be licensed to drive on Michigan highways unless he or she has passed an approved course in driver education.
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3. Every holder of a Michigan driver's license will contribute to the cost of teaching young people to drive safely. This amounts to \$1.00 for each applicant examined for an original license or an operator's license, and 35c for a chauffeur's license, the money being deposited in a special driver education and training fund by the state treasurer. Out of this fund each public school district receives \$25.00 for each student enrolled in the driver education training courses for children enrolled in the high school grades of public, parochial or private schools.

Well, that's the story. The effects of the law we hope will be felt in a lowering of the accident rate. scenes glimpse into their favorite authors' workshop, and the general reader will like the biographical atmosphere throughout. It's a fun book, and we highly recommend you read it.

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