

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

—By Ahern

OUT OUR WAY

—By Williams

The MELODY GIRL

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BEGIN HERE TODAY

BERYL BORDEN, secretly in love with TOMMY WILSON, delays his slope with his mother, Irene, until it fails to convince him that it is his duty to finish college.

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When Irene learns Prentiss has money, she tries to win him from Beryl.

Tommy, though he loses money and his job, when he tells Irene of his secret, asks Irene to marry him and she half agrees.

She loves him, though he is in love with Beryl when they arrive one night and see Tommy waiting on the porch.

Tommy is engaged to Irene, though he is engaged to Beryl.

Beryl's secret love for Tommy, who yields to despair, and drinks heavily.

He tries to get up and leave.

When Irene receives a telegram from Prentiss.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER 1

"LET me see it," Mrs. Everett

begged and Irene gave her the telegram, informing Irene that he'd be out early that day to ask her parents to let her marry him immediately.

His father, he said, had wired him to cut short his vacation and return home at once. He wouldn't go without her.

When Mrs. Everett finished reading it, she looked at Irene with a light of childish excitement in her usually vapid blue eyes.

"What are you going to do?" she cried.

Irene put up her arms and stretched lazily before she answered. Then, "I don't know," she said, as though the matter were not really important.

A faint frown creased her mother's forehead. She was thinking of Beryl—of her older daughter's implied threat to make trouble between Irene and Prentiss. She glanced at the telegram which she held in her hand.

"I think you ought to do as he says," she said solemnly. "His father's a big man."

Irene pouted. "I'm not going to have any one arranging my affairs for me," she declared petulantly. "Especially an in-law."

"But honey," her mother went on, "you have to consider what's best all around."

"I do not," Irene denied. "A girl has a right to make the plans for her own wedding. And I was thinking of something more elegant than a hurried-up affair. His father just can wait. Prentiss is entitled to a vacation."

Her mother sighed. "He's had quite a nice one now, it seems to me," she said weakly. "You'll both get along much better if you don't start by turning his father against you."

"H'm," Irene remarked. "You talk as though you'd be glad to get rid of me."

Her mother let this pass. She did not wish to be driven to reveal Beryl's opposition, not, at least, while there was a chance she could make Beryl suppress it.

"You know things can happen," she said suggestively. "If you really love Prentiss, you shouldn't let him go away without you."

They understood each other perfectly. There had been no mention of Irene's love for Prentiss. To neither of them was it necessary to the girl's happiness that she should love him.

What Mrs. Everett really meant to say, and Irene knew it was that Irene should take him while she had the chance, if she wanted him. Otherwise there was the risk of another girl's getting him.

"I'll think it over," Irene promised with feigned indifference. Then she added as her mother moved to go. "Will you press my flowered batiste for me?"

"It's got an ink spot on it," her mother told her, "but I'll do the little pink swish for you."

"Oh, that old thing," Irene said disgustedly. "I haven't a decent dress for morning wear!"

She was thinking of Beryl's charming country clothes. She might sneak something out of her sister's wardrobe.

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HORIZONTAL

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

1 Highest mountain of the Alps; Mount —?	2 Long, sharp tooth.	3 Chaff part of ground grain.	4 Greaser.	5 Money changing.	6 Strong affection.	7 Egg mixer.	8 Tree.	20 To foment.	21 Tight.	22 After song.	23 Sanctuaries.	24 Female sheep.	25 Fair.	26 Embankment along the Mississippi.	27 Fruit of the oak.	28 Part of eye.	29 Female deer.	30 In debt.	31 Disfigure- mene-s.	32 Part in a	33 ZAMBORIA	34 MERINO	35 PEAR HAS BULB	36 EMPT HASTE SEA	37 NE CASE ROSY HONK DO SK	38 EVE BULK PINT C	39 G TASK RACE HE	40 UP PI SONG DODO	41 ERA NAKED RREEN	42 RATA DID RAILLA	43 TORPID CAVEAT	44 REPEAT DOMESTIC	45 drama?	46 To have power over.	47 To troll.	48 VERTICAL	49 Hair cut.	50 Falseshood.	51 Foot lever.	52 Skillet.	53 Bleaches.	54 Big.	55 Chestnut.	56 First woman.	57 5,280 feet.	58 Brinks.	59 Fictitious prose tale.	60 Every.	61 To become	62 To twist.	63 To have	64 To.	65 To.	66 To.	67 To.	68 To.	69 To.	70 To.	71 To.	72 To.	73 To.	74 To.	75 To.	76 To.	77 To.	78 To.	79 To.	80 To.	81 To.	82 To.	83 To.	84 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