

The beauties of Heves County

New colour photo album

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The scenic beauties, buildings and places of interest in Heves County, NE of Budapest, have inspired the noted Hungarian photographer Károly Szelényi to produce a delightful album of photographs, just released by arts publishers Képzőművészeti Kiadó.

"Eger and Heves County," with 114 colour plates and a historical introduction, has been published in Hungarian and German editions, but the Hungarian edition will shortly be available with an inserted English translation as well. The quality of the book is a tribute to Budapest's Kossuth Printing Press.

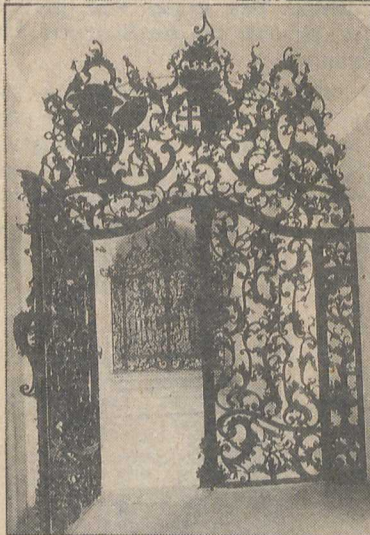
The ancient city of Eger is at the centre of attention in this pictorial record of one of Hungary's most beautiful counties, which abounds in lovely landscapes and townscapes and relics of past history and ancient settlements.

Visitors from both Hungary and abroad have been discovering Eger and Heves County in growing numbers. These August days, groups from a variety of countries make their way to the castle ruins of Eger and Sirok, or to see the Turkish remains and beautiful Baroque churches, palaces and other buildings. All are covered in the album, along with fine shots of the famous Heves County folk art, wedding customs and vineyard traditions (Bull's Blood of Eger).

Szelényi's camera has captured present-day spectacles equally well, among them the riding and driving of picturesque Szilvássvár. He toured the area at all seasons, and skiers and hunters are also seen.

Szelényi, by the way, is also the author of bestselling albums on Hungary, Balaton and Tokaj—all worth looking out for in bookshops.

Sadly, black-and-white reproduction does no justice to the colour originals, but here are two of his pictures of Eger: the wrought-irongates of Coun-



ty Hall (1760) and Dobó tér, one of Hungary's finest Baroque squares.

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