

THE HOMESTEADER.

Wind-swept and fire-swept and swept with bitter rain— This was the world I came to when I came across the sea—



Estelle's mother sat at the breakfast table reading a letter, a look of consternation growing on her face as she followed its contents.

Estelle sat thinking a minute. Then she said: "To-morrow is Saturday. That's good luck, anyway, mamma, for I shall be at home to help you."

"Estelle, you're going to be a practical, capable woman; I know it." And the mother stopped stacking up dishes long enough to kiss the cheek of her pretty daughter, who was bustling about as busy as a bee.

That afternoon after school Estelle hurried round to the grocer's and the butcher's, giving orders for the following morning.

guess you'll have to phone to the grocery and the but— "I've been at the grocery and left our order for to-morrow," said Estelle, stooping to kiss the now hushed brother.

Estelle had risen from the table and was quickly clearing the things away. "Now, mamma, it's getting close upon school time, and I must help you with the breakfast work before I go."

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When Estelle reached home she found a new complication. Her little brother, called Baby, had crushed his finger between some stones in the yard and required much of his mother's attention.

the table, though she had already placed a great bowl of them there.

Just as she was stooping to gather some of the finest flowers she heard a step behind her, and, looking around, beheld a tall, handsome young chap of about seventeen years of age.

And then she tripped away, going into the kitchen and closing the door behind her, leaving Frank looking after her in amazement.

"Cook!" And Frank took both Estelle's hands in greeting. "Well, I know there was a mistake somewhere."

did not come to greet us on our arrival. "If you'd caught her as I did—back in the garden," said Frank, knowingly, "you'd have seen her in her kitchen regalia. And it's awfully becoming, too."

"A Strong Endorsement." "Madam," said the teller of a bank in Baltimore to a woman who had handed him a check to cash— "madam, you have forgotten to endorse."

The Legend of the Cigar Indian

By CHARLES R. ANGELL.

Alone he stood amidst a noisy, hurrying throng. His eyes were fixed in a sightless gaze toward the setting sun. His head was made of wood and his feathers were of painted tin.

"That's me," said the chief. "I might have talked Indian dialect, but it's so hard to think up, since I have heard so much English as it is muddled by the rising generation, that I might as well talk to you so that you will understand."

"He worked the medicine gag and turned me into wood. The changing of my anatomy was a slow process and in some way the malady spread among the Indians, with the result that half of them were changed to wood."

"In front of the Evangelical Church there are a lot of thick covered maples, which have formed a choice roosting place for the sparrows this summer. There they caught it thick and heavy, and the slaughter of the birds was fearful."

"The German population of the world is nearly 100,000,000."

PENNSYLVANIA

Interesting Items from All Sections of the Keystone State.

WATER COMPANY ENJOINED

Punxsutawney Consumers Wish to Pay Only for Pure Supply. Punxsutawney Water Company from further turning off the supply at homes of consumers or collecting from dissatisfied customers, a preliminary injunction, granted by Judge John W. Reed, at Brookville, was served on Charles E. Ratz, superintendent of the company.

TAKES OVER DONORA PLANT

American Steel & Wire to Operate Carnegie Company Plant. Washington, Pa.—The American Steel and Wire Company, which for eight years has operated a large plant at Donora, took over the plant of the Carnegie Steel Company there, and hereafter the two concerns will be operated in conjunction.

THREE DEAD UNDER WALL

Triad of Workmen Killed in Fire Ruins at Erie. Erie.—As the result of one of the most shocking accidents in the history of this city three lives were wiped out.

SLAIN FOR THREE DOLLARS.

Myor Refuses Loan and is Stabbed to Death. Washington.—Called from an Italian restaurant in Zellersville, John Myor was stabbed with a butcher knife and almost instantly killed.

Man Killed by Fall.

New Castle.—Thinking he had killed his wife, Charles Wier, a negro, attempted suicide by hanging in a lockup cell. He was unconscious when discovered and cut down by Sergeant Patrick Farrell. He is charged with felonious assault with intent to kill.

Pastor for Forty-three Years.

Washington.—Announcement was made that Rev. Dr. W. A. McConnell, for 43 years pastor of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian church at Hickory, this county, will resign on account of failing health.

Manager Resigns.

Bethlehem.—Manley E. Cutter, for 10 years general manager of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, has resigned to accept a similar position with the Minneapolis, St. Louis & Iowa Central Railroad.

NO RAILROAD MONOPOLY

State Commission Decides Baggage Transfer Privilege Case. Harrisburg.—The State Railroad Commission gave a decision in the complaint of G. A. Rupert of Allentown against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, involving the baggage transfer privilege at the company's Allentown terminal.

Swedish Embezzler Arrested.

Warren.—Israel Janesson, defaulting cashier of a bank in Lindersburg, Sweden, who was arrested at Yankee Bush has made a complete confession, admitting he stole 127,000 kroners. Janesson claims most of the money was lost in speculation.

He Opened Their Eyes.

The McKeesport police and residents of that city who have been victimized are looking for a stranger who called himself professor and said he was an eye specialist.

After Gun Club.

Kittanning.—At the instance of District Attorney J. P. Culbertson, quo warranto proceedings were begun here to have the charter of the North Side Rod and Gun club of Parks township revoked.

Embezzlement Charged.

Canonsburg.—Frank D. Roberts was arrested here at the instance of Superintendent J. S. Bell, of the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society, of Pittsburgh, on a charge of embezzlement.

More Tuberculosis Dispensaries.

Harrisburg.—The State Health Department has arranged to open additional dispensaries in the bituminous coal region and in the western part of the State for the treatment of tuberculosis in addition to the dispensaries located in county seats.

Touring Car Kills Child.

Uniontown.—The touring car of J. V. Thompson ran down and killed Lorna Lannon, the little daughter of Mrs. Mary Lannon, a widow.

Priest Stricken at Funeral.

Pittsburgh.—The Rev. Father Bernard Hehl of St. Paul of the Cross monastery, South Side, was stricken with paralysis while attending the funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Greenwald at St. George's Roman Catholic church and died a few minutes later, before a physician could reach him.

Child Burned to Death.

Punxsutawney.—In the excitement which attended a fire that destroyed Joe Wargo's home at Florence mine Sunday morning it was forgotten that his 3-year-old daughter lay asleep behind the kitchen stove.

Trampled by Mules.

York.—George Shenberger, 65 years old, was trampled to death by a drove of mules at Lander's stock yards here. The animals stampeded while the man was going across the yard.

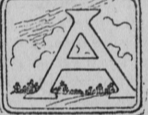
Dog Saves Girl's Life.

Kittanning.—Frantic barking of a little dog saved a life when Mrs. Hanman Kruger's home near here was burned. The only member of the family at home was a daughter, who was aroused by the dog and found the house in flames.

New Fish Laws Urged.

Harrisburg.—Delegates from 30 counties began a conference on proposed fish legislation here, the meeting having been called by the Lancaster County Fish and Protective association under the patronage of the state department of fisheries.

SUCCESS.



BOSTON FIRM RECENTLY OFFERED a prize for the best definition of what constituted success. A Kansas woman was awarded the prize, and this was her answer:

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche, has accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose money a benediction."

"That's rotten tobacco," said Paul. "I'm going to quit smoking." "He quit smoking and it was a long time before he found out that I had filled the pipe with buffalo hair. By that time he had been cured. He longed for tobacco, but his stomach wouldn't stand for it. Then he said: 'If I can't smoke, no one else shall.'"

Birds Killed by Hail.

"A singular feature of the storm of last Sunday night on the East Side," said George Fix, of the State House force, "was the killing of birds by the hailstones. The area over which the fall of hail was heavy was not large, but the stones did pelt down in a way that threatened to break the slate in the roofs."

Tries to End His Life.

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Cow Escaped; Boy Killed.

Sharon.—In an attempt to save three cows from being killed by an Erie railroad locomotive John Galecki, aged 10 years, rushed on the track and was killed. The cows escaped.

Burgess is Appointed.

New Kensington.—George S. Young was appointed burgess of Parnassus, subject to the approval of the Westmoreland county courts, to complete the unexpired term of John C. Orr, who resigned to move to Denver.

Nicholls Wins Congress.

Scranton.—Revised returns from all the election districts of the Lackawanna county shows that Hon. T. D. Nicholls, Democrat, has been re-elected to congress. The vote was Farr, 15,888; Nicholls, 10,052. Nicholls' plurality, 74.

Testing His Voice.

A voice suddenly floated up from the airshaft in the Italian quarter. "It's a beggar singing for money," said a visitor there, half questioningly, half decisively.