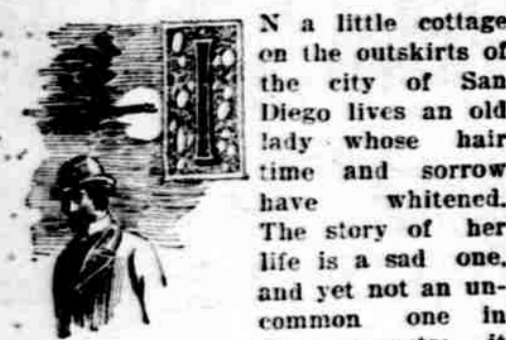


THE EVANS MYSTERY.



HELO HARRY.

N little cottage on the outskirts of the city of San Diego lives an old lady whose hair time and sorrow have whitened.

About twelve years ago there lived in the town of Pella, Ia., a prosperous merchant.

Several years passed and Harry Evans rose to her each year in the estimation of his father.

The family were or had been very prominent. They had many influential friends.

Among the many friends of the family there was only one who believed that young Evans was alive.

"Have you never heard from Harry?" asked this gentleman, who, by the way, told me the story.

"Well, now, Mr. Evans, I don't believe he is," protested the friend.

"I shall give the story in that friend's own words."

I arrived in Los Angeles early one morning and after registering and depositing my baggage took a stroll.

"Hello, Harry," I said, "where have you been all these years?"

"Never been in Iowa in my life," he answered. "Well, yes, I was, too."

"I started in looking him square in the eye all the time. I told him how Harry Evans had left his home and his brave little wife, who had gone to school at Omaha and a year ago she died."

At last, still looking him straight in the eye, I said: "Harry Evans had a beautiful sister. She was known as the most beautiful woman in Iowa."

"That brought him! His face had begun to twitch when I first mentioned his sister. As I said the last two words he broke down and wept like a child."

"Now, Harry," I said, "you're going to write to your mother at once and let her know where you are."

"Well, Harry," I said, "if you don't write to your mother, I will, and tonight. She has suffered long enough. She is keeping a boarding-house and slaving herself to death to support your two younger brothers."

"If you won't wire her, I will," I said at last. "You'd better come over to the office and see what I have to say."

nically. It was the mother that I wanted to help, the woman who had been such a good friend to me and who was nearly heartbroken.

"I consented to take the drive with him and we were to start about 3 o'clock, but Harry fooled around, so that it was almost 3 when we did finally get started."

"She's prettier than ever, Harry," I told him. "And she has a fine position and a responsible one. She has saved up considerable money, too."

"Do you think she'd come out to me?" he asked.

"Well, I don't know, Harry," I said. "We drove out to the property. It had been late by the time we had started home."

Harry never wrote to his mother, as I found out afterward. She told his wife and the boys where he was, but it went no further.

Ex-President Harrison asserts that state dinners cannot be wholly divested of the repression and stiffness which are the accompaniments of all state affairs.

Honesty is no doubt the best policy, but I have seen policy that wasn't the best kind of honesty.

There is no particular amount of philosophy in not making any blunders, or committing any sin, but in trying not to do it again there is.

DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

How Successful Farmers Operate Their Department of the Farm—A Few Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.

LONG time ago there was brought into lower Canada a white cow of the name of Dorian.

They must have been bred for generations, for they were very prepotent, that is, they were able to stamp their own characteristics on the offspring.

The American Cultivator says: There is probably no more seductive business connected with farming than is the growing of poultry and eggs for market.

Well proportioned udders. If one will look through the herd and compare the udders of the cows, he will be surprised to find among the very best cows—let alone the poorer ones—wide udders in the form of a fan.

Cracked or chapped teats often give trouble to the milk on account of the pain given to the cow by the opening of the cracks during milking.

How to select the layers. One of our readers makes the suggestion that it would be valuable to possess such information by which one could select the hens that will lay from those that may not be so productive.

To soften and whiten the skin. Almond meal is said to soften and whiten the skin. It is usually put into a bag made of nun's veiling or of soft bunting, and used as a cake of soap when bathing.

Limburger. — Philadelphia Times. The only cheese that we import to any extent from Germany is Limburger.

Incubator-hatched chickens that are raised in brooders will do much better with a small run, or enclosed space, attached to one end of the brooders.

CAMPFIRE SKETCHES.

GOOD SHORT STORIES FOR THE VETERANS.

An Animal That Was Too Hard For Grant to Manage—A Pathetic Incident of One of the Battles of the Civil War.

Old Ironsides. "I tear her tail down," he said, "and then I'll give her a good thrashing."

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Feeding Buttermilk to Hogs. Many patrons of creameries and private dairymen have often a larger supply of buttermilk than they have a right number of hogs for its consumption.

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The same "Rock of Chickamauga." The same battle was associated with Gen. James B. Steadman, whose soldiers called him Old Chickamauga as well as Old Steady.

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