Or, The Story of Miss Percival's Early Life.

CHAPTER XXV.—(Cont'd)

On receiving the woman's card, Esther—who, at Mr. King's suggestion, was putting her belongings in order to leave New York by the next steamer, which was to sail the She was very beautiful, and her following Wednesday, went down to attitude was almost imposing, in the parlor, with some surprise, to spite of her youth. ascertain her business with her.

As she entered the room, Mrs. no further anxiety about the mat-Lancaster was positively startled ter," she quietly observed, "I have by the girl's level nees, to which she had never paid any heed before. well as for Mr. Lancaster, to wish Esther had put on a simple dress to create a false impression regardof black brilliantine, out of respect ing either his character or my to Lord Irvington, and its somber own. At the same time, allow me color brought out the purity and to add, it would seem that a genrichness of her complexion with al- tleman who has so long been a remost dazzling effect. It fitted her sident of New York, and who is so perfectly, thus showing her sym- well known, socially, ought, long metrical figure to great advantage, ere this, to have established such a while she came into the woman's reputation for morality and integpresence with an unconscious rity, that his mother would have grace, yet with a quiet self-posses- no fear that his conduct could be sion that astonished her visitor. misconstrued simply because he

"Good gracious! the girl is won- chose to show a poor, but respecderfully attractive, as Marjorie table, girl the commonest courtessaid," was Mrs. Lancaster's mental lies of life. As for my leaving the comment, as her critical glance city, I will say that I have already head to foot and brought a faint "Have you?" eagerly exclaimed ponents. And now she set her ing the sow to become feverish, the present Mohammedan women. swept the tall, straight figure from arranged to leave New York-Mrs. Lancaster, forgetting for an flush to Esther's cheeks. But aloud she remarked with a instant the almost unendurable

lofty air: der of aprons which I sent to you ing?"

a while ago; I suppose it is not too "Oh, no; they are hardly begun yet, and any suggestion you may the matron. wish to make can easily be carried

girl briefly replied.

out," Esther obligingly replied. "Thank you," said Mrs. Lan- coldly. caster, coldly. "And there is another matter which I would like to sel and welcome," retorted Mrs. speak with you about-I saw you Lancaster, tartly; "but-let me walking on one of the uptown warn you to make no attempt to streets with my son, the day before correspond with my son; in fact, ed the letters from him. vou must give me your solemn pro-

"Yes, madam," and now the mise that you will not," she con- Lancaster's return. scarlet; the midnight eyes began to "Madam, you have no authority to her, with a gracious smile. "I table must be placed where the scale of the said of the line o burn with a dazzling light. "May I inquire how that hap- me," the girl proudly returned; lor just now."

yesterday, did I not?"

pened, Miss Wellington?" "Certainly," Esther calmly responded. "Mr. Lancaster met me

"Ah, yes; that sounds very harmless and matter-of-fact," said Mrs. fortable beneath the steady, direct gaze of Esther's wonderful, velvety orbs, "and I, knowing some- session utterly failing her for the had appeared to pick from the weaned. If one wishes to wean thing of Donald's reasons for feel- first time in years. ing an interest in you, would not! misconstrue his attentions as others might. At the same time, I With a little gleam of triumph in letters in the girl's hands. feel it my duty to speak a warning her wonderful eyes, but a bitter word to you upon the danger of re- smile on her lips, Esther watened marm," said the housemaid.

Esther here interposed, her slight amazed. figure drawn proudly erect, her But, when brought face to face the postman, she sped away upon age will grow them about as well, This beartiful side of the Egyp- He had lowered himself to the small head poised with a hauteur with the woman, in her overbearing her errand. that would have become a prin- mood, she had, without any con-

realize what you are saying when occasion, and came off victor of the you assume that a young lady field. could be compromised by walking a Doubtless the fact of her recent-short distance in broad daylight, ly acquired position as the future or, indeed, at any time-with Mr. lady of Irvington Manor, the know-Donald Lancaster. I, at least, ledge that henceforth her social have a far better opinion of his status would be equal, if not su-

The proud woman of the world Mrs. Lancaster, had contributed was, for the moment, rendered ut- greatly to her self-possession and terly speechless before this unex- thus enabled her to meet the enpected turning of the tables upon her own ground; while had found them, and was quietly should easily weigh 100 pounds at sunk away and radiant joy is smilto appear to assume that her own moods and vagaries had given her Mary returned with the glass of three months of age, and at six ing and will smile till the day on Wages Paid for the Work in the son was an unprincipled man, perfect command of her temper, water. whose companionship would injure and thus she had the advantage in the reputation of innocent mai- another way.

to her wishes." is above reproach, but there are stairs it seemed to burn her to the parations to leave the country and people who would misjudge you, if very bone. growing bolder and more cruel as ly in her beautiful eyes. farther attention from him. You all friendship between us is at an use tryin' ter spute de facts." not only compromise yourself, but | end?"

strength of her young love. "You entirely misconstrue my She had always worn upon the meaning," she retorted, when she third finger of her right hand the could recover her voice, an angry forget-me-not ring he had sent to Rush leaping to her brow. "My son her from Paris, and all the way up-

they should see you in public with | On reaching her room she removany gentleman of his standing. ed it and stood looking sorrowfully More than this," she proceeded, down upon it, tears gathering slow-

CHAPTER XXVI.

her anger increased. "I, his mo- "I can never put it on again," ther, forbid you ever to be seen she murmured, with a heavy sigh. said the judge.

you also wrong him, and the beau- She pondered silently upon this said he would have been perfectly Examine the feet for tufts of pink tay is all the go. Oi think and using machine-shears, sheared tiful girl who is to be his wife. I think it would be advisable if you would leave the city at once; I the souvenir of the only really man's on'y jes' moved in der neighbor. As the damp days of fall come on the city at once; I the souvenir of the only really man's on'y jes' moved in der neighbor. As the damp days of fall come on the city at once; I the souvenir of the only really man's on'y jes' moved in der neighbor. As the damp days of fall come on the city at once; I the souvenir of the only really man's on'y jes' moved in der neighbor. As the damp days of fall come on the city at once; I the souvenir of the only really man's on'y jes' moved in der neighbor. As the damp days of fall come on the city at once; I the souvenir of the only really man's on'y jes' moved in der neighbor. As the damp days of fall come on the city at once; I the souvenir of the only really man's on'y jes' moved in der neighbor. As the damp days of fall come on the city at once; I the souvenir of the only really man's on'y jes' moved in der neighbor. As the damp days of fall come on the city at once; I the souvenir of the only really man's on'y jes' moved in der neighbor. As the damp days of fall come on the city at once; I the souvenir of the only really man's on'y jes' moved in der neighbor. The city at once is the city at once

Going to her dressing case, she took from a box in one of the drawers a chain of finely wrought gold and threading it through the ring, clasped it about her neck and concealed it beneath her dress.

"Good-bye, Donald," she breathed, a sob bursting from her lips, "I would not have believed that you could have used me so unkindly-so dishonestly; my brief dream of joy has been rudely broken, but it has taught me a lesson, and will never again trust a man as I have trusted you.'

her scarlet lips curling slightly tion once more to her packing. But, meanwhile another scene in A few days before a sow is due

doubt into faith and hope. "I beg that you will give yourself

before that he had an important little feed in it.

"I have called, Miss Wellington, ther's cutting remarks had aroused strong suckle. This may either kill the ally an affair of trade between the to make a little change in that or- within her. "Where are you go- at any cost, if by fair means, well pigs or so stunt them that they parents of the bridegroom and "To school for a few years," the al, then strategy must be employ- wise would.

"But where?" rudely persisted "That is a matter that can inter- to the ground to open the carri- will eat of a good ration, but un-

"Very well-keep your own couning the door just as Mary opened weeks old they will show an incli- Still one may believe that many peculiar to Scottish law-of "Not

to demand such a promise from wonder if I dropped it in the par- mother cannot get to it, and the 2200 B. C. It reads:

asked if he might walk with me to aprons, I will see that your wishes in the search for the missing article tolerated.

now," exclaimed the woman, al- ed to the floor with an exclamation the age of three months they may most beside herself with passion; of satisfaction.

eager eyes were fastened upon the by removing the sow for a part of

a girl situated as you are, cannot fail to regard Mrs. Lancaster after you for a glass of water—I am very After weaning, the pigs should

one addressed to Miss Esther Wel- need.

perior, to that of the aristocratic others upon the table just as she their growth.

"Thank you," said the wily wo- 225 pounds each. man, with another charming smile But her heart was very sore as But her heart was very sore as shock to her!

But her heart was very sore as shock to her!

But her heart was very sore as shock to her!

Shock to her!

And this was the girl whom as how harren her life had been made.

But her heart was very sore as slipped a half dollar into the girl's stairs to her room and realized hand and then hastened from the And this was the girl whom, as how barren her life had been made house, entered her carriage, and good that sheep do clearing up the she had so arrogantly asserted, she had just parted—by the man had done a good morning's work.

The had expected to annihilate and she had just parted—by the man had done a good morning's work.

The had so arrogantly asserted, she had just parted—by the man had done a good morning's work.

All this time poor Esther, utterly sheep for the sake of trimming up a brush lot. unconscious of her lover's efforts to effect a reconciliation, was patiently and bravely bearing her keep the sheep from fouling it with heartache while making her pre- their feet.

(To be continued.)

SENSE OF PROPRIETY.

"So you stole this man's axe?" in sheep raising.

"What did you do that for? He cause lameness in sheep.

the Farm

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BROOD SOW AND LITTER.

It will pay any farmer to keep a record of the dates on which his the one for the small flock owner. sows are bred, that he may know Then, with a resolute look on her to a certainty just when the sows white face, she turned her atten- will fallow, and be prepared to take care of the litter.

the drama of her life was being to farrow it is well to place her by enacted below-a slight circum- herself in a warm, dry place, where stance but for which her grief might she will not be molested, and feed lately been discovered in Chaldea. have been turned into joy-her her the same rations she has been The lady to whom it was address-As she was passing down the feed at this time would be likely to Sepharvani. Her beloved was a steps after leaving the house, Mrs. upset her or derange her system. resident of Babylon. Lancaster encountered the post-man, on his second round of deliv-her alone until she comes out, and discovery the Corriere della Sera She started, instantly remember- When she again comes out, give that in contrast to the position ing that Donald had said the night her another drink and put a very which women hold at the present

What if that letter had been she is brought to a full feed gradu- dom. written to Esther? What if his in- ally, in order that she may not In many respects the Oriental terview with her had so aroused his produce too great a flow of milk woman, of antiquity was graced obstinacy that he had determined before the pigs are able to take it. with as much privilege as is the to carry his point at all hazards, It must be remembered that this and offer to marry the girl at once. is certainly the most critical pericularly in Chaldea she could participate the state of the could participate the state of the could participate the state of the could participate t These thoughts were appalling to od in the life of the young litter, as cipate in trade, manipulate her her, and for a moment she was al- a little too much milk from the own property, be a witness before most in despair. But she was a sow at first is almost sure to bring the court and be the guardian of quick-witted woman-she never al- about white scours, which if wet her own children. lowed herself to be beaten, if there checked at once will soon cause Of the position of women in was the least opportunity to enable death. There is also danger by Egypt we know less, but doubtless her to turn the tables upon her op- starting the milk too soon, of caus- it was much higher than that of she would prevent this contemplat- and hot, and soreness will result, so that custom has changed very Terrible Deeds Committed in Glased disgraceful union between her that the sow will not let her litter slightly, for marriage was essenti-

pigs should be given very little at "I don't know, marm, ye can go a time and under no consideration

my destination. He did so, and on our way back to take a downtown car, you passed us in your carrite weaned by removing the sow Mary's admiring glance was fix- be done, but if the sow is a good ed upon it, but Mrs. Lancaster's milker, it must be done gradually, the day at first, then after a day "Well, ye're lucky to find it, or two she may be kept away for a whole day, and after a little all

which she had just received from tion of the 5 to 10 per cent. tank- den land" as on earth.

lington, in her son's familiar hand- As the pigs grow older a little hold, ointments and perfumes bring This he indeed did, and the rewhole corn may be given them. In we unto you; blossoms and lilies do sultant inquiries led first to his ar-"Ha! I felt it in my bones," she fact, a variety of feed is always we bring to adorn the neck of your rest and ultimately to his death muttered, with a chuckle of tri- best at this age; but all changes sister—of her who lives in your at the hands of the public execuumph, as she slipped the epistle in- must be made carefully, so as not heart, of her who sits there beside tioner. to her reticule and replaced the to upset their systems or check you. Come near finally. Music

MUTTON CHOPS.

We hear much said about the

Put slats across the trough to

Give your sheep plently of trough room so that they will not push and crowd each other. The breeding ewes should be kept

strong and thrifty. Generous and judicious feeding Life. and care mean satisfactory profits

No animal responds more generwith him again, or to receive any "Shall I rteurn it to show him that "Yessah. I reckon dar ain' no custy to gentle care than a sheep. Rough, stony pastures will often ferty?"

In selecting ewe lambs to keep for breeders, only those of good form that are hearty feeders should be kept. No profit ever comes from a slow feeder.

The greatest care should be given the selection of the breeding ewes. On farms that need renovation sheep feeding is most desirable. Breed only from the best. Al-

ways use a pure-bred ram. The type of sheep that combines a large body with a good fleece is

THE OLDEST LOVE LETTER. Addressed Over 4,000 Years Ago to

the Writer's "Little Ewe." A love letter 4,000 years old has accustomed to, as a change in her ed lived in Sippara, the Biblical

then give her only a drink of water. of Rome calls attention to the fact day in that Irient they possessed It is important to be careful that in antiquity a great degree of free-

This is ascertained from the le- murder mysteries than any other After the pigs have got well gal code of Hammurabi, King of with of its size. "Wait a minute, Thomas," she started, say from a week to ten Babylon, B. C. 2200. The future Here lived Madeline Smith, the said to her coachman, who leaped days, the sow may be fed all she husband paid the price of the bride beautiful heiress, whose arrest on est no one but myself," said Esther age door for her, "I have forgotten der no circumstances is it best to dower and trousseau. Under these one Emile l'Anglier, created so make any change in her feed, as circumstances there was no such tremendous a sensation. The trial She ran lightly back up the steps bad results are likely to follow. courtship as precedes marriage in lasted ten days, and ended in the

it in answer to his ring and receiv- nation to eat. At this time they a love letter on papyrus or clay Proven.' should be given a little of the same passed secretly between the hands The luxurious home of Madeline's The girl looked surprised at Mrs. feed that the sow is receiving and of the bridal pair during the inter- aristocratic parents was situated in if it is to be nad a small quantity val of their engagement. The Blythswood Square; and here, too, "I have lost my brooch," she said of milk may be added. This side newly discovered letter is written resided "Pritchard the Prisoner,"

To the lady, Kasbuya (little ewe), the earliest of the "slow prisonand forever dismissing the subject: in and see if ye like," the house-what change you wish made in the lowed her into the room to assist abomination that should never be life. I write with the room to assist abomination that should never be life. I write with the room to assist abomination that should never be life. I write with the room to assist abomination that should never be life. I write with the room to assist abomination that should never be life. I write with the room to assist abomination that should never be life. I write with the room to assist abomination that should never be life. I write with the room to assist abomination that should never be life. I write with the room to assist abomination that should never be life. I write with the room to assist abomination that should never be life. I write with the room to assist abomination that should never be life. I write with the room to assist abomination that should never be life. I write with the room to assist abomination that should never be life. Started gradually, the pigs can know how your health is. Oh, send familiar "trunk tragedy" type, the me a message about it. I live in body of a young and pretty girl be-Mrs. Lancaster swept forward to be grown very rapidly. If any me a message about it. I live in body of a young and process message about it. I live in body of a young and process message about it. I live in body of a young and process message about it. gar! I cancel the order here and a few moments previous and stoop- they should be made gradually. At some control of the control of the should be made gradually. At some control of the c tell me when you will come to me, Glasgow's mystery of mysteries, "Ah! yes, here it is!" she said from the yard or lot where she and so that I may be happy. Come in however, was that known as the Marchesvan. May you live long "Saltmarket -Affair." An aged

in Marchesvan is based on the having been cut from ear to ear, writer's wish that she may have an and all around signs of a fearful opportunity to share with him the struggle. Upstairs the old retainfestivals of that month and the er was also lying dead, shot gayety that comes with them. through the heart. The street door Though Egypt has so far failed to was bolted on the inside, and the word to you upon the danger of receiving such courtesies from young
men in his position; for, of course,
a girl situated as you are cannot fail to regard Mrs. Lancaster after

smile on her lips, Esther watened
a whole day, and after a little all
yield a single love letter, it can
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ground-floor shutters were also sethe undignified retreat of her vandustrial situated as you are cannot fail to regard Mrs. Lancaster after be kept growing as fast as possible gest. Of all the nations of anti- far as could be ascertained, been fail to be compromised by being their recent exciting interview.

seen in their company. I trust nothing of the kind will happen again that she could have borne herself be glad to get ye a drink," said to be compromised by being their recent exciting interview.

If anyone had previously told her taken.

'Sure, marm, it's no trouble; I'd by giving them good feed and called "the land of eternity."

The terrible deed, it turned out, be glad to get ye a drink," said been committed by the deceasting interview.

The terrible deed, it turned out, be glad to get ye a drink," said been committed by the deceasting interview. in connection with my son; I—" with so much composure through Mary, obligingly, and laying upon milk it would be well to mix the of life, and woman was man's "be- ed's own brother, a worthless

> Holy Father. Come nearer! Be- tate as the legal next-of-kin. and song are greeting you. And months should weigh from 200 to which you will pass into the land that loves eternal silence."



Trying on his new trousers.

UP-TO-DATE.

will pay you handsomely to do so." bright experience in my life since mamma died, and I cannot part enough ter go 'roun' ter his house borryia'."

Many who want to clean up the day. This was in 1906, and, at the world are more anxious to hang rate then obtaining—\$5—the averground. They will be healthier and do better.

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Particulars for the Information of Contestants.

Number of answers.....15,209 Number of correct answers 3,102 Number of answers within

20, entitled to consola-Number of Watches given

as prizes There were so many more than we expected who came near enough for a Consolation Prize that the mailing of them was not accomplished quite up to schedule time. The last lot will be mailed, however, on Saturday, October 9th.

A CITY OF MYSTERIES.

gow, Scotland. Glasgow has been the scene of probably more really world-famous

in the wake of the postman, reach- When the pigs are about three accordance with Occidental ideas. eminently unsatisfactory veridet-

of tartar emetic. He was one of

dealer in antiquities, living alone with an old housekeeper, was found Doubtless the summons to come one morning dead in bed, his throat

"Excuse me, Mrs. Lancaster," such a scene she would have been the table the handful of letters ground feed in it; if not, an addi- loved sister" as well in the "hid- scamp, by whom the old gentleman had long been blackmailed.

and make just as large a pig for tian character is shown most clear- level of his unhappy relative's bed-This was just what Mrs. Lancas- the age as if fed milk, and at lit- ly in the celebrated Song of the room by a rope from above, and, cess. "I cannot think you quite scious effort, risen at once to the ter had hoped and planned for. In the expense. It is best to mix the Harpist, of the year 2500 B. C., having committed the double mura trice she had pounced upon the feed quite thickly. Pigs that are that probably was sung at the der, had quietly made off, leaving missives, hastily scanning their fed too thin slop have to drink too Egyptian festivals: "Graciously everything intact, and intending superscriptions, until she came to much to get what real feed they grant us days free from sorrow, later on to claim his victim's es-

SHEAP-SHEARING.

States of Australia.

In New South Wales, South Australia, and Queensland sheepshearers now earn \$6 for every hundred sheep shorn; the rate is \$5.50 per hundred in Victoria. In the last-named State pastoral properties are generally much smaller than those in other States, and, as they have better railway facilities, shearers lose less time in travelling. Hence the lower rate of wages. These rates were fixed by the Federal Government Arbitration Court in 1907. An ordinary shearer deals with

from 300 to 350 per week, which, at \$6 per hundred, means something between \$18 and \$21 for a weekly wake. But experienced men can do much better.

On the Yancannia Station, in the "Black or green tea, Mrs. Raf- Broken Hill District of New South Wales, twenty competent men, "Shure, Oi've been readin' that working as a co-operative company,