"A NEW WORLD ON THE OLD EARTH"

It was Thursday, half past three in the afternoon and Ada Bruinink just arrived home from school. She was off at a quarter to two, but her best friend invited her to a chess game, and she did not let that challenge pass her by. "I am home!" she shouted through the living room to her mother. She knew she was working just around the corner, behind the desk. Ada hung up her coat on the coat rack next to the door. Someone snapped her fingers, or at least they tried to. Ada smiled. That snap was the secret greeting between her and her mother. This is the beginning of "New World on Old Earth".