MILDRED IN VENICE

Did Things Not Strictly in Accordance With Mater's General Principles.

BY IZOLA FORRESTER.

"I don't see why it would be wrong-" began Mildred.

"I don't say it was wrong to do it. I said it would be decidedly outre. Otherwise not in accordance to the mater's general principles, and you mustn't do it."

Mildred turned from the lofty embrasured window with a sudden distate for the Grand canal, and its businesslike gondolas. They had been in Venice two weeks, and already her very heart strings twanged a song of home longing. Seth regarded her placidly. The family knew that only Seth could adequately take care of Mildred in Venice. He was plump and normal, and thoroughly indolent. It was as if some one had tied an anchor to a gay little aeroplane, and after two weeks, the anchor was surely dragging. Even Seth realized that much.

'When will mother get here?" She dld not wait for the answer. "Not until next Thursday, you know she won't, Seth Turner. And tomorrow's Thanksgiving. Do you suppose that I am going to sit around this decayed, moldy, miserable, dismal old palace with you and eat oily Italian messes on Thanksgiving day. Well, I won't, do you understand. I won't do it."

"He won't have any turkey, child." murmured Seth, kindly, "He's only a poor devil of an architect trying to swallow all of Europe on about fifty per."

"I'd rather be that than doing Eu rope as a girl bodyguard."

"Strike!" grinned Seth, sitting up. "Why not? Lord knows you need a bodyguard. Anyone who wants my job can have it."

"Seth! I think brothers are awfully fussy." 'They're the down-trodden of the

sarth." "Won't you go over now and call

on him? His blinds are up." "You ought to be ashamed of your-

self for watching his blinds. I'm not zoing." "Don't. I'll invite him myself, then,

but I'm going to eat the nearest approach to turkey I can find tomorrow, and have Carl Devereaux for dinner, and if you don't like it, you may go and stuff table d'hote trash with the Spencers.'

"Here goes me," groaned Seth. "What'll I tell him?"

"Tell him we are Americans, and lonely, and we want him to come over and talk home things."

The door closed noisily after Seth. Mildred waited a moment, holding her breath at her own temerity; then laughed and returned to the window overlooking the canal. It was sunset, Half way down the old palace where he called. they had secured rooms, was Carl Devereaux's studio. The blinds were Devereaux, cheerfully. "Mildred was

"You're both good to me." "Because you're one of our own. Seth was on his way to see you when it happened."

"Why?" A little crooked smile curved his lips. "I am not a celebrity in Venice. Travelers do not usually pay me calls of ceremony.'

"Well, to be perfectly frank," Mildred sat down beside him, her chin on one palm, the toe of her slipper swing ing, "I wanted Seth to go over and invite you to Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow, hoping that you'd know where we could get a turkey."

He opened his eyes and looked at her.

"I have watched for you at your window every day since you came here. Your head makes a spot of red gold against the old wall casement Did you know that your hair is like Titian and Da Vinci put on their women?"

Mildred laughed. "I know what Seth will say if I let you talk, and your temperature runs up."

"Why do you drop red roses down in the canal?"

"Ships of empires, outward bound Anybody'd guess that. I freight them with hopes, and let them sail due south."

Seth took possession of the patient. and far into the night, there sat a lit tle, lonely figure at the great old stone casement, looking down at the gayly lighted canal, and the rooms that were dark where Devereaux had lived. She dropped no red roses into the water that night.

Two weeks later Carl found her out on the balcony. Behind them, Seth and her mother, who had joined them from Paris, entertained American friends.

"I followed you on purpose," he said. "I haven't had a chance to speak to you the whole evening until little Kreppels left you to play his 'cello solo.'

"Don't you love that?" She lifted her face, eyes half closed, to catch the first thrilling cadences of Chopin's "Nocturne in E Flat." Devereaux plunged hardly, gathering both her hands to his lips.

"I love-you," he breathed. "I am going back home with you next week Do you know why?"

"But you mustn't. You have two years more to study here. Ohy Carl-" the name came before she could check it. "Don't be foolish. Don't throw it all up, just to follow me home to the states. Don't you know-"

"Know what?"

"Don't you know a girl wants a man to be a winner?" Her eyes, cleat dark eyes that never wavered. searched him. "If you really care for me, stay and fight."

"I can come back and finish up af terwards." "After-"

"We are married." She was silent He drew her nearer until his check rested against hers. "Do you care that much, dear?" Presently Seth pulled aside the

heavy curtains at the window. "You two are missing everything."

"Directly, Seth, directly," retorted or t



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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 8

THE CHILD IN THE MIDST.

LESSON TEXT-Matthew 18:1-14. GOLDEN TEXT-"In heaven their antels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."-Mattbew 10:10 R. V.

Like two mighty mountain peaks there stand before us in this lesson wo tremendously vital lessons. The first and the foremost is that of discipleship as suggested by the question in verse one, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom?" And the second lesson is that of Christ's attitude towards children. Jesus again reveals himself as the world's greatest teacher. He teaches by example-setting a child before them, and by exhorta tion, "Except ye become as children,"

by contrast, etc. The very form of the disciples! question revealed their coarse ambition for power and clearly indicated that they were as yet far from comprehending the principles of his kingdom. One of the most insidious temptations that comes to the Christian worker is the ambitious desire for place and power. It is hard to reconcile church politics with the

principles of the kingdom of God. Jesus answers their question by the use of objective teaching that

always has such an advantage ove. the purely metaphysical method of an swering such a question. Placing : child in their midst he answered in the words found in verse two of the lesson.

What He Meant.

The word "verily" is tremendous with emphasis. "I say," again reyeals his authority to answer. "Ex cept ye turn." what does he mean' To become childish? No, but to be come childlike; there is a vast dea of difference. There the child stands trustful, obedient, submissive, unself ish, pure, potential, imperfect, ready to receive impressions as wax and at tenacious to retain those impressions as granite. Pride, self-confidence disobedience, selfishness, impurity assumed perfectness, and an unwill ingness to learn will effectually keep us out of the kingdom of heaven What a rebuke his answer implied, viz., not who is greatest but rather "are you sure you are really in the kingdom?" The true disciple who really comprehends the essence of Christ's teaching is far less con cerned with his rank in the kingdom than he is to "know him" and thus make sure of a place in the kingdom Ever after this, when wrong ambi tions arose, these disciples must have recalled that sweet child and Jesus

saying, "be like that." Does this lesson then teach us tha:

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"After that he hit me in this year and then in the other one; and stomped on me while I was down. When I got up and began to run he followed, kicking me every yuther step.

"I pever got so tired of a cullud man in all my life!"

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fore him, "What have you to say for yourself?" "Not much, your honor. But I hope you can give me a short sentence. This is my busy season."-Judge.

As a general thing the kind of man who wears a watch on his wrist doesn't need all his pockets to carry

band to his bride, "I'll make out the deposit slip in your name and all you have to do is to take it to the bank." "Yes," she responded, "but suppose organisms rebel at the violence of I want to draw out some money some cathartics and purgatives. Drastic day, how will they know which is my

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The Real Problem. "Well, dear," said the young hus-

And WILLIE came to the window, and lounged up on the broad sill, smoking, and watching the bank of red and purple clouds piled up behind the somber old skyline out towards the islands.

Seth's gondola was near there. Suddenly Mildred saw a figure of a man outlined for a moment behind Devereaux. The next instant the body of the architect pitched downward from the window into the waters of the canal. Her clear shrick clipped the air like a bullet, but Seth, lazy, easy going Seth, was already on his feet, his coat half off. He slipped into the water like a seal.

"He didn't rise because there are stone steps there, and at high tide they're covered. The devil knew it, too, and figured on his head striking them." Seth spoke in a low tone. On the couch in his room lay Devereaux, two English doctors working over him. "We'll keep him here, if you don't mind, Millie. American, you know, and all that. I'm going to stand by."

"And how you scolded an hour ago. You old dear thing. Did they get the fellow?"

Seth shook his head.

"They'll get him at the wharfs. He's a Sicilian. He cheated Devereaux yesterday in a deal over boat fare, and got punched. They don't understand a punch here. He was getting even, that's all. The doctors say he'll be laid up for a couple of weeks. and I'm going to see him through. He's one of my frat men. Beat me out of Harvard by four years. Seems a nice sort."

Seth was frowning, and talking in a deep voice, as he always did when he was covering any of his own delinguencies. But Mildred smiled, looking over at the head on the couch pil- ture in Keokuk. Speaking of the unlow. It meant something to this stranger to have Seth Turner for a "frat." pal. The doctors were leaving. While Seth talked to them in the yestibule, she leaned over the face on the pillow. He had turned in falling from the window, and had struck the stone steps on his shoulder, throwing it out of joint, and bruising his whole body badly, but his head was unhurt, and he was conscious.

"What did they do with the boy?" His voice was low and rather husky.

"He hasn't been taken yet." "Hope he gets away. He only followed his own instinct the same as I habit." did in punching him yesterday. I won't enter a charge."

"Seth has, though."

that ran like liquid fire along his inerves.

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TWAIN HAD HIS REVENCE

How Great American Humorist Got Back at Chum Who Said He Was Lazy.

When the great man "arrives" the associates of his boyhood days, who used to laugh at the idea of his ever "amounting to anything," retire unobtrusively to the background. But when the opportunity arises to make an example of some such skeptical old friend, surely no one could rise to the occasion more effectively than did Mark Twain on the occasion de-

scribed by Albert Bigelow Paine. He came to Keokuk to visit, and was cered five dollars a week and board to remain. He accepted. In the same building was a book store, in which a young man named Edward Brownell clerked. He and Sam Clemens became great churms,

Sam read at odd moments at night in bed, voluminously, until very late sometimes. One night Ed Brownell, passing upstairs to his room on the fourth floor, poked his head in at the door.

"What are you reading, Sam?" he asked.

"O, nothing much-a so-called funny book. One of these days I'll write a funnier book than that myself."

Brownell laughed. "No, you won't, Sam," he said. "You are too lazy ever to write a book."

A good many years later, when the name "Mark Twain" had begun to stand for American humor, the owner of it gave his "Spanish Islands" lecreliability of the islanders, he said:

"The king is, I believe, the greatest liar on the face of the earth, except one; and I am sorry to locate that one right here in the city of Keokuk in the person of Ed Brownell."-Youth's Companion.

A Hope.

"I ain't got any sympathy for Turkey; I hope she gets wiped off the map."

"Why?"

"If our boy can't get no more Turkish cigarettes maybe he will stop the

Cause of It.

"My dear Mrs. Jones, why do you He closed his eyes at the swift pain | look so worried?" "The coal is all out and my husband is all in."

all children are by nature children of the kingdom? Hardly, though we cer tainly do not believe that a child dying in infancy is lost. Rather we incline to the belief that they have that spirit of teachableness and trust that fits them to "enter" (v. 3) the kingdom (see John 3:6). Therefore the added significance of verse six The responsibility of parents and teachers to lead them into the king dom at this early age when their trustfulness has not been destroyed. Let us look at some of the condi tions whereby we enter the kingdom John 10:9, "I am the door, by me shall ye enter." John 3:3, "Except ye be born again." Heb. 3:19, "They could not enter because of unbelief." Read also 2 Peter 1:5-11. How to Become Great.

Having thus struck at the primar; question involved. Jesus then telli them how, once being in the kingdom to become great, "whoso humblett himself, etc." To humble yourself is voluntarily to choose the humble, the lowly, place for yourself; that place removed from the admiration and the adulation of men. Paul learned this esson and constantly refers to himself as the "bond slave" and wishes that he might be accursed for the sake of his brethren Israel. Moses found this place when he pleaded with God to blot him out of the book of his remembrance but to save the chilfren of Israel. Jesus is himself the greatest illustration of this principle (See Phil. 2:6-11.)

Jesus goes on to teach by contrast what is to be our attitude to ward those who are in the kingdom There is an incidental illumination of the attitude of little children to Jesus. They were never afraid of him. It is true that he might have meant here humble men who have childlike hearts, but we are inclined to feel that it was real children of which he is speaking. Our treatment of them is our treatment of him, for as completely identifies himself with them.

Jesus pictures for us the heavenly glory that rests upon children and yet we in our folly too often fail to receive them, neglect our God-given op portunity, or, worse still, cause them to stumble, and bring upon ourselves. upon our homes and our nation a penalty even worse than that of being drowned in the midst of . the sea. Such is the greatness of childhood. If we are to make sure of entering the kingdom it must be as we get back to childhood, get back to the principles of trustfulness, of humility, of service and of purity. It is then we enter into fellowship with God.

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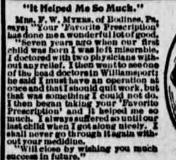
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