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-11--And now the fire in his eyes was not simulated. "It is impossible that you should

not scorn my love," said he. "Scorn it? I? I who have awakened it-I who have desired it?" "Desired it?" he echoed, almost in a whisper. "Desired it?" For a spell they stood so, staring

each into the other's eyes; then they fell into each other's arms, she sobbing in her extreme joy, and he upon the verge of doing no less, for, as you will perceive, it had been a very trying morning for him.

And it was thus-the Lady of San Leo and the Borgia captain clasped heart to heart under the summer sky -that Messer Tolentino found them. Marveling at the long delay, the castellan had thought it well to go after them. And what he now beheld struck him to stone, left him gaping like a foolish image.

They fell apart for very decency, and then the lady, rosily confused, presented Messer Lorenzo to the castellan as her future lord, and explained to him in confidence-and as she understood it-the true reason of that gentleman's visit to San Leo.

Thereafter, Messer Lorenzo was cared for as become a man of his position. A bath was prepared for him; fresh garments were found to fit him, the richest and most becoming being selected; the garrison was disappointed of its execution, and the Borgia captain went to dine at Madonna's table. For this banquet the choicest viands that the besieged commanded were forthcoming, and the rarest wines from Floravanti's cellar were procured.

In all Italy there was no happier man in that hour than Lorenzo Castrocaro, who, from the very edge of death, saw himself suddenly thrust up to the highest and best that he could have dared to ask of life. His happiness entirely engrossed his mind awhile. All else was forgotten. But suddenly, quite "suddenly, remembrance flooded back upon him and left him cold with horror. He had been midway through his second song, Madonna languishing beside him, and he checked abruptly. The lute fell clattering from his grasp, which had suddenly grown nerveless. With a startled cry his mistress

save you-you whom I have brought posal of surrender, and the articles of into this pass-" "What are you saying, weet?" he rled

"Why, that the fault is mine, and hat I must pay the penalty."

"Did I not bring you hither?"

He flushed, something ill at ease to ee-as he supposed-his lie recoiling now upon him.

"Listen !" she pursued. "You shall do as I bid you. You shall go as my envoy to Cesare Borgia, and you shall offer him the surrender of San Leo in my name, stipulating only for the honors of war and the safe-conduct of my garrison."

"No, no!" he protested still, and honestly, his villainy grown repugnant. "Besides, how shall that serve me?"

"You shall say that you knew a way to win into San Leo and accomplish this-which," she added, smiling wistfully, "is, after all, the truth. The duke will be too well content with the result to quarrel with the means employed."

He averted his face.

"Oh! But it is shameful!" he cried out, and meant not what she supposed him to mean.

"In a few days-in a few weeks, at most-it will become inevitable," she reminded him. "After all, what do I sacrifice?' A little pride, no more than that. And shall that weigh against your life with me? Better surrender now, when I have something to gain from surrender, than later, when I shall have all to lose." He considered. Indeed. it was the only way. And, after all, he was robbing her of nothing that she must not yield in time-of nothing, after all, that it might not be his to restore

her very soon, in part at least. "Be it so, my Bianca," he said: "but upon terms more generous than you



capitulation. If your highness will sign them, I shall take possession of San Leo in your name tomorrow." The dake's fine eyes scanned the

confident young face very searchingly. He smiled quietly. ."You will take possession?" he said. "As the governor appointed by your

highness," Messer Lorenzo blandly explained.

He laid his letters before the Duke, who scanned them with a swift eye, then tossed them to Agabito that the latter might con them more minutely. "There is a provision that the Lady Blanca de Fioravanti is to remain in San Leo," said the secretary, mar-

veling. "Why that?" quoth Cesare of Messer Lorenzo. "Why, indeed, any conditions?"

"Matters have put on a curious complexion," the condottiero expounded. "Things went not so smoothly with me as I had hoped. I will spare your highness the details; but, in short, I was caught within the castle walls, and—and I had to make the best terms I could under such circumstances."

"You do not, I trust, account them disativantageous to yourself?" said Cesare. "It would distress me that it should be so. But I cannot think it; for Madonna Bianca is accounted very beautiful."

Castrocaro crimsoned in his sudden and extreme confusion. For once he was entirely out of countenance.

"You are informed of the circumstances, highness?" was all that he could say.

Cesare's laugh was short and almost contemptuous.

"I am something of a seer," he replied. "I could have foretold this end ere ever you set out. You have done well," he added, "and the governorship is yours. See to it at once, Agabito. Ser Lorenzo will be in haste to return to Madonna Bianca."

A half-hour later, after the bewildered yet happy Castrocaro had departed to ride north again. Cesare rose from his writing table, yawned, and smiled at the secretary, who had his confidence and affection.

"And so, San Leo, that might have held out for a year, is won," he said, and softly rubbed his hands in satisfaction. "This Castrocaro thinks it's imagines that it is all her own-by the aid of that charlatan Trismegistus. Neither dreams that all has fallen out as I had intended, and by my contriving." He made philosophy for the benefit of Messer Agabito: "Who would achieve greatness must learn not only to use men, but to use them in such a manner that they never suspect they are being used. Had I not chanced to overhear what I overheard that night at the house of Corvinus Trismegistus, and, knowing what I as a nurse. He was educated both at knew, set the human pieces in this his mother's knee and in the Egyptian game in motion to yield me this result, matters might have been different in-



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Lesson for September 26

REVIEW-EARLY LEADERS OF ISRAEL

GOLDEN TEXT-Let us run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.-Heb. 12:1, 2.

PRIMARY TOPIC-Favorite Stories of the Quarter. JUNIOR TOPIC-Stories of the Lead

ers of Israel. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOP-

IC-Striking Incidents of the Quarter. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOP-IC-The Main Teachings of the Quar-

It is strange that the lesson committee should have selected the title "Early Leaders of Israel" when only Moses appears. A better title would have been "Moses, the Leader of Israel." In such a case consideration should be given to Moses' life, character and teaching. Indeed, a good method of review would be to use this plan for the quarter's lessons. Another method of review would be to give a synthetic view of the book of Exodus, since all the lessons of the quarter are taken from that book. However, for the senior and adult classes the best method will be to recall the principal fact and then state the leading lesson of each Sunday's lesson of the quarter. To aid in this, the following suggestions are given:

Lesson for July 4.

When the time drew nigh for God to deliver His chosen people He caused them to multiply greatly, Envy and alarm incited the new king to institute measures to check Israel's increase. The attempt to carry these measures out not only displayed their futility but brought to be sheltered and nurtured in the king's palace the all his own achievement. The lady very one who later upset Pharaoh's throne.

Lesson for July 11.

When Moses was born, his mother perceived that he was a child of destiny. The king's edict was that every male child should be destroyed, but the faith of his mother moved her to hide him. When no longer able to hide him he was preserved in an ark of bulrushes and taken in charge by Pharaoh's daughter. At the suggestion of Miriam, his mother was called court

Lesson for July 18.



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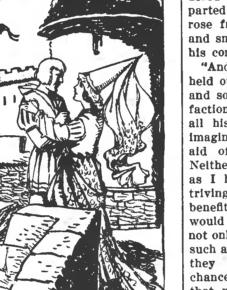
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leaned over him. "Enzo! Are you ill?"

He rose precipitately.

"No, no; not ill. But-oh!" He clenched his hands and groaned. She too had risen, all sweet solicitude, demanding to know what alled him. He turned to her a face that was blank with despair.

"What have I done? What have I done?" he cried, thereby increasing her alarm.

It crossed her mind that perhaps the effect of the magician's philter was beginning to wane. Fearfully, urgently she insisted upon knowing what might be alarming him; and he. seeing himself forced to explain, paused but an instant to choose a middle course in words, to find expressions that would not betray him. "Why, it is this," he cried, and there was real chagrin in his voice as there was in his heart. "In my hot madness to come hither, I never paused to count the cost. I am a Borgia captain, and at this moment no better than a traitor, a deserter who has abandoned his trust and his condotta to go over to the enemy-to sit here and take my ease in the very castle that my duke is now besieging. "By heaven, it had been a thousand times better had Tolentino made an end of me this morning as he intended !" Then he checked abruptly, and turned to her penitently. "Ah, no, no! I meant not that, Madonna! I spoke

without reflecting. I were an ingrate to desire that-an ingrate and a fool. For had they killed me I had never known this day of happiness."

"Yet what is to be done?" she cried, crushing her hands together in her agony of mind. "What is to be done, my Enzo? To let you now depart would no longer save you. Oh, let me think, let me think !" And then, almost at once: "There is a way!" she cried; and on that ery, which had been one of gladness, she fell suddenly very gloomy and thoughtful, "What way?" quoth he.

"I fear it is the only way," she said never so wistfully.

And then he guessed what was in her mind and repudiated the suggestion.

"Ah! Not that," he protested. "That way we must not think of. I could not let you-not even to save my life."

But on the word she looked up at him and her dark eye kindled anew with loving enthusiasm. "To save your life-yes. That is

cause enough to justify me. For nothing less would I do it, Enzo; but to

"It is impossible That You Should Not Scorn My Love," Said He.

have named. You shall not quit your dwelling here. Let your garrison depart, but you remain !"

"How is that possible?" she asked. "It shall be," he assured her confidently, the promised governorship in his mind.

CHAPTER V

That evening, with letters appointing him her plenipotentiary, he rode out of San Leo alone, and made his way down into the valley by the bridle path. At the foot of this he came upon Della Volpe's pickets, who bore him off to their captain, refusing to believe his statement that he was Lorenzo Castrocaro.

When Della Volpe beheld him the warrior's single eye expressed at once suspicion and satisfaction.

"Where have you been?" he demanded harshly.

> "In San Leo, yonder," answered Castrocaro simply.

Della Volpe swore picturesquely. "We had accounted you dead. My men have been 'searching for your body all day at the foot of the rock."

"I deplore your disappointment and the wasted labor," said Lorenzo, smiling; and Della Volpe swore again.

"How came you to fail, and, having failed, how come you out alive?"

"I have not failed," was the answer. "I am riding to the duke with the garrison's terms of capitulation."

Della Volpe very rudely refused to believe him, whereupon Messer Lorenzo thrust under the condottiero's single eye Madonna Bianca's letters. At that the veteran sneered unpleasantly.

"Ha! By the horns of Satan! I see! You ever had a way with the women, Lorenzo. I see !"

"For a one-eyed man you see too much," said Messer Lorenzo, and turned away. "We will speak of this again-when I am wed. Good night!" It was very late when he reached Urbino. But late as it was-long after midnight---the duke was not abed. Indeed, Cesare Borgia never seemed to sleep. At any hour of the day or fight he was to be found by those whose business was of import.

His highness was working in the library with Agabito, preparing dispatches for Rome, when Messer Lorenzo was ushered into his presence. He looked up as the young captain entered.

"Well," quoth he sharply. "Do you bring me news of the capture of San Leo?"

"Not exactly, highness," replied the condottiero. "But I bring you a pro- a football team."

deed, and lives would have been lost ere San Leo threw up its gates. And I have seen to that the wizard's at least, believes in that impostor." "You had foreseen this, highness,

when you sent Castrocaro on that dangerous errand?" Agabito ventured to inquire.

"What else? Where should I have found a man for whom the matter was less dangerous? He did not know that Madonna Bianca was there. I had the foresight to keep that matter secret. I sent him, confident that, should he fall to open the gates to Della Volpe and be taken, he was crafty enough not to betray himself, and Madonna

must, of course, assume that it was her love-philter had brought him to her irresistibly. Could she have hanged him, knowing that? Could she have done other than she has done? "Indeed, - Corvinus has served you well."

"So well that he shall have his life. The precious poison has failed to kill him, and this is the sixteenth day." The duke laughed shortly, and thrust his thumbs into the girdle of his robe, which was of cloth of gold, reversed with ermine. "Give the order for his release tomorrow, Agabito. But bid them keep me his tongue and his right hand as remembrances. Thus he will never write or speak another lie."

. San Leo capitulated on the morrow. Tolentino and his men rode out with the honors of war, lance on thigh, the captain very surly at the affair, which he contemptuously admitted passed his understanding.

Into the fortress came then Messer Lorenzo Castrocaro at the head of a troop of his own men, to lay his governorship at the feet of Madonna Blanca.

They were married that very day in the chapel of the fortress, and although it was some years before each made to the other the confession of the deceit which each had practiced, the surviving evidence all shows-and to the moralists this may seem deplorable-that they were none the less happy in the meantime.

[THE END.]

Disillusioned Barber

Sif Oliver Lodge, illustrating the light esteem in which scientists are blessings. held in some quarters, tells a story of an experience he had while visiting in in this country. He arrived at a small town, where he was to address the members of a well-known scientific association. While the hotel barber was cutting his hair, he made several futile attempts to open a conversation with the great scientist. Ft nally he said, "What exactly is this association that's meeting here today?" The professor explained that it was a society of learned scientific men. "Oh," said the barber, in tones of evident disgust, "I thought it was

While Moses was keeping Jethro's sheep, God appeared to him in a burning bush and commissioned him a deelixir of love should do precisely as liverer of His people. Moses faltered he promised for it. Madonna Bianca, but God patiently heard and met his difficulties.

Lesson for July 25.

In memory of the great deliverance of Israel from bondage, the passover was instituted. All who were under the blood were saved from the destroying angel.

Lesson for August 1.

God permitted the Israelites to get into straitened circumstances after leaving Egypt, in order to teach them to trust Him and also to lay a snare for the enemy.

Lesson for August 8. Before going far into the wilderness the people lusted for the fleshpots of Egypt. God answered their murmurings by giving them quails and manna to eat. Christ is the true manna sent down from God to man. Those who

eat of his bread shall never die. Lesson for August 15.

Jethro, seeing Moses completely occupied with the judging of Israel, advised that Moses should be to the people Godward and that all the weightier matters should be cared for by him and that suitable men should be appointed to judge the smaller matters. God's work should be carefully organized so as to relieve his ministers of unnecessary burdens.

Lesson for August 22.

To love God with all the heart, soul, strength and mind is the fulfillment of the first four commandments of the Decalogue.

Lesson for August 29.

Loving our neighbor as we love ourselves is the fulfillment of the last six commandments of the Decalogue. Supreme love to God and love to our fellowman as we love ourselves is the sum total of human duty.

Lesson for September 5. God through Christ dwells in the midst of His people-just as He did in the midst of Israel in the tabernacle.

Lesson for September 12.

In carr; ing on of God's work all should offer willingly such gifts, as they have.

Lesson for September 19.

Disobedience to God's laws always brings calamities, while obedience to God's law is always accompanied with

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