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In taking revenge, a man, is but even with his enemy; but in passing it over, he is superior; for it is a prince's part to pardon.—Francis Bacon.

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Children's Department

UNKIND SUSPICIONS.

Molly had worn her little ruby ring to school, and now it was gone. "And I know it's that little new girl that's taken it," said Molly. "She looks as if she would do things like that!" So she cast suspicious eyes at the poor little stranger, and the other girls did the same, and no one spoke to her or noticed her as she crept about the school or the playgrounds alone.

Then one day Molly opened a little compartment in her pencil box, and there lay her ruby ring. "O!" she cried, her cheeks flaming with shame, "I remember now, I put it there myself to keep it safe, and to think!"

Of course they couldn't take back all the unkind glances and the cold words they had given the little stranger, but they did try so hard to make amends that she soon forgave them for their unjust suspicion.—Jewels.

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JUST PLAY.

Alice had a teddy bear and a go-cart and a doll—oh, many dolls!—and a long list of other playthings. Poor, pale-faced little Kitty looked down longingly upon her from the upper veranda.

"I wish she would come up and play with me!" sighed Kitty.

"Perhaps she would if you asked her," said Kitty's mother encouragingly.

So Kitty leaned over the railing and called down in a very coaxing voice: "Please come up here and play with me."

Alice looked up.

"Won't you," said Kitty. "I am lonesome. And I'm sick."

A frown puckered Alice's forehead and a cloud came over her face. She shook her head.

"There'd be so much to move. And I like this place, I'd rather play by myself."

"She's mean!" said Kitty to her mother.

And Bobby Hatfield, who had stood on the steps of the lower porch and heard, said to himself:

"She's mean! She ought to be ashamed to behave like that to such a poor, weak little girl."

Bobby was going to the beach. He had his pail and his spade. And besides them, he had a hope. He hoped that the same nice man that had helped him build a tower yesterday would help him build a bigger tower to-day.

Bobby put his foot down on the next step and there he stopped.

"Pooh! What could I do?" he asked himself. "What good would a spade and a pail be for playthings on an upper veranda?"

Then, anyway, Bobby knew that it would spoil the hope entirely. Of course, a boy would rather play with a big, brown man, than a pale, thin girl who was two whole months younger than he was.

"Alice ought to go" scowled Bobby. "She could just as well as not."

Suddenly he started down the steps on a run. He went to the beach and gathered shells. When his pail was full a voice behind him said:

"How is it partner? Are you building more towers to-day?"

Very slowly Bobby turned around. His face was very sober.

"No, sir. Thank you. I guess I can't," he said. "I've got to play with a little girl that's sick."

Bobby ran back faster than ever. He was afraid to stop. He wished that he had told the brown man that he was sorry; it was not very polite not to tell him that he was sorry. But he was afraid to go back.

"I can't help Alice's meanness. But I can help mine," he panted. "But maybe I couldn't if I went back."

"Here I am!" he announced when he had reached the upper porch.

Kitty brightened rather uncertainly.

"I've come to play with you," said Bobby.

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