

UNE DAME SEULE.

...were wearing the Christmas holly... had planned all sorts of festi-... and games for the children, a...

It was a small, low room we found, with a porcelain stove that occupied considerable space, a short bed, a chair, a wash-stand and two trunks. The room had that forlorn air of tidiness that room may have that is never occupied. The bed was covered with a handsome enough knit coverlet. The floor was bare but clean. There were two colored French lithographs on the walls—heads and shoulders of blandly smiling women. On the top of the stove was a pile of bed-cloths, with which the woman made the bed with a dexterity that surprised me, she was so heavy-looking. I ventured to try my limited German on her by asking if I could have my tea and some hot rolls and butter brought to my room, for I felt the need of establishing a connection with somebody in my dreary condition. The woman evidently did not understand me, though she responded "Ja, Ja." Her duties quickly over she bade me good-night, and lighting a crumb of a candle that she found among other crumbs in her apron pocket, departed.

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