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she had made him love her.

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ed her back and with a few swift steps had separated herself from him. Monsieur-The sergent looked at him questioningly. He shook his head. She had made him fear her, you understand, the por boy! Worse,

Madame-She turned when she heard him running after her. Her face must have gone white; she thought it was the policeman, and in this mad country where a girl could find herself, through absolutely no fault of her own, in a position of the most distasteful and misinterpretable publicity, she could not tell what might happen.

Monsieur-But her face grew whiter with displeasure when she saw it was he. Ah, but they knew when they have us at their mercy, these women! "Mademoiselle," he panted. "I owe you my life. It is not kind, it is not generous, it is not forgiving to leave without permitting me to thank you. My name is de-

Madame-She cut him short! "You owe nothing Monsieur," she said coldly, ignoring his outstretched hand. "It was a mere impulse on my part, nothing more-a humane instinct which the unpleasant sight of a dog's being crushed under the horses' hoofs would have awakened."

Monsieur-That crushed him more effectualy than had the wheels of the fiacre. It left no more audacity in him, I assure you. He drew himself up very straight, very white and rigid, his mangled arm hanging by his side, a dull, hot weight that was puling him to earth. And he took off his flooping cap-so. And, bowing ceremoniously, he let her pass.

Madame-Something inside of her went whirring in a tangle of emotion as, repentant and suffering, he bowed before her. But she held determinedly on her way without turning once to see what became of him. She had intended, before leaving the Place Michel, to hunt up an old school friend of her mother's who lived near there, but in her wrathful excitement she forgot all about this. When she got to her pension she threw herself in a passion of tears on her bed and sobbed the tragedy away. After the tragedy had vanished, naturally-she was young and light-hearted, and a subtle sense of victory remained with her, in spite of it all-she saw the comedy of it, of course. She sat up then laughed aloud in the solitude of

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her little room. She got up, bathed her face and hands and, standing an unconscionably long time in front of the mirror, smoothed her hair, put on a lace collar in place of the stiff one at her neck, and lo, she was ready for WANTED - MANAGER; GOOD dinner. But she was too excited, too quickened by the day's events to contemplate with resignation the stiff little pension dinner, at which the snuffy professor of a boys' school sat in her right, and a deaf old language teacher on her left. She remembered again that old friend of her mother's one of the few people in Paris to whom she had letters-who had left her card a full week ago with a pretty little line on the back begging "Gertrude's daughter to come in any evening, but soon, and sup informally tete-e-tete with Gertrude's friend." And without giving herself time to change her mind, she jumped into a fiacre(she dared not trust the streets again) and had herself driven to Madame Tournet's.

"This Madame Tournet"-Old de Crussol put his artist's hands together and looked about his studio as though summoning everything in it to corroborate what he said-"was a saint on earth. Not gifted, not dowered, you understand; bourgeoise, so to speak in the empire of Art. And yet with a heart so true and a spirit so well-attuned to all that was fine. that sympathy sprang full-flowered from it, though you would say there was no soil wherein appreciation might grow. She-"

"She lived all alone in dear little old boxes of rooms in the Rue de la Huchette, and she was just setting the table for supper when the girl arrived," Madame de Crussol broke off the thread of her husband's narrative without compunction, and spliced it merrily onto her own line. "It was her reception-a compound of flattering doubt as to the girl's actual presence, of admiration at anything so fearless and astonishing as an Americaine, and of unquestioning confidence that Gertrude's daughter was worthy of and entitled to all the affection that had been the dead mother's-it was this that shook the American in the girl to her very foundations; or rather, the Anglo-Saxon of her. She threw down her arms, yielded up the cumulative heritage of suspicion and reticence and caution, and fell dead in love with Madame Tournet.

She could not help it-no one could," explained de Crussol. "It was always a mystery to the old lady why everybody loved her. The real miracle would have been to find anybody that could resist her. For in-

stance-" gayly, "note the effect upon that same ahead. Americaine whose distrust of the French was inborn-and surely wellfounded, if you'll bear in mind the events of the afternoon. Well, in just a minute of two, there she was taking the dishes from Madame's very hands and setting the table herself with a saucy assurance that might have become a daughter of the house, home for the vacation. 'But,' cried the little old lady delightedly, put three plates, my dear; three, I beg of you.' "Three!" repeated the young girl, a sudden chill striking upon her lightheartedness. Her mood was singularly expansive, but it could hardly be made to take in another strange Frenchwoman on come like this, so informally, ifheart of gold it is. And brave!-You Portland, Oregon. shall judge: A good-for-nothing instrong. He resists. My little Christhe blow he had dealt!' Amazing! vainly, teach me-yes, Mademoiselle?' exclaimed the girl, turning aside to dame; smiles which give way sudden-

Crussol's old eyes are twinkling and successfully yes?" he meets his wife's ironical glance with composure. "But in his soul he mad with happiness. She-the sol broke it. haughty little Americaine of the Quai Saint Michel, after refusing her name bleu," he said softly. And then, with kinds repaired. Prices right. and address, after spurning and hu- an irrepressible chuckle, "The pity 164 8th St., bet. Coml. and Duane Sts.

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sults a woman in the street this very his very stronghold; for under Maday. My Christophe, on his way dame Tournet's roof and in Madame home from the Beaux Arts, flies to Tournet's heart he reigns alone. You the rescue. The miserable (Chris- two shall be good friends, says the tophe will not tell me this, but well small old lady when they are seated I know it) the wretch is big, stout, about the table, the boy voluble, excited; the girl demure, as in a dream. tophe falls upon him. They fight. You will perfect her accent, Christo-The miscreant is vanquished. He is phe, which lacks a bit-oh, the vercarried away, half-dead from the fury lest trifle-of being purest Parisian. home to me, his arm broken-broken, you the English that Gertrude would

"They did teach each other a good hide the smiles from good old Ma- many things, you know," said Madame de Crusol a bit lamely, but her ly to dismay, for at this minute the old face was softly flushed. "No one door opens and there, his arm in a could be so cruel as to refuse Masling, stands the precious hero him- dame Tournet anything. And their studying so long and faithful together "He looks a bit foolish, this fire- accounts for their being able to coleating hero of his old aunt." De laborate in story-telling somewhat

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