

I hope I shall be able to hear what he has to say! (*Rousseau appears with his wife. Mme. du Brocard conceals herself behind the curtain.*)

DUPRÉ (*looking at her*)

Very good! But if these two want to hide themselves, I don't know where I shall put them!

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SCENE SIXTH.

DUPRÉ, ROUSSEAU AND MADAME ROUSSEAU.

ROUSSEAU

Sir, we are at our wits' end--Madame du Brocard, my sister-in-law, came this morning and told us all sorts of stories.

MME. ROUSSEAU

Sir, I am in the most serious alarm.

DUPRÉ (*offering her a seat*)

Pray be seated, madame.

ROUSSEAU

If all she says be true, my son is still in difficulties.

DUPRÉ

I pity you; I do indeed!

ROUSSEAU

It seems as if I should never get free! This unfortunate affair has lasted for six months, and it seems to have cut ten years off my life. I have been forced to neglect the most