

"Dear, generous girl," exclaimed Delmaine, clasping her to his heart, "this, indeed, is kind; but I cannot think of making you the victim of my follies. Let the fellow wait until it suits my convenience."

"That he certainly will not," replied Adeline, "for he threatened to summon you before the Juge de Paix, and you have yet to learn how apt people of that description are to decide every thing against a foreigner. But this is not all. Several other bills have been sent, of which you know nothing, since I would not give you pain by acquainting you with an evil that you could not remedy. I know not how it is, but they seem to be aware of your embarrassments, and are all equally pressing for money. Promise me," she pursued, in a tone of persuasion, "that you will make use of my jewels—you know you can return them to me when you get over your difficulties; and these, I am sure," she added, "would not be of long continuance, were you but to relinquish play."

"I will accept them, Adeline, if necessary, for I fully understand and appreciate your feeling in offering them; but the fact is, it now occurs to me, that De Forsac owes me a sum of money more than sufficient to defray these petty demands. I shall go to him immediately for it. This, at least, will do away the necessity for them for the present."

Adeline raised herself from his shoulder—gazed earnestly at him, and shook her head. "*Ne comptez pas là-dessus*," she murmured.

"And why not?" demanded Clifford, impetuously, as, with the rapidity of lightning, the recollection of the conversation between the two Englishmen flashed across his mind; but when he remarked the deep expression of interest on her countenance, and recalled the offer of sacrifice which she had just made, the unworthy suspicion was again dispelled. "We shall see," he added, after a pause, and rising to depart.

"You will dine with me?" said Adeline, inquiringly.

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