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(Concluded.)

I restrained the caustic jest that arose to my lips, and we proceeded in silence down the street. The boy, whom I had espied loitering in a doorway a little way ahead, as if the great bell above us which had just tolled 11 had drawn him out, peered at us a moment askance; and then, coming forward accosted us. But I need not detail the particulars of a conversation which was almost word for word the same as that which had passed in the Rue de la Pourpointerie; suffice it that he made the same request with the same frank audacity, and that granting it, we were in a moment following him up a similar staircase.

"This way, missieurs, this way!" he said; as he had on that other night, while we groped our way upward in the dark. He opened a door, and a light

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