

society, and the two Austrian princes, with the lightness of their age; indulged in some jocular remarks as to the disinterestedness of the poor woman and the royal reward which it had drawn upon her.

The grand-son of Louis XIV, turning towards them, rebuked them with the look and the tone of the great king. "I pity you, dear cousins, said he for not better understanding the nobleness of such an action. For my part, I esteem and respect the poor woman as much as a high born lady, and were I on the throne, I would have shown me royally still how much I appreciate her noble deed."

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