"What on earth d'ye call that thing?" I asked, poking with my stick at a bunch of grapes poised airily upon a brass stand.

"That thing," replied my cousin proudly, "is the very latest Parisian fashion in bonnets."

I sank back into the little lounge that ran along the side of the room—you couldn't insult anything so dainty with the name of 'shop"—and gazed upon its owner with an exclamation more profane than appropriate. It must at once be confessed that she was a charming object to gaze at. There was an expression of wicked amusement in her large gray eyes, and the black gown she wore in mourning for her husband—poor Jack Henderson, who was killed in the Soudan—set off the lines of her slender young figure, and threw her golden hair and fair skin prettily into relief.

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"Pull yourself together, my dear boy," she continued, opening the door of an old carved oak cabinet, "and I will show you something that even your crude male intellect will appreciate. If you don't say it's lovely I'll never let you inside the shop again. You may flatten your nose against the window, or stroll disconsolately up and down the street in vain! No more chats, no more teas in the back room!"

Mme. Destrier, of Oxford street, to enlighten them.

Missing Links.

Vincent Griest, of Lower Oxford, Pa., witnessed a combat between an owl and a smaller bird, and when the little one seemed to be getting the worst of the battle he went to her assistance. The owl thereupon attacked him and bit him in, the arm and face.

"Lady Loddington." gasped Nina, catching hold of the chair behind her. "Ronald, are you sure you aren't making any mistake?"

"I swear I'm not. Shehad on a frock the color of the bat, and she looked simply rippling. I paid her all the compliments I could think of in the five minutes I was talking to her."

"I application of the divers are wonderfully expert, and can remain under water for as much as two minutes before rising to the surface. The mortality among them is fearful, for the Gulf of California is infested with huge mantating sharks, which carry off scores of men every year."

"The cheat, the swindle of it!" cried my cousin, white with anger.

"My dear girl, calm yourself; I'm sorry for you, but great minds, as you know, will jump, and some other clever woman has had Child Before Christ and the Virgin.

'One does," I remarked, sotto voce.

down the street in vain! No more chats, no more teas in the back room!"

So saying, she lifted gingerly from the shelf a large hat, and planting it upon her pretty head turned triumphantly towards me. It was lovely—quite lovely—a sort of arrangement in amethyst velvet and feathers to mer assistance. The own thereupon attacked in many thin in the meeting of selectors in Regenstrometric to match. Being only a miserable and ignorant male, of course I can't describe it, but it was uncommonly becoming, and made Nina look like a Gainsborrough picture. I told her so and gushed over it sufficiently to satisfy her.

"It's my own idea, shape and all, and there isn't another like it in the world. I may possibly copy it, but I am not sure. It depends upon who buys it. How I wish you were a woman, Ronald!" she sighed regretfully, "and I would make you buy it for Assot to-morrow?"

"I'wis I were, my dear. But why don't you go and wear it yourseld!"

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Ascot to-morrow?"

"I wish I were, my dear. But why don't you go and wear it yourself?"

"Gracious! and leave the shop for a whole day at this early stage of its existence? You guardsmen have no more idea of business than a baby. No, I can't go; but I hope you'll have a lucky day and a good time, and, Ronald, dear, if you were nice you'd just look in one day soon and tell me what sort of day you had. Oh! and be sure you don't forget to notice what hats and bonnets people wore."

I promised to do my best and took my feave.

"What are you going to do this afternoon, Ronald?" asked my mother, three days later. "I wish you to come and call with me on the Vanderdeckens."

"I wish you dear mother: Promised to go and see Nina."

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time the fashion of having a menu has spread all over the civilized world.

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Can't, my dear mother. Promised to go and see Nina."

Visions of Miss Vanderdecken, rich as Croests, but oh! so deadly dull, hastened my movements, and I was half way to Oxford street before my mother could call me back.

I found Mme. Destrier, as my cousin calls herself, just parting with a customer. The hat was in her hand.

"I've sold it," she cried gleefully; "just sold it to that nice girl for five guineas."

"Awfully glad, I'm sure. But, my dear girl, I've a shock in store for you. I saw the requipment is of the simplest kind, consisting only of a basket hung around the neck, in which to collect the oysters, a knife to detach them from the rocks and a stone with a cord attached. When the diver goes down he takes the cord between his toes, the weight of the stone qarrying him at once to the bottom. He gathers over the dosy before yesterday."

"You couldn't, you couldn't! Who was wearing it?" she cried sharply.

"Lady Loddington."

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