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## MUSSELMAN

198 Dundas Street.

## The Queen's Veil.

He opened it and carefully removed  
it.

"A piece of madame's dress," he  
cried, in a gleeful tone, his eyes  
glittering. "The old cat! did she think  
to snare my poor little dove like this?"

He rang the bell, and sent the office  
boy to say to madame that she was  
wanted in the saloon.

She came, looking somewhat pale  
and troubled, and still rather sulky.

Monsieur bade her sit in a chair near  
him, and then began talking in his  
usual manner regarding some orders  
that he had received, but eyeing her  
critically from head to foot all the  
while.

Madame, however, finding the subject  
of conversation more agreeable  
than she had anticipated, regained  
her composure and conversed volubly.

Presently monsieur started, and  
bending toward her, said, with a pecu-  
liar gleam in his eyes:

"Madame has torn her gown."

"Ah, bah! It is nothing, monsieur—  
just a little catch. I have pieces, and  
it can easily be mended," she returned,  
flushing, and moving back a little  
from him.

Monsieur's white teeth gleamed in a  
smile that made her feel extremely  
uncomfortable.

"Perhaps I can fit the hole," he said,  
blandly, and producing a small bit of  
goods like her dress from his vest-  
pocket.

He reached out and took hold of it,  
and placed the bit over the hole.

It fitted exactly!

Madame grew pale, and began to  
tremble now. Monsieur produced both  
work-basket and pin-cushion, and  
with a face black with wrath, said:

"Madame, I have found the thief—  
you are the thief! You stole my lace,  
and sewed them in madame's  
jacket! Here is the thread that you  
used," and he produced the bastings  
that Tina pulled out, "and here in  
your basket I find exactly the same—  
red, blue and green. On your cushion  
are three needles, threaded with red,  
blue and green, and it is all alike, in  
my drawer, where I keep my fine Val-  
enciennes, I find a bit of your robe,  
that you have shut in and torn while  
on your vile mission—I take it out!  
I save it, I find a hole in your gown.  
I put the bit in, and it fits exactly,  
and so I catch my thief. Madame, you  
are the thief!"

CHAPTER XIV

With tears and abject supplications,  
Madame Fouchard admitted that she  
was the base schemer. Clinging to  
his knees, she begged forgiveness,  
and that he would not have her ar-  
rested.

Her pitiful appeal so moved him that  
he decided to be lenient, and still  
keep her in his employ. He com-  
manded her to keep the matter an  
entire secret.

"But how will monsieur have me  
explain, if the missing lace is in-  
quired for?" she asked.

"Say that I have found them—that  
they were mislaid; but not a word to  
betray where they were found, or I  
shall explain who put them there; and  
now you can send Francois to tell  
Mademoiselle Julia to return immedi-  
ately."

"Out, monsieur shall be obeyed,"  
tumbly replied the subdued woman,  
who then left the room, more thor-

oughly alarmed for her personal safety  
than she had ever been before dur-  
ing her life.

Monsieur sat for a long time, after  
she had left him, absorbed in thought,  
and there gradually grew upon his  
face a fierce, resolute expression, that  
told of some deep purpose which he  
was bent upon accomplishing.

Finally some slight movement in the  
adjoining room recalled him to him-  
self, and, rising, he returned to Tina.

She sat serenely looking out of the  
window, but turned her glance upon  
him, as he entered, meeting his eye  
with the same fearless, steady gaze  
as before, and he wondered how, with  
that innocent countenance, he could  
have believed her guilty for a single  
moment.

Monsieur cleared his throat, and  
shifted his glance from her to the  
street. The purpose he had in his  
heart did not serve to give him self-  
possession in her presence.

"Mademoiselle will pardon me for  
leaving her so long in suspense," he  
began, in a tone of regret, "but—I am  
deeply troubled on her account."

"Monsieur believes me guilty, then?"

Tina half-questioned, half-asserted, as  
she arose and stood proudly before  
him.

Her lips quivered slightly, her  
cheeks flushed to a deep crimson,  
while a scornful light flashed into her  
glorious eyes, which she kept fixed  
full upon his, and her look made the  
strong man cower in spite of himself.

"Ah! I do not like to say just  
that, mademoiselle; but—ah!—she can  
see for herself, that—that the whole  
affair looks badly. I employ madame's  
oiselle. I take her into my office,  
where she can easily have access to  
my saloon, where no one ever goes,  
save Mademoiselle Julie and myself.

Presently I miss my lace—never be-  
fore have any been lost—you say  
nothing—you look innocent as a lamb,  
while all the while they are nicely  
sewed into your jacket; Mon Dieu,  
more than a thousand francs' worth,  
and you just ready to walk out with  
them; it is bad, mademoiselle—very  
bad," he concluded, with a grave shake  
of his head and a searching look into  
her face.

Tina bowed coldly as he concluded  
his somewhat excited speech, but she  
was apparently as calm and unmoved  
as if she were merely discussing some  
point of concerning his work.

"What course will monsieur pursue?  
What will he do with me?" she asked  
in tones of ice.

His face flushed at the question—  
his eyes glittered.

"She was so really beautiful, stand-  
ing there in her innocence and pride,  
confronting him without a shadow of  
shrinking in either look or attitude,  
every feature lighted with conscious  
courage, yet with a little smile of  
scoffing curling her red lips, which told  
him he might do his worst, but she  
would 'die game,' that he was con-  
sumed with love for her.

"What course will I pursue—what  
will I do with you?" he repeated, im-  
passionately. "I will marry you, Tina,  
my darling; I will make you my wife,  
and crown you with the wealth of my  
love as wife was never crowned be-  
fore."

"I worship you wildly, madly—I  
cannot live without you; give your-  
self to me, and I will pardon every-  
thing, and this vile secret shall be  
ours alone."

He moved toward her with out-  
stretched arms, as if to infold her to  
him.

She stopped him mid-way with a  
look and gesture that he dare not dis-  
obey, while he marveled within him-  
self that it was in this delicate girl  
that he loved and mastered him so in  
spite of himself.

Her beautiful lips curled even more  
scornfully than before.

"Marry you and you will pardon,  
monsieur," she said, with a quiet sar-  
casm; that is to say you believe me  
guilty—you believe that I stole your  
lace; but—I am to buy your forgiveness  
by becoming your wife—I am to  
batter myself to save my reputation.

The man winced painfully—her  
words fell like so many blows upon his  
heart.

The color flamed into his face.

"No, no!" he cried, eagerly and re-  
morsefully; "I know you are innocent,  
and I did not believe you guilty from the  
first, and now I have discovered the real  
thief!"

"You have discovered the real thief,  
monsieur?" she repeated, with trem-  
bling lips.

"Yes, yes," he said, eager to win her  
to do anything to induce her to regard  
his suit favorably, "the thief is all ex-  
plained; some enemy did it, even as you  
thought, and you are free from all blame  
or suspicion."

The beautiful girl sank back into the  
chair from which she had risen, and  
faint from the sudden reaction, while a  
low sob burst from her.

She knew that this evidence was strong  
against her; she had feared the worst,  
and had braced herself to endure it—  
had called all her pride and spirit to her  
aid; but at this unexpected announce-  
ment—that her innocence had been proved  
and the real culprit discovered—her  
faith strength all forsook her, and the  
relief that she experienced, in such  
thankfulness, was more than she could  
bear with calmness.

Monsieur watched her with his heart  
in his eyes.

"Mademoiselle is glad—she is thank-  
ful to have the suspicion removed?" he  
asked, softly, after watching her a  
while in silence, and during which it had  
required all Tina's will force to keep from  
sobbing out her joy for what he had  
said.

"Very glad, very thankful, monsieur,"  
she said, gratefully, and then she con-  
tinued, in a tremulous tone, that thrilled  
him with a strange delight:

"Alone and friendless in the world, I  
should have been ruined by a charge so  
grave, and which I was utterly helpless  
to disprove."

"Alone, mademoiselle? Have you no  
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