

lectual society, and the ennobling pursuits of science. Let me hear no more, sir, of you and your employers." She rose like a queen, and bowed me out of the room. I declare to you, my flesh creeps when I think of her.'

'If I leave her now,' said Mr. Gallilee, 'I leave her in debt.'

'Give me your word of honour not to mention what I am going to tell you,' Mr. Mool rejoined. 'If she needs money, the best man in the world has offered me a blank cheque to fill in for her—and his name is Ovid Vere.'

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As the season advanced, two social entertainments which offered the most complete contrast to each other, were given in London on the same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Vere had a pleasant little dinner party to celebrate their return. Teresa (advanced to the dignity of housekeeper) insisted on stuffing the tomatoes and cooking the macaroni with her own hand. The guests were Lord and Lady Northlake; Maria and Zo; Miss Minerva and Mr. Mool. Mr. Gallilee was present as one of the household. While he was in London, he and his children lived under Ovid's roof. When they went to Scotland, Mr. Gallilee had a cottage of his own (which he insisted on buying) in Lord Northlake's park. He and Zo drank too much champagne at dinner. The father made a speech; and the daughter sang, 'We're gayly yet.'

In another quarter of London, there was a party which filled the street with carriages, and which was reported in the newspaper next morning,

Mrs. Gallilee was At Home to Science. The Professors of the civilised universe rallied round their fair friend. France, Italy, and Germany bewildered the announcing servants with a perfect Babel of names—and Great Britain was grandly represented. Those three superhuman men, who had each had a peep behind the veil of creation, and discovered the mystery of life, attended the party and became centres of three circles—the circle that believed in 'protoplasm,' the circle that believed in 'bioplasm,' and the circle that believed in 'atomised charges of electricity, conducted into the system by the oxygen of respiration.' Lectures and demonstrations went on all through