

that men never learn and consequently can never comprehend, of discovering all the little heart troubles of the people, who never kept their counsel from her, knowing from the past her sympathy with them, and her readiness to do them the good she might. So this time, saying nothing to us, she went to the shrewd fellow who got

day, noticing the two stakes, for they were well in sight, he got down from his horse, looked at the markings, and as if satisfied that his sister had done justly, he mounted and moved off with only a quiet little laugh.

Now there had long been a jealousy between the House of Aulnac and the House of Mornas whose



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the better of his bargain, as most do who make a barter of their charity, and taking some gold from her purse she handed it to him, and then going to the ends of the line that of old divided the holdings she drove in two stakes, and each of them were marked with an M. Neither of the men said anything to Henri, but next

castle lay but a small space to the south. There had been a time when the master of Mornas could command ten foot soldiers for every one of Aulnac's, and when his horsemen were the envy of all Southern France. But time is a fickle paymaster, and now and these ten years past, there was a rivalry as to whether Aulnac or