

LADY JANE.

CHAPTER XXII.

PAICHOUX MAKES A PURCHASE. "Just to think," said Pepsie to her mother, the next morning, "Madame Jozain wasn't the least anxious last night about Lady. I don't believe she cares for the child, or she'd never be willing to let her stay away from her the most of the time, she does. She's always fussing about her great overgrown son if he's out of sight."

done to get the child out of the clutches of such an aunt. "It seems dreadful," Madame Diane would say, sadly, "to leave her with that woman. I can't think she has any right to her; there's a mystery about it, and it ought to be investigated. Oh, mama dear, if we had some money I'd hire a lawyer to find out. If she really is the child's next-of-kin, I suppose she has a legal right to her, and that no one could oblige her to relinquish that right; but one might buy the child; I think she is just the woman to be moved by money. Oh, mama, if our claim had only gone through! If we'd only got what we ought to have had, I would try—if you had no objections—to get the child."

having such a valuable watch went against him. It seems like a providence, my getting it. I just happened to be passing the Recorder's Court, and, glancing in, I saw that precious rascal in the dock. I knew him, but he didn't know me. So I stepped in to see what the scrape was. It seems that he was arrested on the suspicion of being one of a gang who have robbed a number of jewelry stores. They couldn't prove anything against him on that charge; but the watch and chain puzzled the Recorder like the mischief. He asked Raste where he got it, and he was ready with his answer, "It belonged to my cousin who died some time ago; she left it to my mother, and my mother gave it to me."

woman, be on the alert for something that will give me a clue. "Oh, Paichoux, you don't know her. She's as close as the grave, and too cunning to betray herself. I'm always watching her, and I mean to keep on; but I don't think it's any use. I wish we could employ a detective to unravel the mystery." "Yes, yes; but that would cost a good deal, Modeste; let's wait awhile, something's going to turn up to put us on the right track."

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