

her young mistress had really lost her lawsuit, and that Maurice had found in wood-carving the means of buying back the domain of his ancestors. Maurice ever retained for his young wife an exalted feeling of gratitude; frequently it happened that in an intoxicated sense of happiness he blessed

her. '*Mon ami*,' she replied in such cases, 'it is not I that you should thank; I only indicated the way in which you were to go. It is work that you should bless; for it is through it that you have found again youth, love and happiness.'

THE END.