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pain of ridicule as distressing as if I wore dresses and infamous was her conduct. If only herself and ornaments, that my ugliness and deformity had been concerned, she would no doubt have wide by her fort long is printed to six would render absurd" I wonder, if I were now had the courage to risk all, rather than submit to colors: is mounted on rothers; shows plunged into the most cruel distress, whether I this adious despotism; but unfortunately, it was every state, must, important term should suffer as much as I do, on hearing of not so, and her spin would have caused the mor- very desirable and unsfal adjusts to Agricola's intended marriage? Would hunger, tal despair of another person whom she loved any household or business samblishcold, or misery diminish this dreadful dolor"- better than life itself. She resigned herself, Perchased is lots of 5,000 the maps or is it the dread pain that would make me for. therefore, not without cruel anguish, to abominy sent the Borington Boute scariy it get hunger, cold and misery?

"No, no, this irony is bitter. It is not well in me to speak thus. Why such deep grief? In what way have the affection, the esteem, the respect of Agricola, changed towards me? I com- vaguely, that the substitution of this sealed letter plain-but how would it be, kind heaven! if, as, for the manuscript would have fidal consequences against papal treases alas' too often happens, I were beautiful, loving, devoted, and he had chosen another, less beautiful, less loving, less devoted?-Should I not be a thousand times more unhappy? for theu I might, I would have to blame him-whilst now I can find no fault with him, for never having thought of a union which was impossible, because ridiculous. And had he wished it, could I ever have had the selfishness to consent to it? I began to write the first pages of this diary, as I began these last, with my heart steeped in bitternessand as I went on, committing to paper what I could have instrusted to no one, my soul grew calm, till Resignation came-Resignation, my chosen saint, who, smiling through her tears, suffers and loves, but hopes-never!"

These words were the last in the sjournal. It

was clear, from the blots of abundant tears, that the unfortunate creature had often paused to OPALINE weep.

In truth, worn out by so many emotions, Mother Bunch, late in the night, had replaced the book behind the card-board box, not that she thought it safer there than elsewhere (she had no suspicion of the slightest need for such precaution), but because it was more out of the way there than in any of the drawers, which she frequently opened in presence of other people. Determined to perform her courageous promise, and worthily accomplish her task to the end, she How to Obtain It : waited the next day for Agricola, and firm in her heroic resolution, went with the smith to M. Hardy's factory. Florine, informed of her departure, but detained a portion of the day in attendance on Mdlle. de Cardoville, preferred waiting for night to perform the new orders Perfect Satisfaction she had asked and received, since she had communicated by letter the contents of Mother Bunch's journal. Certain not to be surprised, she entered the workgirl's chamber, as soon as the night was come.

Knowing the place where she should find the manuscript, she went straight to the desk, took Address

sisterly to maternal love-forbidden to me, on she received, but she felt painfully how horrible able treachery.

> ac'ed, and this was particularly the case with re- limited gard to the abstraction of the journal, she foresaw Roote, Omaha, Nen for Mother Banch, for she remembered Redin's declaration, that " it was time to finish with the young sompstress."

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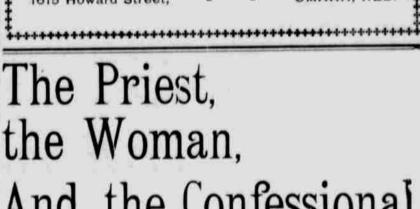
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