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“She was one of those pretty, charming young women born, as if by an error of Fate, into a petty official’s family.”

“ ‘Give the invitation to one of your colleagues whose wife will be better dressed than I would be.’ ”

“The day of the party arrived. Madame Loisel was a great success.”

“Madame Loisel came to know the awful life of the poverty-stricken.”

“ ‘Oh my poor, poor Mathilde! Mine was false.’ ”