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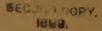
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## RETRANSLATION INTO FRENCH.

#### EXERCISE I. Page 13, lines 6-20.

"The time is come, Germain, when you 1 must think of 3 marrying again." You owe it to yourself and to us." "Well," replied Germain, "if it must be-so (le), I will try to please you. But I had rather b drown myself than (de) take another wife. It is not easy to find another like her (whom) I have lost. I have had the misfortune to lose her, but I do not believe that I shall ever come to forget her. What other woman could be as beautiful and gentle, as courageous and skillful, as good to her children and () husband? Never shall I forget her, and no other can take her place in my heart."

1. Use vous, generally, in these exercises. 2. à, with infin. 3. Comp. verb. 4. tâcher de. 5. aimermieux. 6. Not elle. 7. Pres. subj. 8. remplacer.

#### EXERCISE II. 14, 3–15.

"I will render you the justice, Germain, to' say that you have never disobeyed (à) my counsels. You have always done my will, and I believe () you will now yield to my good reasons. When I say that you ought to marry again, I

\* The sign() indicates that something is to be supplied; [], that something is to be omitted. Italics call attention to special idioms. A note once given will not, generally, be repeated.

do not mean that you shall take a wife who does not suit <sup>2</sup> you. A young girl is not what you need, but a good woman of about the same age as yourself, who will not find you too old and will know-how-to <sup>3</sup> rear your children. If a woman finds <sup>4</sup> that a burden, and if <sup>6</sup> she complains of it, <sup>6</sup> you will suffer, and your children too. A young girl would not easily accept such a duty. A wife must <sup>7</sup> be neither too young nor too old for her husband."

I. de. 2. convenir à. 3. savoir. 4. tenir pour. 5. que, with subj. 6. en. 7. il faut que.

## Exercise III. 18, 2-27.

"I know the daughter of a friend of mine<sup>1</sup> who would suit you perfectly. She<sup>3</sup> is a young widow, whose money would be very useful in your little family. You must try to please her and *make her*<sup>3</sup> please you." "But I have never seen her, and I have not (the) time to go [to] see her." "If you know what you want, there is no need<sup>4</sup> to lose much time. Next<sup>5</sup> Saturday, if you start in the afternoon, you will reach<sup>6</sup> her house by night. Put on your new clothes and take the young mare—a suitor should have a good appearance. I will send some game, which you shall present from me. You will stay there all-day Sunday, and receive your answer before<sup>7</sup> leaving Monday morning."

1. un de, etc. 2. Not elle. 3. Trans. by subj. 4. il faut. 5. prochain. 6. arriver chez. 7. avant de.

EXERCISE IV. 18, 30-19, 19.

Though he consented to what his father-in-law said,<sup>1</sup> Germain was not at all satisfied. He had married at 'twenty () and had never loved any other [woman] than his wife. Since her death he had remained faithful to the memory of *her* whom he had loved so much, and he wept-for her often in secret. Solitude was beginning to weigh upon him; yet the idea of a new marriage frightened him. "Love," said he to himself, "might<sup>2</sup> console me if it came upon me by surprise,<sup>8</sup> but not otherwise. To seek it is <sup>4</sup> to find it not." These unknown projects, which Father Maurice had shown him, made him reflect; and, though he struggled no longer, he suffered with a deep pain.

I. Subject after verb. 2. pouvoir, cond. 3. Tr. by verb. 4. c'est.

### Exercise V. 20, 3-32.

() Old mother Guillette had come to Father Maurice's to get' some fire, and was chatting with his wife when he entered. "I was just asking your wife," said the old [lady], "if Germain has finally decided' to marry again." Tell me the truth; I will not abuse your confidence." "Yes," answered the old [man], "he has made-up his-mind; " tomorrow he is going to see a widow who lives at Fourche." "Why, how well that suits me! There is an affair in which you can oblige me much if you will." "What is it?" "Will you permit Germain to take my daughter Marie with him? She is going to enter service near Fourche. The time is come when she must earn her living."

1. chercher. 2. reflexive. 3. se résoudre. 4. Say: how . . . well.

# Exercise VI. 22, 5-20; 23, 10-15.

"It will give me pleasure to' consent to that," answered Father M. "Your daughter is still young, but she is old enough to' work, and she must learn a business by serving others." "Yes, she has already engaged herself and will be ready to start to-morrow. But I should fear to' send her so far all alone. I hope () your son-in-law will take her as-faras' Fourche, since he is going there. But there is Germain himself, *coming-in* to supper; I will ask him (it)." Ger-

main replied that he would do it willingly. So, the next day Marie, weeping, embraced her weeping mother and gotup behind on the mare. "Good-bye, my dear daughter," sobbed <sup>4</sup> the old woman; "be good, and save your shoes as much as you can."<sup>b</sup>

1. do. 2. pour. 3. jusqu'à. 4. Say: said (in) sobbing. 5. Future. Use tu here.

#### EXERCISE VII. 26, 5-34.

When Marie had dried her tears, and ' they were chatting together, suddenly something in the bush(es) frightened the mare. "Let us see what ' it is," said Marie. Germain dismounted, and there in a ditch, covered with thick leaves, was-sleeping his little boy. The child opens *his* eyes and smiles on his father. Then he throws his arms around his neck and says tenderly : "() dear father, take me with you." I went-to-sleep here while waiting-for you." "But were you a not afraid () a wolf would eat you? If we had passed without seeing you, what would have *become of you*?<sup>6</sup> But I cannot take you; grandma does not wish it. Come, let me kiss ' you, and tell Marie good-bye." Then the child began to ' cry.

1. et que. 2. ce que. 3. Use tu. 4. craindre—the neg. question is here equivalent to an affirmative. 5. devenir, with personal subject. 6. Subjunctive. 7. à.

#### EXERCISE VIII. 28, 21-29, 10.

The little [fellow] clung to Marie's skirt so strongly that it would have been impossible to loose him from-it ' without hurting ' him. Clasping ' her hand in his, ' he begged her to take his part, well knowing that her good heart could not resist (à) his prayer. "Come, Germain," said she, "let us take the poor little fellow. See how he is weeping. He asks your pardon for ' having disobeyed your wish, and will never do it again;"—and she put his little brown hand in his father's and drew them both 'gently towards the mare. Already tears in Germain's eyes were showing that he would yield. "Ah! Marie," said he, placing the little fellow tenderly on the goat-skin saddle, "you are spoiling *me* that chap."

1. en. 2. The double (implied) neg. = affirmative. 3. serrer. 4. plural. 5. de. 6. tous (les) deux.

#### EXERCISE IX. 31, 13-29.

Before noon the little fellow had fallen asleep <sup>1</sup> quietly in Marie's arms. About two<sup>2</sup> o'clock they arrived at a little inn, where they dined and rested <sup>3</sup> more *than* an hour. Starting again on the road, in order not to fatigue the child too-much,<sup>4</sup> Germain proceeded very slowly, so that night *had* almost come when they entered the avenue that led to the wood(s). Germain knew only the high-road <sup>6</sup> which he had often followed, () going to the fair. This time he tried a shorter road; so that it was already quite dark when they reached the great forest. Having entered it <sup>6</sup> by an unknown road, he went astray <sup>7</sup> without perceiving it, and could no longer find-his-way.<sup>6</sup> A thick fog was rising, which <sup>9</sup> rendered the darkness still more deceptive.

1. s'endormir. 2. vers les, etc. 3. se reposer. 4. ne pas trop, before the verb. 5. la grand'route. 6. y. 7. se tromper. 8. s'orienter. 9. ce qui.

#### Exercise X. 33, 1-20.

"We are lost,"<sup>1</sup> said Marie. "We must get-down. The *rising*<sup>2</sup> fog prevents you from seeing clearly on horseback."<sup>3</sup> When they *had* alighted she took the child and covered him gently under her cape, while Germain led<sup>4</sup> the mare by the bridle. The fog increased<sup>4</sup> and spread over the damp ground. They walked painfully, seeking a dry spot, which they found at last under a large oak. Without

complaining of anything, Marie busied herself to <sup>5</sup> care-for the child. Seated on the dry sand and arranging her cape over him, she had soon put-him-to-sleep <sup>6</sup> on her knees. Meantime Germain had tied the gray-mare to a tree. But she, <sup>7</sup> very tired of this trip, broke-loose, <sup>6</sup> and freeing herself from the reins, started off in the road by which she had come. Germain tried in vain to catch her.

I. Use voilà. 2. Use relative. 3. à cheval. 4. Imperfect. 5. à soigner. 6. endormir. 7. celle-ci. 8. se détacher.

#### Exercise XI. 34, 1-28.

"Well, we must be patient," said Marie. "This little hill is not so bad. These thick leaves protect us from the rain, and with a few old dry chunks we can soon kindle *a* fire." "But I have no fire," said Germain. "The mare has carried off my tinder-box, which was in my bag on the saddle." "Why, blind [fellow] that you are, there they all are,<sup>1</sup> almost under your eyes. The gray threw off everything when she started. Now if you [will] pick-up<sup>3</sup> some dry wood, while I make a bed for the child, we shall soon dry ourselves." "But with what will you make him a bed?" "With the saddle; that<sup>3</sup> is not hard to do. Turn it upside down and prop<sup>4</sup> it up with small stones. Now, wrap me his feet in your cloak; and see! *the thing's done.*"

1. Use voilà. 2. ramasser. 3. ce (or ça). 4. Note pron. object with successive imperatives.

# Exercise XII. 38, 7-39, 8.

"I have never met *any* girl smarter than you," said Germain, quite surprised. "You were-crying like a child when you left ' home, but neither your grief nor your youth prevents ' you from thinking of others more than of yourself.  $He^{3}$ 'll be *no fool* that chooses you for his wife. You are a good girl and deserve a good husband. Tell me, do you know any one who would please you?" "I could not tell you that, Germain, for I have never yet thought of marrying." "But you are old enough. Why have you never thought of it?" "I cannot think of it until 'I have money enough to go-to-housekeeping." "I will make you a present of it, provided () 'Father Maurice [will] give it to me. Nobody will suppose that  $I^7$  have "the intention—" "Your child has waked up," said Marie suddenly.

I. partir de. 2. Number? 3. Not il. See grammar for celui or celui-là. 4. Infin. 5. que . . . ne with subj. 6. pourvu que, with subj. 7. moi. 8. Subjunctive. 9. brusquement.

# Exercise XIII. 41, 17-36.

The little fellow raised his head, rubbing <sup>1</sup> his eyes, and looking-at them both with an astonished air. "I had forgotten to say my prayer," said he; "I did not think of it before I went<sup>2</sup>-to-sleep. I want<sup>8</sup> to say it now, but I cannot<sup>4</sup> unless<sup>5</sup> Marie [will] help me a little." Then, kneeling before her, he joins his little hands and begins to recite his evening prayer. At first he repeats, all by-himself,<sup>6</sup> what he knows of it. But reaching some words which he has forgotten, he stops <sup>7</sup> and waits for <sup>8</sup> Marie to dictate them to him. Soon sleep overcomes him again. Marie repeats the words to him two or three times, but in vain. His head falls upon her breast ; his hands relax, his eyes close, and he is fast<sup>9</sup> asleep,<sup>10</sup> while Marie holds him gently in her arms.

1. frotter. 2. Infin. 3. vouloir. 4. Supply *it*. 5. sans que. 6. seul. 7. Reflexive. 8. que with subj. 9. profondement. 10. dormir.

# Exercise XIV. **42**, 3–21.

This touching spectacle inspired Germain with so much gratitude that he sought vainly to find words that could ' express what he thought of it.' Approaching Marie, he pressed his lips to the brow of the sleeping child, whom she still held

upon her bosom. "Don't kiss him so hard," said Marie; "I am afraid () you will wake him. Let him [alone], I will put him to bed again." But the child, already half<sup>3</sup> awaked, opened his eyes, as she laid him down, and fixed them silently for a moment upon the thick branches that hung<sup>4</sup> over him, as if he were-dreaming. Then suddenly, seeming to recall<sup>5</sup> a forgotten idea, he stammered<sup>6</sup> slowly: "Father, I beg you that little Mary may be my new mother—" and was asleep again.

1. Subjunctive. 2. Distinguish penser de, penser à. 3. à demi. 4. pendre. 5. rappeler. 6. balbutier.

#### EXERCISE XV. 47, 11-27.

After 11 o'clock<sup>1</sup> the stars began to shine through the *scattering*<sup>2</sup> fog, and from time to<sup>8</sup> time the moon, showing herself from behind the clouds, made the beech-trees shine<sup>4</sup> like rows of white ghosts. The frogs, at first frightened to silence, began to accustom themselves to the sight of the fire and to utter a few timid notes, which soon increased<sup>5</sup> more and more. Tired of solitude, and of his [own] disquieting<sup>9</sup> thoughts, Germain sought to amuse himself by<sup>7</sup> singing. Without confessing it he hoped also to awake Marie. When he saw that she had risen, he approached her and said : "Let us start<sup>8</sup> again. Soon it will be<sup>9</sup> so cold here that it will be impossible to stand it, and when the moon sets, we shall no longer be able to find-our-way.<sup>10</sup> Perhaps we<sup>11</sup> shall find some house."

I. heures. 2. Use relat. pron. 3. from . . . to, de . . . en. 4. Say: made shine, the verbs standing together. 5. croître de . . en . . In this descriptive passage use impf. tense. 6. inquiéter. 7. à. 8. se remettre, etc. 9. Not être. 10. se conduire. 11. Position?

#### EXERCISE XVI. 47, 33-48, 20.

Marie was still very *sleepy*, yet she obeyed Germain's wish without saying *anything*. The latter, taking in his arms his

still sleeping son, approached Marie, and covered her with his cloak, since her cape remained still wrapped around the child. But this sweet contact made () poor Germain<sup>1</sup> lose his head. At one moment<sup>2</sup> he left her quite uncovered;<sup>4</sup> at the next<sup>2</sup> he drew her so close to him that she dared not let him<sup>1</sup> see<sup>4</sup> how surprised and offended she was. As for<sup>6</sup> Germain, he did not know what was happening<sup>6</sup> to him. At last a light, which he perceived in-front-of<sup>7</sup> them, recalled him to himself. "Here is a house," cried he. But it was the same fire () he had himself lighted. After two hours [of] walk they found themselves again at the point from which<sup>8</sup> they *had* started.

I. Indirect. 2. tantôt. . . tantôt. 3. déconvrir. 4. faire voir. 5. quant à. 6. arriver. 7. devant. 8. d'où.

#### Exercise XVII. 51, 26-52, 5.

Marie put the little one again <sup>1</sup> to bed, but neither she nor Germain could sleep [any] more. Germain seated himself [with] *his* back turned to Marie, so that she could not guess what he was doing nor what <sup>2</sup> he was thinking about. As she dared not ask him (it) and <sup>3</sup> could not go to sleep, she busied herself with watching the child, whom Germain seemed to have entirely forgotten. But Germain was not asleep *either*.<sup>4</sup> As he reflected on his lot, a mountain of sorrow seemed to weigh upon his heart. He wished he *had* never been <sup>6</sup> born. He would have wept if he could, <sup>6</sup> as he thought of the wife he had lost, of *the one* he was going to seek against-his-will, <sup>7</sup> and of little Marie whom he had to giveup; <sup>8</sup> and—what was worst—his pain was mingled with <sup>9</sup> anger against himself.

1. Compound re-. 2. quoi. 3. et que. 4. non plus. 5. Infin. 6. Say: if he had been able. 7. malgré lui. 8. renoncer à. 9. de.

Exercise XVIII. 52, 6-35.

Day having come, they prepared ' to finish their journey. Germain knew not what ' to say to Marie; so he kept-silent. They came out of the woods, without knowing in what direction to start.' A woodman happening ' to pass, Germain explained to him where each wished to go, and asked him to show them the right way, which ' he did. '' You have only to pass a little stream down-yonder,'' ' said he, '' and you will soon see the two houses, which are, moreover, very near (to) each other.'' Then he added ': '' Have you, perhaps, lost a horse? There is in my yard a gray mare which seems to have taken refuge ' there for fear of the wolves. Come; if she is yours, you shall take her.'' Germain followed the woodman to the shed, where they found the gray, who pricked '-up her ears and neighed '' joyously on recognizing her master.

1. s'apprêter à. 2. que. 3. Say: they should (devoir) start. 4. venir à. 5. ce que. 6. là-bas. 7. ajouter. 8. se refugier. 9. dresser. 10. hennir.

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Exercise XIX. 56, 1-22.

Having arrived at<sup>1</sup> the Guérins', Germain was presented to the young widow whom he had come to see. Though she was neither old nor ugly, she was neither as young nor as pretty as little Marie, and in<sup>2</sup> Germain's eyes her free manners and bold pleasantry did not suit her age or condition.<sup>3</sup> She was seated at a table, surrounded by three suitors, who were eating and drinking as if they were there for the whole day. Germain was forced to sit down with them and to take part in <sup>2</sup> the conversation. The table was loaded with fine plate, which the widow seemed to love to display.

Germain seated himself opposite to her and entertained her the best he could, though he felt ill at ease. The old man addressed him rough <sup>4</sup> jokes, while the three rivals exchanged with each other <sup>6</sup> secret glances of disdain.

1. chez. 2. à. 3. l'état. 4. lourd. 5. entre eux; or use l'un and l'autre.

### Exercise XX. 57, 2-22.

Though laughing ' at all her father's follies, as if she had admired them, the widow did not fail ' to encourage Germain in a manner which embarrassed him greatly. She smiled, and sighed, and cast down her eyes in speaking to him, as if she were already in-love ' with him. But this was, for him, a reason the more ' for keeping himself on the defensive, and he took good care ' not to commit himself. When the time came to go to mass, he was as tired of the widow as of his long journey, and would have much preferred to take a good nap; but he had to go with the others. The road was crowded with people, and the widow walked [with] a high head, like a queen escorted by her retinue. Germain refused to join ' her train and walked aside with the old man, conversing with him as if they formed no ' part of the company.

1. tout en. 2. manquer de. 3. amoureux de. 4. de plus. 5. se garder bien de. 6. se joindre à. 7. Negative with the verb.

#### Exercise XXI. 59, 25–60, 10.

When they had returned <sup>1</sup> from mass, Germain told the widow's father that he had not come to <sup>2</sup> ask his daughter in marriage, but to buy a pair of oxen, if he could find any <sup>3</sup> that would suit his father-in-law. The old man seemed much surprised, but he replied quietly that if Germain really wished to buy oxen, they would go *and* see them, whether they made the bargain or not. Germain begged that he should not disturb ' himself; '' for,'' said he, '' I know where to find the beasts;'' and he started-off alone toward a meadow where, in fact, he had seen some oxen *grazing*.' '' I know,'' thought he, '' that Father Maurice wishes to buy some, and if I carry-back to him a fine pair at a lower price than he would buy ' them at the fair, he will better pardon me for having missed the true object of my journey.''

1. être de retour. 2. pour. 3. en. 4. Subjunctive. 5. paître. 6. Use ne, after comparative.

#### EXERCISE XXII. 60, 11-27.

But it was the hope of seeing little Marie again, not ' of buying oxen, that made him walk so fast. He believed that he had driven-away the thought of possessing her, but he was mistaken. All that he had just seen—this idle and silly life, so different from his own—what he had seen and heard of city ' manners—this woman at once vain and foolish, whom the others encouraged in her habits of pride and coquetry in a word, ' all that he had had ' to undergo for some hours gave Germain a profound disgust, which now increased his desire to be once more with Marie and the little [boy]. Not that ' he was in love with her—so he ' tried to persuade himself—but he needed ' her to restore his spirits. But in vain he ' searched in the fields where he thought they must ' be ; he saw them nowhere. He thought only of them, and quite forgot the oxen he had come to find.

1. Pas, or non pas. 2. Plural. 3. enfin. 4. devoir. 5. Ce n'était pas que, with subj. 6. Position? 7. avoir besoin de.

#### EXERCISE XXIII. 64, 10-36.

Suddenly the noise of an approaching <sup>1</sup> horse made *Germain arrest* his steps. It was the farmer with<sup>2</sup> whom Marie had entered (into) service. Germain did not know him, but an instinct told him that it was he. He turned and

waited for him to come up.<sup>3</sup> The latter asked Germain if he had seen a young girl pass on the road. Germain angrily <sup>4</sup> asked what he wanted with her. The man replied quietly that it was a servant-girl he had hired for the year without having seen her, but whom he had dismissed because she seemed too young; that in leaving she had been so hurried that she had forgotten her purse, which he wished to restore to her if he met her. This story seemed probable enough, and Germain would not have <sup>5</sup> hesitated to believe it if something in the man's look had <sup>5</sup> not inspired *him with* a terrible suspicion.

1. Not pres. part. 2. chez. 3. arriver, subj. 4. Say: with anger. 5. Use plup. subj.

#### Exercise XXIV. 65, 16-66, 8.

At this moment Germain noticed a bush which seemed to shake violently. Immediately he saw his little son come-out, leaping <sup>1</sup> like a kid; but on seeing the farmer the child turned as if to run away.<sup>2</sup> Germain leaped from his horse and caught him in his arms. "Of what are you afraid?" said he. "I am afraid of that bad man, and Marie too. She is hiding there in those bushes, because she fears to meet him." But as soon<sup>3</sup> as she heard Germain's voice, Marie came running, and throwing herself in his arms, she clung to him without uttering a word. Germain looked-at her pale face, her soiled ' and torn dress, her eyes all trembling and full of tears; but she returned his look with a tender <sup>5</sup> confidence, in which 6 was no trace of shame. "Here-is your master," said he, "who was looking-for you." "My master," she answered, raising herself with a proud b dignity; "he' is not my master ! You,<sup>8</sup> you only, will I serve."

1. Not by en, unless referring to subject. 2. s'enfuir. 3. dès que. 4. salir. 5. Emphatic position. 6. où. 7. Emphatic pron.; or ça, to express contempt. 8. Emphatic, c'est, etc.

# Exercise XXV. 70, 15-35.

Two days after the events that we have related, our little company returned to the farm. Germain had renounced (à) his marriage with the fair widow. Marie, brutally maltreated by the man with ' whom she had wished to enter into service, had made her escape ' and (had) rejoined ' Germain. During their return, which was short, because the gray knew the way to ' her stable, they hardly spoke *to each other*.' The child slept peacefully, without even once waking ' till ' they reached the farm-house. Germain made the best explananations () he could,' recounting the widow's coquetry. To this Father Maurice said gravely: '' I don't say () you were '' wrong, Germain.'' Then, when Germain related the insults *from which* he had rescued Marie, the old man added: '' You were right, Germain ''; and he and his old woman looked-at each other, got-up, and went-out together.

1. chez. 2. s'enfuir. 3. se rejoindre à. 4. de. 5. Reflexive. 6. jusqu'à ce que. 7. Subjunctive—usually. 8. Perf. subj.

#### Exercise XXVI. 71, 12-36.

Germain plunged back into work, vainly seeking a remedy for his misfortunes.<sup>1</sup> In vain <sup>3</sup> he resolved neither to speak to little Marie nor even to look at her; he could not help <sup>3</sup> thinking about her. The more he thought, the less hope he <sup>4</sup> found. Besides, he feared that Marie and her mother might suffer, as she was earning <sup>5</sup> nothing. But they did not suffer at all. In a way which Mother Guillette did not understand, there was always wood under her shed and [there were] potatoes in her barn. This miracle at once disturbed and delighted the good old woman. She doubted not that it was <sup>6</sup> the devil himself; but she dared not say so, for fear of being considered <sup>7</sup> a witch. " It will be time to summon the

priest,'' said she to-herself, '' when Satan comes to claim my soul.'' Marie knew better who it was, but she pretended to know nothing,<sup>\*</sup> and said *not a word*.<sup>\*</sup>

1. mal. 2. Use avoir beau. 3. s'empêcher de. 4. Say: the less ... of hope. 5. gagner. 6. Subjunctive. 7. de peur que l'on, etc. 8. rien may precede infin. 9. ne ... mot.

## Exercise XXVII. 72, 1-34.

One day, Germain being alone with his mother-in-law, she said to him gently: "My poor boy, what is the matter<sup>1</sup> with you? I see, you suffer.<sup>2</sup> Of what do you complain? Who of us has given you pain?" "I complain of nothing; no one at home has done me any harm," answered he. "In that case, it is still worse,"<sup>\*</sup> replied she. "You are grieving<sup>4</sup> again over the death of your wife. It is absolutely necessary that you marry again." "Yes, that is what I should like to do; but among the women you have recommended to me I find no one that suits me. The more I see them, the more I think of my Catherine." "Then, Germain, if we cannot help you, you must *yourself* help *yourself*. Find, if you can, the woman God has made for you." "I have found her already," stammered he; "but *she will not have me*. That's<sup>5</sup> what's *the matter*."<sup>1</sup>

1. avoir. 2. How otherwise, if the comma is omitted? 3. pis. 4. s'affiger de. 5. Use voilà, or c'est là, etc.

# Exercise XXVIII. 74, 18-75, 12.

When Mother Maurice learned that it was old Guillette's little Marie, ' she was greatly surprised. She did not imagine that a poor girl (), ' to whom Germain did so much honor by seeking her, could have '' refused him. After a few moments of silence she asked him what reasons Marie had given. "That she did not wish to displease a family to which her [own] owed so much." "But has she told you

that she will marry you if we consent to it?'' "That's the worst [of it], mother. She does not even ' say that she loves me.'' "For my part <sup>b</sup> I think she says that only <sup>e</sup> to keepyou-off, because she fears to offend us. Come, Germain; promise not to torment yourself about-it <sup>7</sup> for a whole week, and I will see what we can do.'' Germain gave the promise without much <sup>e</sup> believing that he could <sup>e</sup> keep it, and waited as patiently as he could, forcing himself to seem more quiet than he () <sup>10</sup> really was.

I. See p. 73, l. 32. 2. Note position and connection of adjectives. 3. Subj. 4. même pas. 5. Say: for me. 6. ne. . . que . . . pour. 7. en. 8. trop. 9. Use two forms, infin. and subj. IO. le.

### Exercise XXIX. 75, 14-76, 4.

Finally, one morning, going to mass, Mother Maurice asked him: "When did ' you speak to Marie for the last time?" "It was when we were going to Fourche. That is the only time ( ) I have spoken. I should prefer<sup>2</sup> never to speak again [rather] than to hear her<sup>3</sup> say again that she does not want 4 me." "Well, speak to her once more. Your fatherin-law and I have made-up-our-minds<sup>5</sup> to it, and we insist-on it. How do you hope to persuade her, unless <sup>6</sup> you speak to her?" Germain answered nothing. The next day, with downcast' eyes and palpitating heart, poor Germain starts to little Marie's. He finds her sitting alone by the fire, sewing \* and singing to herself in ' [a] low voice. When she sees him enter, she lets fall what she was sewing and becomes red as a rose. "Those at home," says he, "have sent me to ask you to marry me. You will not do it, I know; 10 but I must obey them, and I await your answer."

I. Use perfect tense. 2. aimer mieux. 3. The clause following is direct object. 4. vouloir de. 5. se décider. 6. sans with infin., or si (usually without pas). 7. baissé. 8. coudre. 9. à. 10. Supply *it.* 

#### EXERCISE XXX. 76, 18.

Marie tried to answer; then, all trembling, she dropped her eyes and kept silent. "Is it for fear of me that you tremble?" said Germain. "Do not be afraid.' I will go." But without speaking, her face still averted, Marie stretched out her hand to him. Not daring to take her hand, poor Germain continued: "Yes, I see you pity me; but why 2 will you not love me?" Then, his tongue suddenly loosed \*: "O! Marie, how I have suffered<sup>4</sup> since that night () we were together in the woods ! I came near kissing you while you were-asleep, but I should have died of shame if I had done it. Since then I have kissed you a thousand times in my dreams, while you slept without thinking of me. And now if you did but<sup>5</sup> look-at me once, you would make me die of joy." Little Marie did not cease to tremble; but, suddenly turning, she raised towards him her eyes, all filled with tears: "Ah, Germain," she sobbed, "can you then not guess?"

1. avoir peur. 2. que, without pas. 3. délier. 4. Present. 5. ne faire que.

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