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CHAPTER IX-CONTIXUED.
She brushed her cheeks with the po She bru bed her cheeks with the po
pies. and for a trief second the towe
threv a most beautiful color over $h$ "What was your cbject in climbing
 ceived his answer. "Madam, it was.
jest between me and some maids." had aimoent said serving-maids, but
thought of "Between you and some maids? Yalintly contemptuous. "Explain, for
helieve an explanation is due me."
His gaze was foreed to rove again

 in that past, however, of which 1 need
be ashameded,-"and unconsciously
his "Is your naime Osborne?"
"No. Mado. it is not. For my
familys salke, I have tried to forget

 will be seen that my hero hadn't had
muth experienee with women. She
knew nother
 that, hat he been coarse in appear-
ance, she would have had anything to do with him. .).
 "What a beaty!" he exclaimed en-
thusistacallyy torgetting that rooms
should be ntterly without onhussiasm







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