

Literary.

"The Prince and the Jeweler." At the door of the Jeweler's shop, a splendid equipage drove up to a door, and a tall, important-looking gentleman alighted from it. He wanted a set of lady's diamond ornaments, a complete wedding-outfit. The price was fixed at a hundred thousand francs. He made a choice of one, said he could grant but five thousand francs. "Who will fix the price of the box?" "You, sir," coolly replied the Jeweler. "Yes, you do, sir." "I am quite serious, I would willingly pay a good water that you will value the box at five hundred thousand francs." M. T. directed at the two witnesses a look which seemed to say the man is mad, but the Jeweler added: "I am sure that you will. But first of all I have to acquaint you with a little circumstance connected with this box, which will enable you to perceive its real value."

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