INT JEWELERS MORNING

The next day they take the box that had held the necklace to the jeweller whose name was inside. He consults his books.

JEWELLER 1

It was not I who sold this necklace, Madame; I must have merely supplied the clasp.

Then they go from jeweller to jeweller, searching for another necklace like the first, consulting their memories, both ill with remorse and anguish of mind.

INT PALAIS-ROYAL JEWELLER MORNING

The Loisels find a string of diamonds which is exactly like the one they have lost. It costs forty thousand francs. They bargain with the proprietor.

M LOISEL

We have a pressing need to acquire this necklace but fear the price is beyond us. Is it possible, monsieur, that you can give us a price that is nearer to our means?

JEWELLER 2

The best price I can do is thirty-six thousand francs.

M LOISEL

We do not have access to the money at this moment. If you can put the necklace aside for us for three days, I will guarantee to have the money to you.

JEWELLER 2

It is possible, monsieur.

MME LOISEL

And if the necklace we have lost is found, is it possible that we can return this one without penalty?

JEWELLER 2

I am prepared to take it back for thirty-four thousand, if the first is found before the end of February.