

5 -- A BOOK-LOVER

Tom Orgreave, with the gestures of a precisian, drew a bunch of keys from his pocket, and unlocked a rosewood bookcase that stood between the two windows. Jimmie winked to Johnnie, and included Edwin in the fellowship of the wink, which meant that Tom was more comic than Tom thought, with his locked bookcases and his simple vanities of a collector. Tom collected books. As Edwin gazed at the bookcase he perceived that it was filled mainly with rich bindings. And suddenly all his own book-buying seemed to him petty and pitiful. He saw books in a new aspect. He had need of no instruction, of no explanation. The amorous care with which Tom drew a volume from the bookcase was enough in itself to enlighten Edwin completely. He saw that a book might be more than reading matter, might be a bibelot, a curious jewel, to satisfy the lust of the eye and of the hand. He instantly condemned his own few books as being naught; he was ashamed of them. Each book in that bookcase was a separate treasure.

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الألفاظ والعبارات :

With the gestures of a precisian	بمنتهى التؤدة ، بغاية العناية
A bunch of keys	مجموعة مفاتيح
To wink	غمزه بعينه
Vanities	غرور
Collector of books	هاوي تجميع الكتب
To gaze at	حدق في
The amorous care	العناية الفائقة
To enlighten him completely	لتفهمه تماما
Bibelot	تحفة
To satisfy the lust of the eye and the hand	لارضاء شهوة العين واليد