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"Yes, sir, I should like a carriage."

"Well, you shall have one, if you choose, and the best horses, too, if you pay for them."

The Captain expressed the step to be entirely agreeable to him, and the landlord, with a bow, left the room. The Captain, with a sigh, seated himself in the easy chair, and the widow, with a smile, opened the conversation by remarking that it was a very pleasant day.

"Very pleasant, indeed, sir, and I am very happy to see you in Venice."

"Thank you, ma'am, I should be happy to see Venice under more favorable circumstances."

"Why, sir, I should think the sight of Venice would be a sufficient compensation for the loss of your baggage."

"Ah, ma'am, I see you are a lady of sense, and I will be candid with you. The loss of my baggage is not the only one I have sustained since I left Verona. I have lost my heart, ma'am, and I am in a state of misery on account of it."

"Why, sir, I should think that would be a very pleasant circumstance, if you could find the owner."

"Ah, ma'am, I have found the owner, and she is the most charming creature in the world, and I am the happiest man in Venice, if she will but—"

"Why, sir, I should think you would be the happiest man in Venice if you could get your baggage."

"Ah, ma'am, you misunderstand me. I mean, if she will but—"

"Why, sir, I should think she would be very happy to see you in Venice, if you should happy to find