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The (Diamond) Necklace – Guy de Maupassant The girl was one of those pretty and charming young creatures who sometimes are born, as if by a slip of fate, into a family of clerks. She . Mathilde found the perfect diamond necklace. Her heart beat faster, and her hands shook when she picked it up. “Could I possibly borrow this one?” she asked. “Why, of course.” She hugged . Jul 20, · A husband and wife enter into a life of hardship in order to repay the debt incurred in replacing a borrowed diamond necklace only to learn, ten years later, the irony of their situation. necklace. By the end of the week, they had given up all hope. Loisel looked five years older. “We must somehow replace the necklace,” he said sadly. They searched the city and finally found a necklace exactly like the first. It cost forty thousand francs, but they could get it for thirty-six. 31) At first her eyes noted some bracelets, then a pearl necklace, then a Venetian cross, gold and gems, of marvelous workmanship. She tried on these adornments in front of the mirror, but hesitated, 7 Francs: the monetary units of France. 8 Nanterre: a town near Paris. 9 Pauper: a poor person. 10 Predicament: a difficult embarrassing situation. The Diamond Necklace Guy de Maupassant She was one of those pretty, charming girls who are sometimes, as if through the irony of fate, born into a family of clerks. She was without dowry or expectations, and had no means of becoming known, appreciated, loved, wedded, by any rich or influential man; so she allowed. Suddenly Mathilde discovered, in a black satin box, a magnificent necklace of diamonds, and her heart began to beat with excitement. With trembling hands she took the necklace and fastened it round her neck outside her dress, becoming lost in admiration of herself as she looked in the glass. This is a digital copy of a book that was preserved for generations on library shelves before it was carefully scanned by Google as part of a project to make the world’s books discoverable online. It has survived long enough for the copyright to expire and the book to enter the public domain. All of a sudden she discovered, in a black satin box, a superb necklace of diamonds; and her heart began to beat with an immoderate desire. Her hands trembled as she took it.