

Toast to Mrs. Peterson
The Blue Carbuncle Luncheon
The Three Garridebs
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I have been asked to give the Blue Carbuncle Luncheon toast today to Mrs. Peterson. Unfortunately, we don't know much about Mrs. Peterson that could become the basis for these remarks. A few months ago, I was asked to give a toast at one of the regular meetings to Dr. Lysander Starr, and I thought that was a tall order – so in one way this is easier, because at least Mrs. Peterson was a real person, rather than a fictional character. But the story tells us very little about her. We don't even know her full name ... we know nothing about what were her goals and aspirations in life, or about her personality. We know just one thing about her, but an important thing it is, and so here is my toast:

*Let's raise our glasses in the air
To the wife of the Commissionaire,
Who has to be thanked for fulfilling her function
By finding the jewel that's inspired this luncheon*