JOHN ARTHUR'S WARD;

OR. THE DETECTIVE'S DAUGHTER BY THE AUTHOR OF

"A WOMAN'S CRIME," "THE MISSING-DIAMOND," ETC., ETC.

rung in her ears.

"Cora!" she ejeculated. "He obeyed her summons, and brought me with him. And she was here only last night—and where has she gone? This must be the 'notorious', the 'handsome.' Ah, Incian Davlin, this is well; this nerves me for the worst! I shall not falter now. This is the first link in the chain that shall set make your life a burden." all yet make your life a burden."
The crossed the room and touched the

Thank you for your faith in me.
The door opened and the dark face of Henry appeared, howing on the threshHenry appeared, howing on the threshOn the door opened and the dark face of will meet you at the place and time appointed. Do not fail me. Respectfully,
C. Vaughan.

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Again her eyes searched his face, and sgain he gave a surprised assent.
"Do you like her, Henry?" questioned she, intent on her purpose.
""he's just like him," he said, jerking

his head, grimly, while his voice took again a resentful tone. "She thinks a men who is black has no feelings."

take you at your word I need your aid take you at your word. I need your aid to rescue me from the power of a had man. Will you meet me, with a carriage, at the south orner of this block, in one home, and take me to Mrs. Girard, who has offerd me a shelter? You know the danger I wish to escape. Aid me ''In the name of your mother.''

Madeline "Weir.''

Thirty-five minutes,—oh, they had been hours to her; weary, weary time!

How many a sad watcher has reckened

How many a sad watcher has reck mad the fixing moments as creeping hours, while sitting lonely, with heavy eyes, trembling frame and heart almost bursting with its weight of suspense—watting. Forty minutes—and a footstep in the passage! Her heart almost stopped beating. It was Henry.

"I had to wait, as he was busy with a patient," said he, apologetically, handing her the letter she desired.

Madeline tore open the missive with eager fingers, and read:

Miss Madeline W.:

unusual humility, and went out."
"I don't think she is afraid of him,"
he muttered, as he went down the hall;
"anyhow, I won't be far away, in case Lucian Davlin folded his arms with

again a resentful tone. "She thinks a min who is black has no feelings."

Fix placed pen, ink and paper on the table as he miswered, and then looked at Lerinquirinzly.

"You may wait here while I write, if you will," she sald, and took up the pen.

She had brought away from the G—House the two cards of her would-be friends, and now she consulted them before she asked.

"No. 52—atreet; is that far, Henry?"

"It's a five minutes' walk," he answered. "I can go and come in twenty minutes, allowing time for an answer "Yery good," she sald, abruptly, and wre'e rapidly; she sald, abruptly, and wre'e rapidly;

'Not back to the home I left for the sake of a gambler and roue," she said

sake of a gambler and roue," she said bitterly.

"Oh," thought he," "she has just got her ideas awakened on this subject; believed me the soul of honor, and all that.
Only a small matter this, after all."

"Don't call hard mames, little woman," he said aloud. "I'm not such a very bad man, after all. By the way, I shouldn't have thought it exactly in

"Really, this is rather hard on a fellow's patience, my lady. Not a step nearer the door, my dear; and no more defiance, if you please. You perceive I temper my tragedy with a little politeness," he added, parenthetically. "I will not permit you to leave me; do you hear me? I will not?"

His tone of aggressive meckery was maddening to the desperate girl. It lent her a fresh, last impulse of wild, defiant energy. There was not the shadow of fear in her mind or heart now. The rush of outraged feeling took full possession of outraged feeling took full possession of one power of speech or action. In another instant she stood before him, her eyes blazing with wrath, and in her hand, steadfast and surely aimed, a tiny pitsol—his pistol, that he had taught her to load and aim not two short hours before!

He was not a coward, this wan and leave the fore!

Leave in your hands, as soon as the crisis has passed. Then, as my presonce might not prove beneficial, while I casry this arm in a sling, at least, I will run down to the country for a few days. My man, here, is entirely at your disposal. Don't spare any pains to pull her through safely, doctor. I will look in again at noon."

He rose and went softly out of the room, the doctor having answered him only by a not of assent. "Zounds, how weak I feel," he ejaculated. "I hope the girl won't die. Anyhoto the way until the thing is decided. Then, I'll run down and let Cora coddle me up a bit. I can explain my wounded arm as the result of a little affair at the card-table."

Noon came, and slowly, slowly, stern Death relaxed his grasp upon the miser-He was not a coward, this man; and

rage at being thus bafiled and placed at a disadvantage by his own weapon, drove all the mockery from his face. rove all the mockery from his face.

He gave a sudden bound.

There was a flash, a sharp report, and
ucian Davlin reeled for a moment, his Lucian Davlin recled for a moment, his right arm hanging helpless and bleeding. Only for a moment, for as the girl sprang past him, he wheeled about, seized her with his strong left arm, and holding her close to him in a vice-like clutch, hissed, while the ghas:ly pale-ness caused by the flowing blood over-spread his face:

"Little demon! I will kill you before

I will lose you now! You-A deathly faintness overcame him, and he fell heavily; still clasping the girl,

Failing to open the davenport, Henry turned to this; and pressing upon the spring lock, axposed to the view of Madeline, that he was about line, standing near, the pictured face of Cora. Spite of his grievances, the sense of his duty was strong upon him, and he put himself between the girl and the object of her interest. Not so quickly but that she saw, and understood the movement. Stepping to his side, she put out her hand, saying:

"What an exquisite picture—Madame Cora, is it not, Henry!"

She was tooking him full in the eyes, and he answered, staring in astonishment the while: "Yes, miss."

No answer; no change on the face or attitude of the girl before him. "Close/that door, sir, and take yourself off," he said, turning to Henry. Capital to the face or attitude of the girl before him. "Close/that door, sir, and take yourself off," he said, turning to Henry. Capital to the face or attitude of the girl before him. "Close/that door, sir, and take yourself off," he said, turning to Henry. Capital to the face or attitude of the girl before him. "Close/that door, sir, and take yourself off," he said, turning to Henry. Capital to heart of him "Close/that door, sir, and take yourself off," he said, turning to Henry. Capital to heart of him "Close/that door, sir, and take yourself off," he said, turning to Henry. Capital to heart of him "Close/that door, sir, and take yourself off," he said, turning to Henry. Capital humility, and went out."

"Understanding near, the picture of the girl hat he was about to be defied. There was no mistaking the spout as skilful surgeon hat apply the remedies a skilful surgeon hat a surger shout him, especially in the city. At the first sure symptoms of slowly r

the yout at your word. I need your relations were the present from the present of the field block, in combination of the state of the s

Noon came, and slowly, slowly, stern Noon came, and slowly, slowly, stern Death relaxed his grasp upon the miserable girl, for Death, like man, finds no satisfaction in claiming willing victims Slowly the life fluttered back to her heart; and because Death had yielded her up, and to retain it would be to lose her life, reason forsook her.

Under the watchful care of the skilled nurse, and the ministrations of the young physician, she now lay tossing in the delirium of fever. the delirium of fever.

Nothing worse to fear, for days at least, reported the doctor. So the afternoon train bore Lucian Davlin away from the city and his victim, to seek re-

pose and diversion in the society of his "She will come out of this now, I think," he muttered. "Then—Oh! I'll tame your proud spirit yet, my lady! would not give you up now for half a

she grieved most, that the girl would re-turn, and that when she came she would make her advent felt. John Arthur went to the city "to put the matter in the hands of the detec-tives," he said. But as he most fervent-ly hoped and wished that he had seen the last of his "stumbling-block," and beli-lieved that of her own free will she would not return, it is hardly to be supposed that the Secret Service was severely taxed. Be this as it may, the summer days passed and he heard nothing of Madeline.

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swoon, thence to another. Through long weary hours she only opened her eye to close them, blinded with the vision of unutterable woe; and so the long night wore away.

Dr. Vaughan had given brief, steriorders, in accordance with which Lucian Davlin had entrusted his wound to another surgeon for dressing, and then still in obedience to orders, had swallowed a soothing potion and betaken him self to other apartments.

Henry had summoned a trusty nurswell known to Clarence Vaughan, tassist him at the bedside of Madeline.

In the gray of morning, pallideand interesting, with his arm in a sling, Lucian re-appeared in the sick room. Evidently he had not employed all of thintervening time in slumber, for his course of action, seemed to have been fully matured.

"She won't he shie to leave here for intervening time in slumber, for hicourse of action, seemed to have been fully matured.

"She won't be able to leave here for many days, I should fancy?" he hal inquired, in a low 'one, sinking languidly into a sleepy-hollow, commanding a view of the face of the patient, and the back of the physicians "Not alive," was the brief but significant answer.

"Not alive," was the patient, and the back of the physicians (but John Arthur. Over and over again be congratulated himself that his meetings with Madeline had been kept their own secret, for he knew nothing of the watchful, jealous eyes of old Hagar.

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