

JOHN ARTHUR'S WARD; OR, THE DETECTIVE'S DAUGHTER.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "A WOMAN'S CRIME," "THE MISSING DIAMOND," ETC., ETC.

CHAPTER I.—MAN PROPOSALS.

"It is a man who is proposing to you, is it not?" "Yes, Madeline, I have a man who is proposing to me."

"What is his name?" "His name is John Arthur."

"John Arthur? Is that the name of the man who is proposing to you?" "Yes, Madeline, it is."

"What is he like?" "He is a very handsome man, and he is very rich."

"Is he a good man?" "He is a very good man, and he is very kind."

"What is he doing?" "He is a very successful man, and he is very kind."

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tree or stone; all must go intact to Miss Madeline, curse her, at his death."

"If she dies, your chance would be all right," said the girl, scornfully.

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face flushed, and she put the card down with sudden emphasis: "I won't let you say that."

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will and its purpose had long been no secret to him. But partly from force of habit and partly because he was not yet quite hardened John Arthur kept up his belief in his love for her little one.

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