# lohn Arthur's Ward;

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"T HAVE COME BACK TO MY OWN."

Outto the pleasantest of all the rooms that had been so sumptuously fitted up, when "Mrs. Torrance" came to Oakley, a bride, was the back drawing-room. At least it was pleasantest in winter. Its large windows faced south and west, and all of the winter sunshine fell upen them, glowing through crimson curtains, and helping the piled-up anthracite in the grate to bathe the room in a ruddiness of crimson and golden bronze.

On this particular December day, the air was crisp and cold, and full of floating particles of hear frost, while the winter sun shone bright and clear. Outside one felt that it was an exceedingly cold sun. But viewed from within, it looked inviting enough, and one felt inspired to dash out into the frosty air and try if they could not walk a la hippogriffe, without touching their feet to the ground.

Some such thought was floating through the mind of Mrs. John Arthur, who was progressing in her convalescence very world. ngressing in her convalescence very pidly now, and who had, on this day,

illness, a dinner-dress of rosy silk, sweeping train and elbow sleeves enset with founces of black lace. As re was, at present, no need to play invalid—herself and Davlin being selected to the room she was le occupants of the room—she was ing up and down its length like a

d lioness.

y and by she swerved from her se, and coming to the grate, put a tilyshod foot upon the bronze fender. ding one hand on a chair, and looking in upon Davilin, who was lounging re the fire in full dinner costume, she abound to

"How very interesting all this is!"

Davin made no sign that he heard.
"Do you know how long we have been playing this little game, sir?"

The man smiled, in a cool way, so exasperating always to her, and lifting one

not?"
She nodded impatiently.
"June!" He was thinking of his June ring with Madeline Payne, and involutarily glanced at the windows from rence could be seen the vesy trees under the his had wandered, himself, and at fair dead girl, in early June. "Yes, a last of June—I remember,"—reflective

I the hand that aimed the bullet, or ther of the heart, that you got a 'mere ratch' I never believed in your cardble explanation of that affair, sir' "Well, don't call me to account for ar want of fath'"

Lucian stooped down and brushed an maginary speck from his boot toe, saying, as he did so: "I was forestalled" "Oh, well I don't care about dead men what I am anxious about is this—"
"Oh, yes," maliciously. "Return to hject under discussion. You embarked this enterprise in June—"

Cora gave a sniff of disdain. "Next—well, you know what next. We haven't been two months at this last

the other over hers, which still lay upon the chair back. "Cora, we won't quarrel about this.
The situation is as trying to me as to
you; more so. But our safety lies in moving with caution, and—I will not permit you to compromise us by any hasty act. You understand!"

His eyes held her as in a spell, and when, after a moment, the hand fell from her shoulder and his eyes withdrew

reless attitude. Cora walked to the

"Where's Peroy?"
"Down there," nodding toward the terrace, a portion of which was visible from her point of view. "And, of course, my lady is in her room watching from her window. When he throws away his

Miss Arthur's chair, and Cora and Davlin in their former places.

"Mercl," said Miss Arthur, pretending
to stifie a yawn, "why can't we all be
out in this keen air and sunshine? If
there were but snow on the ground!"

"Snow!" cried Cora, annoyed out of
her usual assumption of feebleness;
"den't mention it, if you don't want me
to die. We won't have snow, if you
please, until I can drive in a cutter."

Percy laughed softly; his laugh was
always disagreeable to Cora, as having
an undercurrent of meaning intended for
her alone. And Daviln said:—

"Hear and heed, all ye gods of the
wind and weather."

"Well, laugh," said Cora, half laughing to herself, "but I am beginning to
feel ambitious. Do let's try to set something afect to make us feel as if we were
alive, and glad that we were."

"Agreed, Cora," cried Miss Arthur,
gushingly, "only tell us what it shall
be."

"Suggest, suggest," this from Davlin.
The spinster glanced up coquettishly,
Edward, you suggest."
Percy caressed his blonde whiskers
houghtfully, and letting his eyes rest
arcalessly on Cora, said, meaningly:
"Let's poison each other!"
"Gr commit suicide!" retorted Cora,

"Let's be more sensible," said Davlin.
"Let's organize a matrimonial society,
get up a wedding, and go on a journey."
"Anything that will break the monotony," said Corn, while the fair spinster
siggled and put her hands before her face
At this moment the monotony was

While the words were still lingering on lips of the fair convalescent, the was opened wide by old Hagar, who as if she had been all her life an-

I believe I have not the honor of knowing—ah, yes, this is Miss Arthur; Aunt Ellen, how do you do?"

There are some scenes that beggar description, and this was such an one.
Aliss Arthur, who clearly recognized in this lovely young lady the little Madeline of years ag., was so stricken with astonishment that she utterly forgot how in appropriate it would be to faint.

Cora sat like one in a nightmare.
Percy was conscious of but one feeling.
True to his nature even here, he was staring at this vision of beauty, thinking only, "how lovely! how lovely!"

And Lucian Davlin? At the first sight of that face, the first sound of that voice, he had felt as if turning to stone, incapable of movement or speech. At that moment, had Cora once glanced toward him, his face must have betrayed his secret. But her eyes were fixed on Madeline. Davlin felt a tempest raging within his bosom. Madeline alive! This glowing, brilliant, richly robed, queenly creature—as Madeline! Again in his ears rang her farewell words. Quick as lightning came the thought: she was his enemy, she would denounce him! And yet, throughing the thought: she was his enemy, she would denounce him! And yet, throughing the thought: she was his enemy, she would denounce him! And yet, throughing the denounce him! And yet, throughing the thought: she was his enemy, she would denounce him! And yet, throughing the denounce him! And yet, through the thought: she was diad!

Old Hagar had closed the door after her young mistrees; and now she stood near it, calm and immovable as a block of ice.

Madeline Payne stood, for a moment, gazing laughingly into the amazed face of the spinster. The new man and the likely mean to be the done was formed the wind one will be a second time since the throne. Lucian turned away from the want way to possess the

of ice.

Madeline Payne stood, for a moment, gazing laughingly into the amazed face of the spinster. Then she said: "Come, come, Aunt Ellen, don't stare at me as if I were a ghost! Introduce me to your friends. Is this young lady my new stepmamma?"

Chatelaine and shawl strap. "I didn't mean to annoy you I was only surprised to see such a pretty lady here?"

Miss Payne's maid was a large woman of a very uncertain age, arrayed in sober black, not at all like the usual ladies' maid But she seemed so very respectful, and full of contrition at have a proceed such a "restry lady" that

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grace, saying: "I am Mrs. Arthur's
brother, Miss Payne. Pray, let me apologize for her discourteous reception of
you; she has been very ill, and is nervous."
Madeline sank into a chair and sur-

This was too much. Cora sprang to the fact that her exit was quite incompatible with the invalid role she had been sustaining.

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Cora roused herself from her stupor, and that fair dead gtrl, in early June. "Yes, the last of June—I remember,"—reflectively.

"And pray, from what event does your memory date?" exclaimed Cora, with strong sarcasm

He glanced up quickly "Why, Ma Belle, from your introduction to the hills and values of Bellair, and the master of Oakley"

"Ob, I thought it was from the time "Ob, I see! You thought that I was dead, and you have been grieving for me.

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"And pray, from what event does your mamma? And you have been very ill, I understand. Pray, don't rise, madame; you look feeble." Then, turning again to Miss Arthur: "Don't you intend to speak to me, Aunt Ellen?"

"But," gasped the spinster, "I thought, that—you—"

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"But," gasped the spinster, "Ithought, that—you."'
"Oh, I see! You thought that I was dead, and you have been grieving for me, well, I will explain: I ran away from my respected pape because he had selected for me a husband not at all to my taste. Not destiring to return immediately, I seized an opportunity that came in my way, and bestowed my name upon a poor girl who died in the hospital, thus making sure that my anxious freeds well abandon to I return to me with the servence of the poor girl who died in the hospital, thus making sure that my anxious freeds were appeared to the provided and the servence of the poor girl who died in the hospital, thus making sure that my anxious freeds were the servence of the poor girl who died in the hospital, thus making sure that my anxious freeds were the servence of the poor girl who died in the hospital, thus making sure that my anxious freeds were the servence of the poor girl who died in the hospital, thus making sure that my anxious freeds were the servence of the poor girl who died in the hospital, thus making sure that my anxious freeds were poor girl who died in the hospital, thus making sure that my anxious freeds were poor girl who died in the hospital, thus making sure that my anxious freeds were poor girl who died in the hospital, thus making sure that my anxious freeds to the imprisoned old man, her stopped to the poor girl who died in the hospital, thus making sure that my anxious freeds to the imprisoned the sure poor girl who died in the hospital, thus making sure that my anxious freeds to the presence of the poor girl of the serve once in the dialest of the two as and the proper sure that my step-page and to good the provided the sure poor girl of the s

ance They followed Cora to the diningroom, themselves followed by Miss Arthur and Percy
Where four people separately, and each
for his own end, determine to appear
oordial and perfectly at ease, each one
bent upon completely blinding the other
three, there must of a necessity be much
conversation, and more or less hilarity,
whether real or assumed
These four, who were waging upon
each other secret and deadly war, at
eand drank together; and while Madeline
regaled them with a fictitious account of
herself during the time she had been supposed dead, the others listened and commented, and vied with each other in paying court to the heiress of Oakley
"You see, step-mamma," said Madeline, as they lingered over their dessert,
"I was never ignorant of what was going
on here My old nurse kept me informed
When I sent you the fiction of my death,
I had no intention of returning, for I
had determined never to live at Oakley
during my step-father's reign But upon
hearing of his insanity, I resolved to
come back, being now, of course, the
real head of the house Mr Arthur being
mon compos mentis, I, as heiress, assume
control of my own."

If a wish could have killed, Cora
would have closed forever that insolent
smiling mouth But she felt herself
powerless
Davlin, with inimitable tact, came to
her rescue: "Cora will be only too glad
to welcome the queen back to her own
Indeed, she has been for sometime deleain
gher intention of abdicating, for a
time at least, and taking Mr Arthur
south to some medical springs But the
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Madeline turned her eyes upon Cora
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"What do you want of me?" sullenly
"I want you to continue as we ha

Cora, as she followed the graceful figure, could hardly restrain her mortification and rage. She felt a longing amounting almost to frenzy, to spring upon the girl and stab her in the back

The two men did not linger long in the dining-room Each felt anxious, for reasons of his own, to be again in the presence of Miss Payne, and so soon joined the ladies in the drawing-room

After a little more hypocrisy on all their parts, Cora arose to retire to her apartments, declaring that the excitement of Miss Payne's arrival had made her forgetful of herelf and her health, and that

Lucian stepped forward with his usual grace, saying: "I am Mrs. Arthur's brother, Miss Payne. Pray, let me apologize for her discourteous reception of you; she has been very ill, and is nervous."

Madeline sank into a chair and surveyed him coolly, while she said: "It is not necessary to apologize for your sister, "Davlin," supplied Miss Arthur.

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"Davlin," repeated Madeline, as if the first time. "No doubt we shall be the best of friends by and by. I certainly have to thank her for making so marked an improvement in these old rooms," slancing about her.

Here the still confused Miss Arthur, in obedience to a sign from her lover, said: "Miss Madeline, this is my friend, Mr. Percy."

Mr. Percy advanced, bowing like a dather than the first iron hand fell upon her saying the sweep of the player of the sudent marked change of her preclings, and the room with some apprehension; but seeing her so composed. "The sudden and marked change of her preclings to the payres as he stood before her dress-ing-glass and said, as he gazed down at the flounce she was busy adjusting:

Now is the time founce she was busy adjusting:

Now is the time of pluck, Co. You will come down?"

Cora gave a last touch to the silk and lace and then, letting the sweeping trail fall from her hand, and standing very erect before him, said:—

"Yes, I shall go down. Do you suppose I will let that man think I am completely annihilated? There; don't talk to me now! I shall not forget myself again, never fear But after dinner, come to me here. You were wise enough to bring me into this charming 'corner,' now let your wisdom take me out of it, or I will extricate myself in my own way."

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"Theyed Percy?"
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tairs.

Three faces reflected three degrees of surprise, as the ladies entered the drawing-room with every appearance of good in marriage to a man older and uglier than himself, for ten thousand dollars.

Then I defied him to his face; swore to

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"if I did, what then?"
"Then—you would not be permitted to leave these premises?"
"All you have spies in this house!"
"Yes; and out of it. There is no

doctor fears the change will not benefit him"

Madeline turned her eyes upon Cora "She can't go just yet," she said, with odd decision; "I want her society. Where is your doctor, Mr. Davlin?"

"He is upstairs with his patient, Miss Payne. He usually joins us at breakfast, but not often at dinner."

The truth was that Lucian, not feeling upon safe ground, had advised the "doctor," to keep discreetly out of the way of this shrewd young lady for the present, least her keen questions should draw out something not to their advantage.

Miss Payne turned to Cora again. "You have spressed at the face of a scalar and inscrutable as the face of a scalar and inscrutable as the face of a scalar and inscrutable as the face of a spiniax. "No," said Cora, at length, "my brother does not know of it."

"I am glad of that," replied Madeline. "But, for fear of any deception, he will be kept under surveillance; and if any-thing is communicated to him I shall surely know it."

"Well, I must see this learned gentleman to-morrow, and my step-papa also, I

doctors, who agreed with Dr. Le Guise in every particular."

"Well, I must see this learned gentleman to-morrow, and my step-papa also, I think. Step-mamma, you look fatigued; dining is too much for your strength. Let us leave the gentlemen to their wine and cigars."

As if she had been presiding at that table all her life, Miss Payne arose, bowed to the two men, and preceding the two astonished ladies, swept from the dining-room.

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you choose, because we are both enemies of the same men" Then, rising: "Now choose; will you remain here as my ally, or leave in disgrace, and a prisoner,

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