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#### AUTHOR'S NOTE

"COLOMBINE" was first performed at Clavier Hall, Hanover Square, W., on Thursday, 7th December, 1911, with the following cast:

Dan'l (an old man) . MR. B. BUTLER.

Nathan'l (a boy) . MR. A. E. FILMER.

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Harlequin . . . MR. REGINALD BACH.

Pierrot . . . MR. MARK HANNAM.

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Colombine . . . MISS ETHEL EVANS.

The play was produced by MR. A. E. FILMER.

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#### SCENE

A ROMAN CAMP on the summit of Cissbury Beacon in the South Downs. A fairy ring occupies the foreground. All round are beech trees. The time is evening.



## PROLOGUE

**T**HERE are circles of green upon Cissbury Hill,  
Where the Pharisees dance—so they say ;  
Revelling merrily round it until  
The dawn over Ditchling is grey.  
And travellers lost upon Cissbury Hill—  
(Pixy-led folk who stray)  
Seated on toad-stools, with fairy folk sup,  
*But here, in Haymarket, the roadway is up.*

There are circles of beech upon Cissbury Hill,  
Where the leaves of a lifetime decay ;  
Hiding the memories, lingering still,  
Of Rome's indisputable sway.  
And under the beech-leaves of Cissbury Hill,  
Throbs the heart of the downland alway.  
While dreaming of chieftains and warriors in woad,  
*You're lighting your pipe in the Charing Cross Road.*