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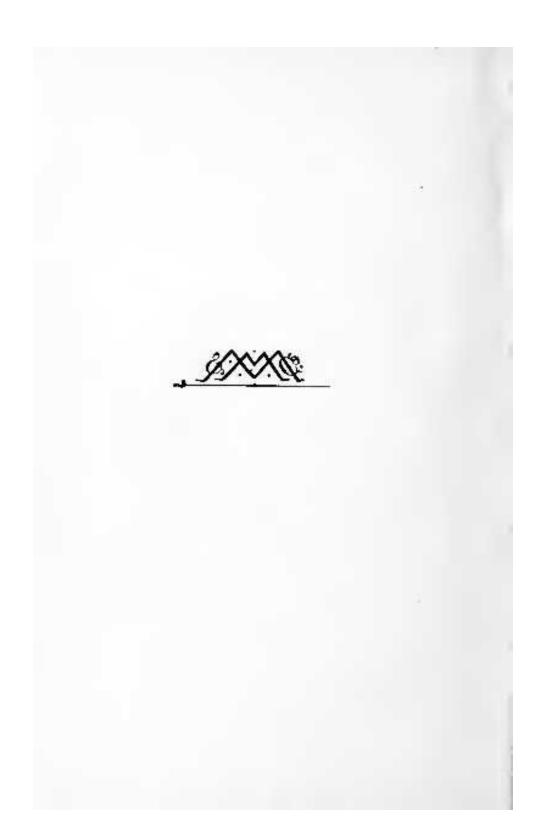
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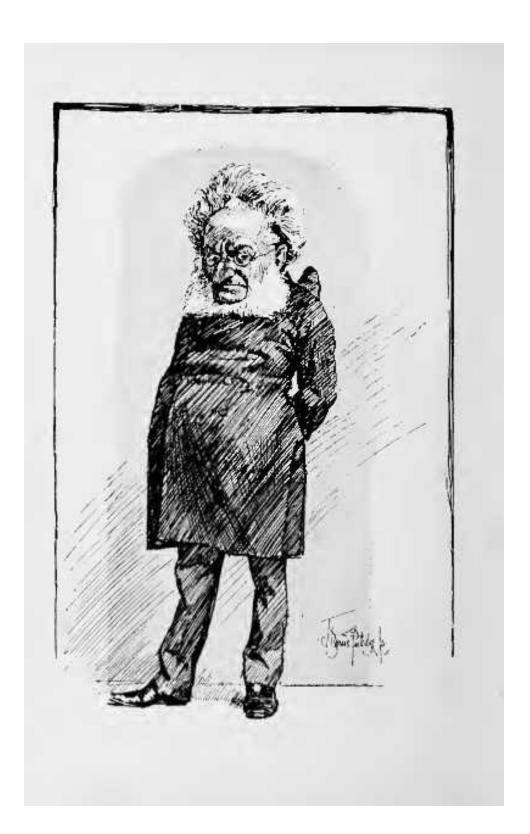


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#### SOME OF THE MASTER'S BEST-KNOWN DRAMAS CONDENSED, REVISED, AND SUGITLY REARRANGED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE EARNEST STUDENT

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THE Concluding Piece, "Pill-doctor Herdal," is, as the observant reader will instantly perceive, rather a reverent attempt to tread in the footprints of the Norwegian dramatist, than a version of any actually existing masterpiece. The author is conscious that his imitation is painfully lacking in the magnificently impenetrable obscurity of the original, that the vein of allegorical symbolism is thinner throughout than it should be, and that the characters are not nearly as mad as persons invariably are in real life. — but these are the faults inevitable to a 'prentice hand, and he trusts that due allowances may be made for them by the critical.

In conclusion, he wishes to express his acknowledgments to Messrs. Bradbury & Agnew for their permission to reprint the present volume, the contents of which made their original appearance in the pages of "Punch."

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