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TO MY WIFE,

WHO HAS CHEERFULLY SHARED WITH ME THE
DISADVANTAGES AND HAPPINESS INCIDENT TO
MY STUDY FOR THE DEGREE IN QUESTION, I
AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATE THIS DISSERTATION

A STUDY OF GRILLPARZER'S "AHNFRAU."

Critics have already done something by way of looking into the merits of Grillparzer. His worth as a writer is being properly appreciated. His "Ahnfrau", so long discounted because it had been considered to be a fate-play, is demanding attention.

It is proposed to discuss the above subject in the following order: (1) The Fate-play in General; (2) Historical Features of the "Ahnfrau"; (3) The Sources of the "Ahnfrau"; (4) Literary Structure; (5) Is the "Ahnfrau" a Fate-play or a Psychological Play?

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