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OLD MAIDS:

A Comedy.



IN FIVE ACTS.

AS PERFORMED AT THE THEATRE ROYAL, COVENT GARDEN.

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OF
LOCH ARD LODGE, NEAR ABERFOYLE, BY STIRLING,
This Comedy
IS AFFECTIONATELY AND GRATEFULLY DEDICATED,
BY
JAMES SHERIDAN KNOWLES.

CHARACTERS.

SIR PHILIP BRILLIANT	<i>Mr. C. Mathews.</i>
MASTER BLOUNT	<i>Mr. F. Mathews.</i>
JOHN BLOUNT	<i>Mr. Harley.</i>
THOMAS BLOUNT	<i>Mr. G. Vandenhoff.</i>
ROBERT	<i>Mr. W. Lacey.</i>
BERNARD	<i>Mr. Ayliff.</i>
HARRIS	<i>Mr. Honner.</i>
STEPHEN	<i>Mr. W. Payne.</i>
JACOB	<i>Mr. Wigan.</i>
WILLIAM	<i>Mr. Kerridge.</i>
LADY BLANCHE	<i>Madame Vestris.</i>
LADY ANNE	<i>Mrs. Nisbett.</i>
MISTRESS BLOUNT	<i>Mrs. W. West.</i>
CHARLOTTE	<i>Mrs. Humby.</i>
JANE	<i>Miss Lee.</i>

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OLD MAIDS.

ACT I.

SCENE I.

A Room in SIR PHILIP BRILLIANT'S House.

Enter BERNARD and HARRIS.

HARRIS.

What time to-morrow?

BERNARD.

At noon, I told thee, he sets off. Be thou forthcoming
an hour before at the latest; and mind no item be wanting.
We lack leisure for mistakes.

HARRIS.

I shall be careful. How takes he this route to Ireland?

BERNARD.

As he takes everything—with an even temper.

HARRIS.

He goes not there to sleep.

BERNARD.

No; when he ought to be awake—but he will lose no
wink of rest that a proper man should profit by; no more