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First performed in England by Edward Terry at Newcastleon-Tyne, September 1, 1887.

First performed by Roland Reed, September 1, 1887, at Newport, R. I., and produced in New York at the Fourteenth Street Theatre, February 27, 1888, with the following cast:

SAMUEL BUNDY	Roland Reed.
PROFESSOR HORACE MULLBRIDGE	Harry A. Smith.
DR. LANE	Ferd. Hight.
GEORGE DOBBINS	.A. C. Deltwyn.
TOM RIPLEY. /	Wm. C. Andrews.
ORLANDO HAWKINS	.Julian Reed.
THOMPSON	.W. W. Plum.
WILLIAM	C. N. Shaw.
JAKES	.S. W. Gordon.
Mrs. Lucy Joy	. Miss Alice Hastings.
MISS ALICE LANE	Miss Annie Lewis.
MRS. WALTON	Miss Bessie Hunter.

Scenes.

ACT I. Mrs. Joy's private spartments in the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City. Interval: One week.

ACT II. Same.

Interval: Two weeks.

ACT III. Parlors, Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Interval: One hour.

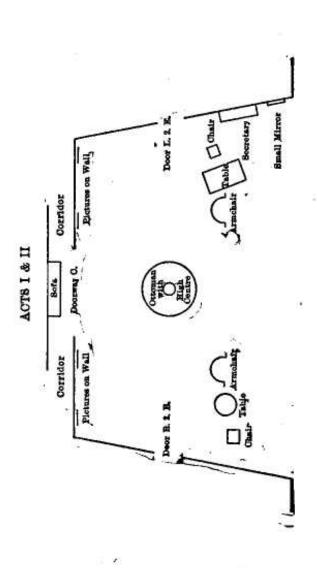
ACT IV. Consultation room, Dr. Lane's house, Washington Heights, New York City.

NOTE.

Everything in the latter balf of this play touching upon commitments for insanity is based upon a careful study of the law.

Nothing could be more surely fatal to a play of this kind than to introduce an insane person or to seem to make sport of insanity. This has been avoided with scrupulous care. But for a number of sane people to believe one another for a time to be insane, as more especially in the last act, is an inevitably comic effect.

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THE WOMAN-HATER

ACT I

Scene:—Mrs. Joy's private apartments in the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Curtain discovers Prof. Mullibrioge standing up stage at right looking at picture, Mrs. Walton in armchair L., Ripley standing, leaning over table, and talking to her. All in evening dress.

MRS. WALTON. (L. C. widow of forty, sister of MULLBRIDGE, sentimental and foolish. Flattered by attentions of BUNDY whom she supposes to be in love with her. Is fanning herself.) Mr. Bundy and Mr. Dobbins are lingering some time over their wine.

(WILLIAM enters at back with tray, coming from right, serves coffee to Mrs. Walton and Riplet first, then Mullbridge, then brings tray back and leaves it on table and exit.)

RIPLEY. (L. twenty-three years old, nephew of BUNDY, rich, enthusiastic student of medicine. In love with MISS LANE.) Yes, Mrs. Walton, quarrelling as usual I suppose. Let me help you. (gives her a cup of coffee.) How many lumps?

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MRS. WALTON. Two please. (RIPLEY puts sugar in her cup and helps himself) It's strange they don't get along better together, Mr. Ripley. They've known each other so long.