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*Translated from the French of  
Jean Racine*

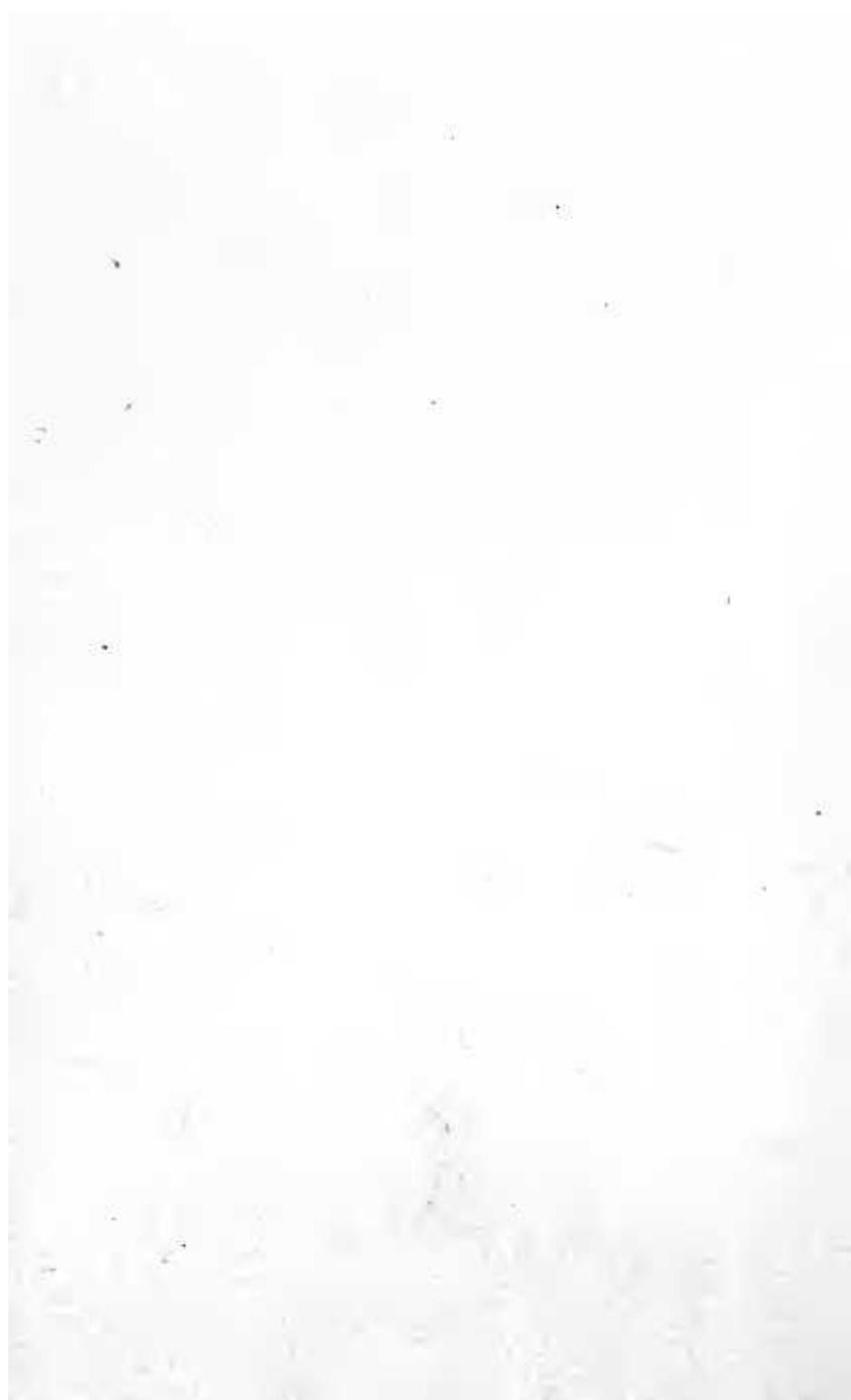
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LONDON: WILLIAM HEINEMANN



CHARACTERS.

TITUS

BERENICE

ANTIOCHUS

PAULINUS

ARSACES

PHENICE

RUTILIUS





This play was translated for the use of the Hill Players and was produced by them on November 24th, 1921, with the following cast :—

TITUS	...	Mr. John Lanyon.
BERENICE	...	Mrs. Keatinge.
ANTIOCHUS	...	Mr. R. G. Carritt.
PAULINUS	...	Mr. W. H. Nurse.
ARSACES	...	Mr. R. B. B. Tollinton.
PHENICE	...	Miss J. Masefield.
RUTILIUS	...	Mr. R. Harris.



ACT I.

ANTIOCHUS.

Let us stay here a moment. I can see  
That all this stately palace is unknown  
To you, Arsaces.  
This lonely room is where the Emperor comes  
To find some quiet from the cares of Court.  
Here sometimes, too, he comes to see the Queen:  
The Queen's apartments lie beyond that door.  
And now, Arsaces, go to see the Queen,  
And tell her that I beg that she will grant  
What I dare ask, some secret words with me.  
Say I regret to be importunate.

ARSACES.

You, Lord, importunate? You, her faithful  
friend;  
You, generously careful of her interests;  
You, that Antiochus who loved her once,  
One of the greatest Kings in all the East!  
Even if she be about to marry Titus,  
Does that put such a distance 'twixt you two?

ANTIOCHUS.

No. Go, my friend. Mind not those other  
matters;