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English Copyright Performance given Wyndham's Theatre, London.

March 26, 1908

Entered at Stationers' Hall, London

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To MY MOTHER



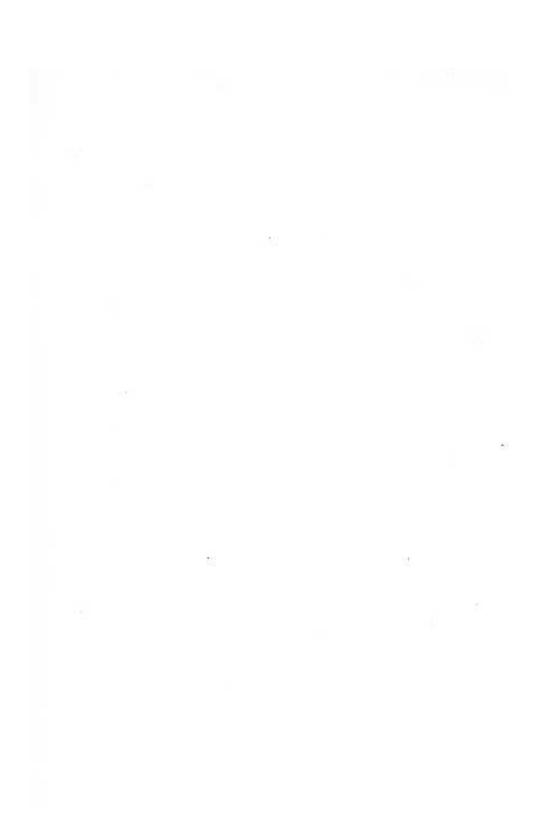
NOTE

This play is founded upon a story told in the Secreta Secretorum, a book which falsely purports to be Aristotle's manual of advice to Alexander.

An English version which dates from about 1400, gives the legend as follows:

Alexander, thynk of ye doynge of ye Quene of Inde whenne she sente to the, by cause to haue thy frendschipe, many presentes and noble gyftes amonge ye whilke a full fair mayden was sent to the that of her childhood drank and was norschyd with venyms yn-so-mekyl that her kynde was turned to ye kynde of serpentys. . . And certainly, but thou hadde ben warnyd by me there-of, thy seluyn hadde takyn deed, thurgh ye hete of fleschly kennynge with here. I

Por any who may be curious in the matter an account of the origin and literary fortunes of this story is given at the close of the volume.



CHARACTERS

Indians:

Poros . . . Emperor of that portion of India now known

as the Central Punjab.

THE PRINCE. . . His son.

A BRAHMAN

RAJAH OF ABHISARA.

HALF-WITTED BOY, who serves as a JESTER.

MESSENGERS.

YZDRA'S NURSB.

YZDRA . . . Daughter of Poros.

Greeks:

HBPHÆSTION . . Alexander's favourite

General.

PROTEAS . . . A follower of the camp.

A PAGE

A SLAVE

ALEXANDER THE GREAT.

Time: 326 B.C.