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THIS play — written for Miss Nance O'Neil and produced at the Tremont Theatre, Boston, October 13, 1904 — is in part a dramatization of the author's narrative poem "Judith and Holofernes." Though it contains lines and passages from the story, the drama is essentially a distinct work, dealing with characters, incidents, and situations not to be found in the poem or in the apocryphal episode upon which both pieces were based.

November, 1904.

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NOTE TO SECOND EDITION

THE changes made in the two scenes constituting Act III are in consonance with the author's original design which the date set for the stage production of the play prevented him from elaborating.

May, 1905.

CHARACTERS

HOLOFERNES, *Chief-captain of the Assyrians*

ACHIOR, *The Ammonite, lately fled from Holofernes
and in love with Judith*

BAGOAS, *Captive and slave to Holofernes*

OZIAS, }
CHARMIS, } *Patriarchs of the beleaguered town*
CHABRIS, }

JOACHIM, }
NATHAN, } *Two Scholars*

ABNER, }
HADAD, } *Captains of the Watch*

ELIKA, }
LAMECH, } *Spearmen*

FIRST CAPTAIN }
SECOND CAPTAIN }
THIRD CAPTAIN } *of Holofernes' Army*
FOURTH CAPTAIN }
FIFTH CAPTAIN }
AN ARCHER }