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THE MOLLUSC

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CHARACTERS

(As originally produced, October 12, 1908, at the
Criterion Theatre, London.)

COUNTESS OF EPPING	Miss Mary Moore.
LADY LUCY LISTER	Miss Elfrida Clement.
LADY BEACROFT	Miss Anne Cleaver.
EVELYN HUGHES	Miss Grace Lane.
MISS VANDERHIDE	Miss Norma Whalley.
MISS BERENGARIA MORTIMER	Mrs. Sam Sothern.
MISS FERRIS	Miss Frances Vine.
EARL OF EPPING	Mr. John Toke.
LORD OSWALD BRUCE-BANNERMAN	Mr. Walter Pearce.
MR. JUSTICE WRAY	Mr. Eric Lewis.
MR. CRAVEN, K. C.,	Mr. Bertie Thomas.
MR. CLINTON PERRY	Mr. Ferdinand Gottschalk.
MR. PAUL HUGHES	Mr. Sam Sothern.
REV. DR. GULL	Mr. Cooper.
MR. PEARSON	Mr. Reginald Besant.
HENRY	Mr. Lawrence White.
MR. HICKORY	Mr. Arthur Hare.
ASSOCIATE IN COURT ROOM	Mr. Thomas Braidon.
USHER	Mr. Toose.

Barristers, solicitors, clerks, pressmen, footmen, and
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THE
LONDON
THEATRE

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I.—The drawing-room at Epping House.

ACT II.—The library of Lord Epping's House in Berkeley Square.

ACT III.—Courtroom X King's Bench Division.

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THE FIRST ACT

SCENE.—*The drawing-room at Epping House.*

Two large French windows at the back which being open show an extensive view of lawns, flower gardens, and trees. There is a door on the right. The furniture and hangings are of rich pale green brocade. There is a settee large enough to take two people easily, three at a pinch, and about the room are chairs, tables and the usual furniture of such a room. It is about five o'clock in the afternoon of a fine summer Sunday.

As the curtain rises EVELYN HUGHES, a pretty young woman, is seated on the sofa reading a book. JOHN enters.

JOHN.

If you please, mum, there's a Miss Ferris called.

EVELYN.

You'd better tell her ladyship; she's in the garden.