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VENICE,

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BY

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,

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UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF

MR. HENRY IRVING,

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IN producing "The Merchant of Venice" I have endeavoured to avoid hampering the natural action of the piece with any unnecessary embellishment; but have tried not to omit any accessory which might heighten the effects. I have availed myself of every resource at my command to present the play in a manner acceptable to our audiences.

HENRY IRVING.

LYCEUM THEATRE,
1st November, 1879.

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DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

SHYLOCK	MR. IRVING.
DUKE OF VENICE	MR. BEAUMONT.
PRINCE OF MOROCCO	MR. TYARS.
ANTONIO	MR. FORRESTER.
BASSANIO	MR. J. H. BARNES.
SALANIO	MR. ELWOOD.
SALARINO	MR. PINERO.
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GAOLER	MR. HUDSON.
LEONARDO	MR. BRANSCOMBE.
BALTHAZAR	MR. TAPPING.
STEPHANO	MR. GANTHONY.
CLERK OF THE COURT	MR. CALVERT.
NERISSA	MISS FLORENCE TERRY.
JESSICA	MISS ALMA MURRAY.
PORTIA	MISS ELLEN TERRY.

Magnificoes, Officers of the Court, Gentlemen and Gentlewomen, Pages, Citizens, Soldiers, Jews, Masquers, Musicians, Serenaders, Gondoliers, Moors, Fruit-sellers, Water-carriers, Servants, &c.

SCENE.—*Partly at Venice and partly at Belmont.*

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SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY.

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- SCENE 2. BELMONT.—PORTIA'S HOUSE.
- SCENE 3. VENICE.—A PUBLIC PLACE.

ACT II.

- SCENE 1. A STREET.
- SCENE 2. ANOTHER STREET.
- SCENE 3. SHYLOCK'S HOUSE, BY A BRIDGE.

ACT III.

- SCENE 1. BELMONT.—A ROOM IN PORTIA'S HOUSE.
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- SCENE 3. BELMONT.—A ROOM IN PORTIA'S HOUSE.
- SCENE 4. VENICE.—A STREET.
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ACT IV.

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ACT V.

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