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#### ACT I.- "LARCENY."



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(Enter BLOOD-RED BILL, unperceived.)

For Entrance of BLOOD-RED BILL. Allegretto misterioso.



BILL. I say there is one there.

(Knocking BOSCAT down ; Gypsies laugh.)

Bos. Lieutenant, you hits hard. BILL. A merciful Providence has, as you feel, endowed me with a fist of some persuasion. Now, what is it you want?

GYPSIES. The captain. BILL. And have him you shall, and plenty of gold, boys, to boot. Here you are leading virtuous and respectable lives; what more do you want? What's the use of being in such a

what more do you want? What's the use of being in such a hurry to get hanged? Bos. Lieutenant, you put things unpleasantly. (R. C.). I shall take to shopkeeping. BILL. Shoplifting, Master Boscat, would be more to your fancy. (Gypsies laugh.)—Gentlemen, until our gallant chief returns I must ask you to continue robbing hen-roosts and telling fortunes. (Looking off.)—My vision is surely cor-rect. Yes, a number of village damsels are drawing nigh, doubtless to consult the oracle. They seem to like consulting the oracle, for they visit our camp daily.—Attention! (All attention around BILL.) Let us receive the ladies in the true Bomany fashion; and mind, gentlemen, no kissing. A squeeze Romany fashion : and mind, gentlemen, no kissing. A squeeze of the hand perhaps, but, by Venus's bell, keep osculation for private and confidential use. GYPSIES. We will! we will!

(Enter Village Maidens in fours from each side.)





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BILL. And now, lads, let us offer these pretty maidens that hospitality for which the true-hearted gypsy is ever renowned. GYPSIES. Bravo! bravo! BILL. (To first Girl.) Allow me. (Offers arm; Girl turns her head.) What! coy? Demme, you don't know what a heart-smasher I am. Just glance at my features, and you can't resist. (Girl looks and smiles.) I thought not, and, as the nobleman said of the bet, we're off. (Bill, Gypsies, and Maidens exit to Chorus.) Maidens exit to Chorus.)

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(As Girls and Gypsies go off, enter LORRIMORE.) scale that my father lost life and lands fighting for Charles. LORRIMORE. Not a soul; only a gypsy encampment. The Kings, they say, have short memories, but Charles the Second court-favorite of only a few months back feels more like a has none at all. Would that I were like him! would that I hunted dog than an English gentleman. It is nothing in the could forget her who will never forget me!



No. 3. ROMANCE—Lorrimore—"Yesterday and to-day."











(Re-enter BILL.)

BILL. A stranger? Maybe with well-lined pockets-just what we want to enable us to discharge our outstanding accounts .- (Aloud.) My noble gentleman, would you have your that? fortune told?

LOR. Fortune? A pretty idea! I have none to tell. BILL. (Aside.) The rich always say that.—(Aloud.) Nay,

but cross the poor gypsy's hand with a piece of silver. LOR. My silver is at as low an ebb as my fortune. Let me pass, fellow.

BILL. Fellow? By the hangman's halter you shall pay dearly for that figure of speech. LOR. Pshaw! Let me by, pestilent knave. BILL. Pestilent knave? The plague take such insolent re-

marks! (Whistles.)

LOR. Rascal, why do you whistle? BILL. Whistle? Why, what do folks generally whistle for but a wind? and a wind, my pretty popinjay, which possibly you won't care about.—Ho there!

#### (Re-enter Highwaymen; they surround LORRIMORE, who resists.)

Bos. Steady! You'd better not ruffle your feathers.

LOR. What do you want, scoundrels?

BILL. This indiscriminate use of bad language won't save your shiners, my worthy gentleman ; so ease your tongue while we ease your pockets.

LOR. My pockets, as I told you before, are wellnigh empty. Gad's life, man ! I am an outlaw.

BILL. A singular coincidence, but so am I. Well, what of

LOR. What of it? Why, I am flying for my life; a reward is offered for my capture.

BILL. Then, my noble, it strikes me very forcibly that we shall receive that reward .- What say you, comrades ? GYPSIES. Hear! hear!

BILL. I suppose you are at the very least a murderer? LOR. Heaven forbid! I am guilty of politics, not assassination.

BILL. Some Roundhead rascal. So much the better .-- (To men.) Take your prisoner, and keep him safely till the captain's arrival.

LOR. Once more I implore you to let me go on my way.

BILL. I have a tender heart, but business is business, and sentiment must, as heretofore, be blowed.—Corker and Custard, remove him. (LORRIMORE taken off.)

LOR. Each step I take seems to bring more misfortune upon me. (Exit.)

BILL. Never mind; there'll soon he an end of your misery -by means of a drop too much.—(To Gypsies.) Gentlemen, I think we may congratulate ourselves upon an excellent stroke of business. I don't say it is quite legitimate, but, hang it all! in this garb one could do anything.

GYPSIES. Anything ! anything !











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DUV. Gentleman all, I thank you for the heartiness of your reception. As I stated, I bring you news of considerable value.

Bos. Bravo! bravo!

BILL. (Hitting him over head.) Who the deuce wants your applause?

DUV. You have, as I directed, examined the place called tions, but I will bear in mind your hint about the rope.—Gen-ilden Hall? Milden Hall?

BILL, I have, captain, and, save the poverty of the jest, I should be inclined to style it Mildew Hall. (All laugh.)

DUV. No matter its appearance. I have discovered that its owner, Martin Magruder, a miserly Roundhead, there keeps most of his ill-gotten gains; in fact, he prefers being his own banker. I need scarcely tell you, gentlemen, who will draw at sight upon his capital.

GYPSIES. Ha! ha! ha! ho! ho! ho!

Duv. I am aware that an enterprise of this kind lies more in the housebreaking branch of our service, but fifty thousand guineas make a sum in respect of which distinctions of rank should be sunk.

BILL. Fifty thousand guineas? I'll sink anything for fifty thousand pence.

Duv. Ay, or blow anything up either, for that mat- Duv. Ah, these wingless angels soon fall in or ter.—Lieutenant William, is there anything to report to they haven't enough to support them, I suppose me?

BILL. Yes, captain; we have effected a valuable capture. DUV. Good! Petticoat?

BILL No, captain-breeches. Duv. Then let the bisected garment appear before me. (Stage R.)

BILL. It shall at once.-Produce the capture.

Bos. Immediately. (Exit.) DUV. Tell me, William, what manner of man is your prey?

BILL. He is young, somewhat melancholy, and his language does not always savor of Parliament.

Duv. How know you, then, that he is valuable? Has he much money with him?

BILL. Far from it, but he has himself declared that a large reward is set upon his head.

Duv. Doubtless some ill-conditioned Puritan. But we may off. not take blood-money at any cost.

BILL. (Disappointed.) How so, captain? What shall we do with him?

DUV. Exercise our royal prerogative and suspend him. BILL. Well said, captain! Here he is.

(Enter BOSCAT with LORRIMORE.)

LOR. Unhand me, knave! How can an unarmed man make resistance? (Sees DUVAL.)—Sir Henry Villeboise here?

DUV. Captain Lorrimore!

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LOR. Are you also in the power of these scoundrels ?

DUV. No; I fancy they are more or less in mine .- Retire and leave us together.

BILL. But, captain-DUV. Retire, I say!

BILL. Far be it from me to attempt to fathom your inten-

(Exeunt.)

LOR. You seem on good terms with these vagabonds. DUV. Yes; I am not disposed to quarrel with any one. What, my dear Lorrimore, brings you to Newmarket Heath? Lor. A foolish whim.

Duv. How so?

LOR. You know that, rightly or wrongly, the King has banished my friend and patron, Lord Clarendon, and I am also condemned to share his exile.

DUV. Then why here? LOR. You will no doubt think me foolish, but I could not start from England without saying good-bye.

Duv. For money, a woman ! LOR. No, hang it ! Say rather an angel.

DUV. Ah, these wingless angels soon fall in one's estimation ;

LOR. Nor have I, for that matter. Poor Constance! she loves me too.

Duy. Why not relieve her poverty and add Lorrimore to her exceedingly pretty Christian name.

LOR. Demme, she has an uncle. Duv. They're usually accommodating gentlemen enough.

LOR. That's not quite the character of Martin Magruder.

DUV. Martin Magruder? LOR. Ay; an old rascal in the winter of life. DUV. But what does he object to?

LOR. In the first place, he has forced Constance into accept-

ing Sir Whiffle Whaffle, an old beau. Oliver Cromwell seized our estate of Milden Hall and granted it to this very Magruder.

Duv. Altogether, Lorrimore, you don't seem to have any chance; but maybe I can help you. I have a debt to wipe

LOR. So have I-many.

DUV. Come! come! you know what I mean. I sha'n't eas-ily forget how you saved my life at Burrow's gaming-house; the thrust with which you relieved me when the two rascally bullies were about to spit me was the very pink of perfection.

LOR. But those were delightful days when you and I ruf-

fled it together! Duv. Yes. If they can't be recalled, they shall at least be remembered.


















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BETTY. Coachman! coachman! stop! we're off the road. Where are you driving to? (All get out of coach.)



No. 6. TRIO-"We are Quaking."-Constance, Mrs. Betty, & Magruder.





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Const. Oh, aunt, what horrid-looking persons! BETTY. Old Frizzlewig? Let BETTY. Martin, reprimand the obtrusive curiosity of these that in years I am but a chicken.

vulgarians. MAG. I reprimand the whole affair, but what is one against numbers? Those masks must conceal some very ugly faces. I will escape.

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BETTY. Not without me, brother—not without me. BILL. (Stopping them.) Or me. MAG. Help! help! We're being murdered! BILL. Not yet, and, believe me, I wouldn't go so far as that. BETTY. Help! help! he's going to assault us! BILL. Not yet, beauteous female, or, to be plainer, old Friz-

zlewig.

BETTY. Old Frizzlewig ? Let me tell you, Mr. Blackface,

that in years I am but a chicken. BILL. And a tough old rooster into the bargain. I should say you're not married. Well, dry goods, I suppose, don't sell well in the marriage-market. BETTY. It's my misfortune, not my fault. BILL. Thanks for your confidence; I'll extend mine to you. We look like gypsies, don't we? MAG. No, you look like perfect gentlemen. BILL. Then we look like what we're not; we're members of a nobler profession : we're highwaymen! MAG. Damme! I could have sworn it. Oh, my guineas! my guineas!

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BILL. Will soon be placed to our account.









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