THE ROLE OF HAMLET MANY FAMOUS ACTRESSES ESSAYED IT AND FAILED. Even the Gifted Sarah Siddons and the Brilliant Charlotte Cushman Were Not Equal to the Task-Anna

Although many of the cleverest ac-tresses the world has known have essayed the part, they have, with few exceptions, failed in it.

Even Sarah Siddons, probably the greatest tragic actress of all time, was a failure as Hamlet, largely owing to

the nondescript nature of her garments, which were neither masculine nor femi-nine and which made it almost impos-

sible to forget that her Hamlet was a woman and not a man, says London

Charlotte Cushman was perhaps the

most brilliant player of male parts of her or, indeed, of any other generation. She was equally brilliant and convinc-

ing as Romeo, Cardinal Wolsey or Claude Melnotte, but when she made

the crucial experiment of playing the melancholy Dane even she proved unequal to the task. In fact, her Ham-

let was so badly received in Dublin that she there and then made up her

mind never to play it again.

And yet her Romeo was such a triumph of acting that James Sheridan

Knowles, the great dramatist and crit-

ic, was completely carried away by it.

Of her acting of the passage where Romeo flings himself upon the ground, "taking the measure of an unmade

grave," he says: "It was a scene of top-most passion, not simulated passion; no such thing—real, palpably real. The genuine heart storm was on in its wild-est fullness of fury, and I listened and

gazed and held my breath, while my blood ran hot and cold. I am sure it

must have been the case with every one in the house, but I was all ab-sorbed in Romeo till a thunder of ap-

plause recalled me to myself."

And of her assumption of the difficult

part of Claude Melnotte in "The Lady

of Lyons" Justin McCarthy says: "I have seen Claude Melnotte played by

many great actors, from Macready to Irving, but Miss Cushman eclipsed

them all. She created for me the only human, the only possible and the only endurable Claude Melnotte I have ever

Miss Julia Seaman, a once popular

actress, was so severely criticised when she played Hamlet some years ago that she turned round on her critics and assailed them in a very vigorous manner. The late Miss Marriott, who had one of the most beautiful voices ever heard on

any stage, was more fortunate, al-

though it was one of her least successful assumptions, and in the fifties an American actress, Miss Percy Knowles,

made such an unfortunate exhibition

of herself as the melancholy one that a country manager actually issued a no

tice warning his patrons against going

Ellen Tree (Mrs. Charles Kean) was

the first to put on Hamlet's doublet and hose; Mrs. Glover won Edmynd

Kean's approval by her playing of the part, and Mme. Sarah Bernhardt gave

a picturesque and clever rendering of Hamlet, although it was not to be com-

pared with many of her brilliant as

would startle the world if she were but two inches taller." She was such a

nagnificent swordswoman that few

men cared to try their skill against her

on the stage, and she was undoubtedly a genius in her way, with a courage commensurate with her skill. She was one of the finest personators She was one of the linest personators of Richard III. ever seen on the stage, her Shylock was among the most brilliant pieces of acting in her day, and she was almost equally clever as Lago.

Romeo and Don Caesar de Bazan, and yet when Charlotte Crampton chal-lenged criticism with Hamlet she fail-

ed as signally as her rival, Charlotte

Macbeth and Claude Melnotte.

to see her.

he says: "It was a scene of top-

Dickinson In the Part.



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Wm. Pratt has the finest garden of any farmer in these parts, among others early vegetables. They have had cabbage for some time. J. H. Gillam, of Cleveland, is visit-

J. H. Gillam, of Cleveland, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. W. F. McCray and two children, of Chicago, are the guests of Mrs. Wm. Rhue, North Buxton.

The Ladies Aid of the First Bartist church, North Buxton, are preparing for their annual lawn social to be held on the 26th inst. on the spacious and beautiful lawn of Geo.

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cial that they held on this same lawn last July was the social of the season and they are trying to excel all former efforts now, and are seeking noted foreign talent as well as local talent. Don't miss it.

Mr. Weir, teacher at North Buxton, is spending his vacation at his home in Charing Cross.

In the week with Mrs. Geo. H. Lidster and renewing acquaintances in the section.

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Messrs. John and Geo. H. Lidster

teacher of No. 5, Zone, is spending

section.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, of Hamilton, are moving to Zone.

Mr. Johnson, of Euphemia, is busily engaged moving a frame house to Bothwell for Mr. M. Malampee. It was formerly owned by Mr. Edward

was formerly owned by Mr. Edward Chapman.

Miss M. Beamish, of Bothwell, spent Sunday at Mr. Geo. Lidster's.

Peter Johnson, of West Lorne, called on friends here Saturday last.

The corner stones of the new L. D. Saints church were laid on Saturday, July 8th, at 2 p. m. Tea was served from four to six o'clock.

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relatives here.
Miss McCallwin, Albono, was the
guest of Mrs. J. W. Huffman, Glenanchy Farm, for a few days this

week.

Miss Jennie Cundle is visiting friends in Essex.

Mr. Wm. Proctor fell off a load of hay and broke his arm at the shoulder.

WABASH.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mooney, of London, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Richardson. Dr. Bucke, of Kent Bridge, was in the value on Monday. Factball practice on the green

every evensing.

Miss Myntile Richandson has returned from a short visit to Selton turned from a short visit to Selton and Kent Bridge, and the Misses Gregory, of Kent Bridge, are her guests for the remaining of the week.

Miss Hurley, of Ann Arbor, is one of the summer visitors here. Probably the most successful of all lady Hamlets was Anna Dickinson, who made considerable reputation as Macbeth and Claude Melhotte. A number of women have tried Hamlet," she said. "None, I believe, with any success. Yet, in my opinion, the character of Hamlet is eminently suited for woman's capabilities. Hamlet was

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Mr. Munroe, son of Dr. Munroe, of Ridgetown, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, Sunday evening.

Mrs. A. J. Pesha and family are visiting at Shetland.

Mrs. Merage, of Marine City, was the guest last week of her cousin, Mrs. E. J. C. Shaw.

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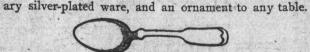
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a woman's capabilities. Hamiet was very young—a mere college boy, in fact. Besides, a fine actress is more likely to bring out the wonderful womanlike delicacy of Hamlet's character than a very young actor." And she supported her views by giving an attractive and clover rendering of the

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