

§ THEIR HOMES

looking the spacious gardens of the Players' and of the old Tilden mansion next door. On this piazza the members take their meals *à fresco* in suitable weather. It is doubtful if any other club in the city has such a beautiful yet homelike outlook.

There are various Shakespearian mottoes in different parts of the house. That in the grill-room reads: "Mouth it, as many of our players do." Booth himself made an apt paraphrase of Ben Jonson's lines from the First Folio, and they may be read under the marble mantel in the hall:—

Good Frende For Friendship's Sake Forbeare
To Utter What Is Gossipt Heare
In Social Chatt Lest, Unawares,
Thy Tongue Offends Thy Fellow Plaiers

In the grill is a playbill of Garrick in "Hamlet" at Drury Lane in 1773. The King was played by "Mr. Jefferson," great-grandfather to our own "Joe" of gracious memory.

It is a distinguishing feature of the Players'