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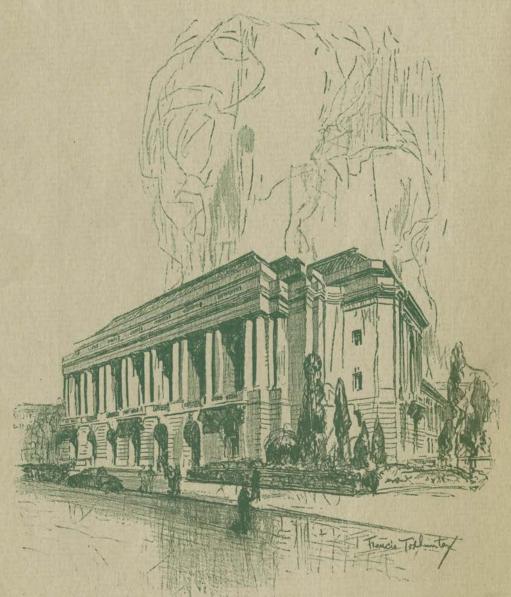
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> TIME AND PLACE: About the middle of the eighteenth century; Spain and Italy

> Scene I Room in the house of Marquis of Calatrava Act I Scene 2 An inn at Hornacuelos

The cloister of the Monastery of Hornacuelos Act II

Act III Scene I A wood near Velletri Scene 2 An old house in the wood

Act IV Scene I Same as Act II Scene 2 A solitary spot near the convent

> Bell rings three minutes before curtain rises Encores not permitted

Act I: Leonora's agitated goodnight to the Marquis of Calatrava breathes a mute farewell, for, immediately her father retires, her maid begins flurried preparations for her elopement with Don Alvaro, whose formal suit has been rejected. Wavering between filial affection and lover's passion, Leonora hesitates to depart. Don Alvaro interprets her irresolution as want of love, and Leonora, protesting this reproach, tremulously yields. Their escape is intercepted by the Marquis, whose insinuations goad Alvaro to a show of arms. At Leonora's cry he discards his weapon, which, falling, discharges and kills the Marquis. (Scene 2.) Parted from Alvaro in their flight, Leonora, in male disguise, stops at an inn to which her brother, Don Carlos, has come in pursuit of the lovers. A gypsy fore-tells glory at the Italian wars for all the travelers except Carlos, whose destiny is sorrow. Baffled in his effort to discover news of Leonora, and asked his own story, he tells, as of another, that of the house of Calatrava.

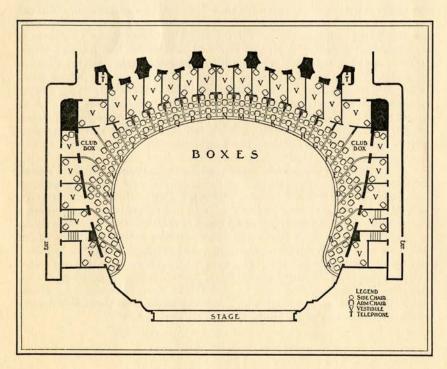
Act II: Terrified and despairing, Leonora, believing Alvaro has deserted her, entreats of Father Guardiano secret sanctuary as a hermit in an isolated cave near his monastery. Acquainted with her story, he compassionately consents. (Scene 2.) The brotherhood gather to consecrate Leonora's penitence, and, adjured to shun the holy cave except upon occasion of an alarm from the bell hung within it, follow her lonely steps with prayers.

Act III: Alvaro, relinquishing a fruitless search for Leonora, has sought distraction at the wars. Ruminating on his dark fortunes, he chances onto a quarrel engaging Don Carlos and saves his life. Ignorant of each other's identity, they vow friendship, and together answer the signal to arms. (Scene 2.) Alvaro is wounded; fearing death, he pledges Carlos to destroy for him a sealed letter. Carlos accepts the trust; but, evading honor, he suspiciously searches Alvaro's kit, and finds a portrait of Leonora. Alvaro's wound is scarcely healed when Carlos, naming himself, claims vengeance. Alvaro demurs. Denying having wronged Leonora, he mourns her death; but Carlos avers she lives and that he designs to kill her. Enraged at this threat, Alvaro furiously opposes him. Soldiers interfere, and Alvaro, recognizing an ironic fate, is inspired to defeat his unfortunate destiny by closing the doors of a cloister upon it.

ACT IV: After five years Carlos has traced Alvaro to Father Guardiano's monastery, where he appears and demands satisfaction. The priest refuses, even prostrating himself to petition for peace. Infuriated, Carlos strikes him. Violently, then, Alvaro seizes the sword he had disdained and rushes off to unconsecrated ground where they may duel. (Scene 2.) Leonora measures time with prayers for the peace that is death. A clashing of swords startles her to the shelter of her hermitage from which Alvaro implores her. Affrighted, she rings the bell and, appearing to banish the intruder, recognizes Alvaro. He deplores they are united with the blood of her brother between them. Leonora hurries to the dying Carlos, who, relentlessly unforgiving, stabs her. Guardiano, come in answer to her alarm, surrenders her, dying, to Alvaro, who curses the mockery of inexorable destiny that leaves him, alone of all, guilty, alone of all, unpunished.

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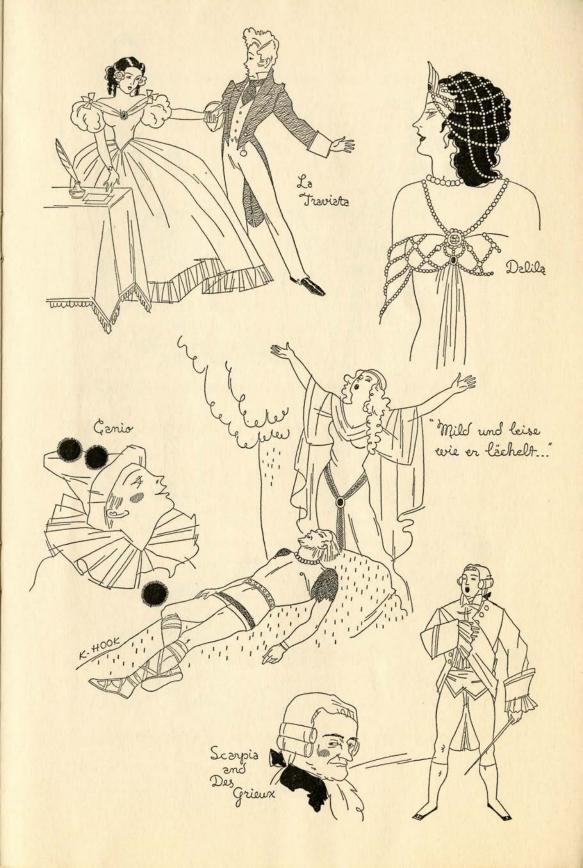
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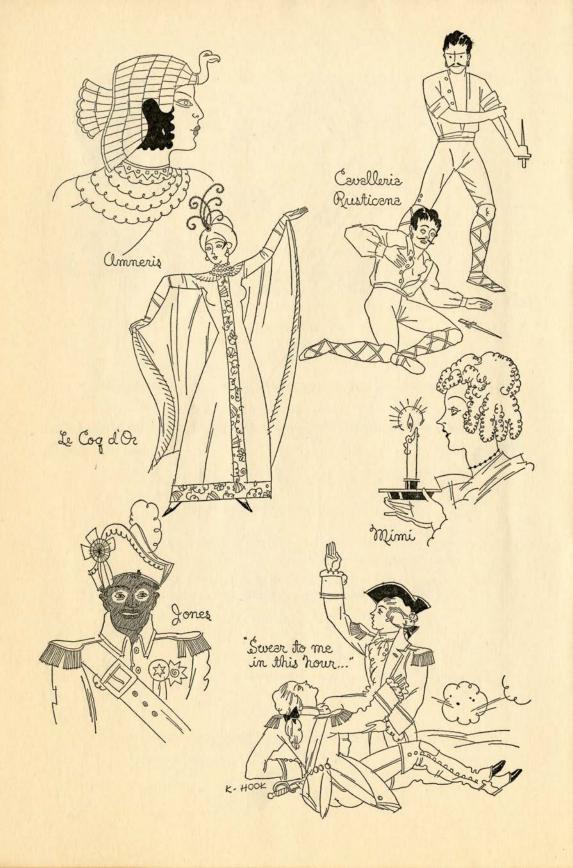
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