THE SQUIRE OF ALSATIA. AS 18 Nov. Also HARLEQUIN SORCERER. Monday 21 As 31 Oct. CG

COMMENT. Mainpiece: Acted but once these 15 years.

VENICE PRESERV'D. Jaffier – Powell, first time; Pierre – Holland; Priuli – 7 Havard; Bedamour – Packer; Renault – Burton; Duke – Bransby; Belvidera – Mrs Yates. Also LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT. As 17 Oct.

COMMENT. Books of the Farce to be had at the Theatre. Mr Powell's first appearance in Jaffier. Got much applause (Hopkins). Mr Powell's first appearance in Jaffier—he performed the first part of it with feeling, but in the fourth act he was wild, and wanted power—But was much applauded (Hopkins Diary— MacMillan). Tomorrow, *The Midsummer Night's Dream*, Written by Shakespear; with Alterations; Interspersed with Airs, Compos'd by the most eminent English Masters. Receipts: £235 75. (MacMillan).

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA. Macheath – Beard; Peachum – Shuter; Lockit – CG Dunstall; Filch – Holtom; Mat-o-Mint – Baker; Player – Anderson; Beggar – Bennet; Lucy – Miss Davies, first time; Mrs Peachum – Mrs Stephens; Diana Trapes – Mrs Copin; Mrs Slammekin – Mrs Green; Polly – Miss Brent. Hornpipe – Miss Daw; Country Dance by characters in the Opera. Also MISS IN HER TEENS. As 15 Nov. DANCING. II: The Sicilian Peasants, as 5 Oct.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM. Characters by Vernon, Bransby, W. Palmer, Burton, Parsons, Hopkins, Yates, Love, Baddeley, Ackman, Clough, Mrs Vincent, Miss Young. Fairies by – Miss Rogers, Miss Ford, Miss Wright, Mas. Cape, Mas. Raworth, &c. [Theseus – Bransby; Egeus – Burton; Lysander – Vernon; Demetrius – W. Palmer; Quince – Love; Bottom – Yates; Flute – Baddeley; Starveling – Parsons; Hippolita – Mrs Hopkins; Hermia – Miss Young; Helena – Mrs Vincent; Snout – Ackman; Snug – Clough; Oberon – Miss Rogers; Titania – Miss Ford; Puck – Mas. Cape; Fairies – Miss Wright, Mas. Raworth &c. (Edition of 1763).] In Act v, a *Fairy Dance* by Mas. Clinton, Miss Street, Miss Rogers, Miss Ford, and others. Overture and Airs by the most eminent English Masters.

COMMENT. This piece was greatly Cut & Alter'd. the 5th Act Entirely left out & many Airs interspers'd all through; got up with a vast deal of trouble to everybody concern'd in it but particularly to Mr Coleman, who attended every Rehearsal & had alterations innumberable to make. Upon the whole, never was anything so murder'd in the Speaking. Mr W. Palmer & Mrs Vincent were beyond Description bad; & had it not been for the Children's Excellent performance, (& particularly Miss Wright who Sung delightfully) the Audience would not have Suffer'd 'em to have gone half thro' it. The Sleeping Scene particularly displeas'd. Next day it was reported. The Performers first Sung the Audience to Sleep, & then went to Sleep themselves (Hopkins). Fairies pleas'd-Serious parts displeas'd-Comic between both (Cross Diary). This piece of Shakespear's was greatly cut and altered,-the fifth act entirely left out,-and many airs introduced-got up with a vast deal of trouble to all concerned, but particularly to Mr Colman, who attended every rehearsal, and had alterations innumerable to make. Upon the whole, I believe, never was a piece so murdered as this was by the singing speakers, in which Mrs Vincent and Mr W. Palmer were beyond description bad; and had it not been for the children's excellent performance (particularly Miss Wright, who ran away with all the applause and very deservedly) the audience would not have suffered them to have gone half thro' it .- The sleeping particularly displeased. The next day it was reported, the performers sung the audience to sleep, and then went to sleep themselves (Hopkins Diary-MacMillan). Overture and airs composed by the most eminent Wednesday 23 DL

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- Wednesday 23English masters. Book of the play sold at the theatre, 15. [See "A MidsummerDLNight's Dream in the Hands of Garrick and Colman," PMLA, June 1939.] Receipts:
£98 75. (MacMillan).
- CG EVERY MAN IN HIS HUMOUR. As 10 Oct., but Clement Lewis. Also LETHE. Fine Gentleman – Woodward; Aesop – Walker; Drunken Man – Dunstall; Old Man & Lord Chalkstone – Shuter; Frenchman – Holtom; Trueman – Davies; Fine Lady – Mrs Green. DANCING. The Cudgell'd Husband, as 1 Nov.
- Thursday 24
 VENICE
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 COMMENT. Tomorrow, acted but once, The Midsummer Night's Dream. Receipts:
 £220 15. (MacMillan).
- CG THE SQUIRE OF ALSATIA. AS 18 Nov., but Hack'em Buck. Also THOMAS AND SALLY. AS 12 Oct. DANCING. The Knife Grinders, as 12 Oct.
- Friday 25 DL ROMEO AND JULIET. As 31 Oct. Also THE DEUCE IS IN HIM. As 4 Nov. COMMENT. Mainpiece: By Desire. The Midsummer Night's Dream is oblig'd to be deferr'd. Receipts: £123 185. (MacMillan).
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Saturday 26 DL THE JEALOUS WIFE. AS 12 Oct. Also THE FAIRY TALE. Characters by Yates, Baddeley, Clough, Love, Parsons, Ackman. Fairies: Miss Ford, Miss Wright, Mas. Raworth, Miss Rogers, Mas. Cape, To conclude with a Fairy Dance by Mas. Clinton, Miss Street, Miss Rogers, Miss Ford, &c. [Bottom – Yates; Quince – Love; Flute – Baddeley; Starveling – Paisons; Snug – Clough; Snout – Ackman (deduced from text).]

LOVE IN A VILLAGE. As 3 Nov., but Gardner replaces Mrs Stephens as a

DANCING. The Italian Gardiners, as 19 Nov.

DANCING. The Cudgell'd Husband, as I Nov.

Servant at the Statute.

COMMENT. This Farce is taken From the Midsummer Night's Dream, by Coleman, & is a very pleasing Farce, & well receiv'd by the Audience (Hopkins). Songs of the Entertainment to be given at theatre. Mdsr Night's Dream Cut. Serious parts quite out. Went off well (Cross Diary). This Farce is taken from The Midsummer Night.—Mr Colman thought it was a pity so much pains and expense as was bestowed on the Midsummer Night's Dream should be thrown away,—he luckily thought of turning it into a farce, which alteration he made in one night,—and now I think as pleasing a farce as most that are done.—Miss [Wright] is vastly great in her songs (Hopkins Diary—MacMillan). [See "A Midsummer Night's Dream in the hands of Garrick and Colman," PMLA, June 1939.]

THE COUNTRY LASSES; or, The Custom of the Manor. Modely – Dyer; Heartwell – Ross, first time; Lurcher – White; Vulture – Cushing; Double Jugg – Dunstall; Constable – Redman; Sir John English – Shuter, first time; Freehold – Gibson; Carbuncle – Buck; Sneak – Holtom; Tim Shaklefigure – Costollo; Longbottom – Perry; Aura – Miss Macklin, first time; Flora – Miss Elliot, first time. With A *Country Dance* incident to the play, and the Original *Sbeep-Sbeering Ballad*, by Mr Baker. Also HARLEQUIN SORCERER. As 31 Oct.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: Not acted these 3 years. [See 12 Nov. 1761.]

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