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A member of the tragedian's company relates the following: "He once told me about a western experience of his in the fifties. Booth was then the star of a certain stock company playing the California towns. It was rough out there then, and the same company did everything from 'Hamlet' to a song and dance—all at the same theater and often within the same week.

"In this company there was a young man of much histrionic talent, who, previous to the advent of Booth, played the leading roles, but who was thrown into the shade by the new star. Jealousy and hot words followed. The manager and the disappointed tragedian were continually at war over the distribution of parts.

"When the time for producing 'Hamlet' arrived it was found that the cast would necessarily muster into act every one from the ticket seller to the lamp man. The long suffering manager had resolved to punish the recalcitrant actor, and he was given the part of Guildenstern.

"There was some muttering, but all went well enough until the opening night. The house was filled. The scenery was crude, and for that matter so was the audience, but the applause was generous. Things reached a climax in the second scene of the third act, where Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are sent by the king to spy on the alleged madness of Hamlet.

"The usual futile endeavors to get any information out of the melancholy Dane were gone through with and then, of course, came Booth's powerful scene in which the musical instrument is introduced (the pipe on this occasion being a clumsy tin affair, painted to suit the aesthetic soul of the property man).

"The audience listened in breathless expectation, and the dialogue proceeded as follows:

"Hamlet—Will you play upon this pipe?

"Guildenstern—My lord, I cannot.

"H.—I pray you.

"G.—Believe me, I cannot.

"And here the proud Dane lifted himself erect, preparatory to hurling at Guildenstern that crescendo of mingled rage and scorn which begins with 'Tis as easy as lying, etc.' But the crescendo never came.

"Hamlet—I do beseech you.

"Guildenstern—Then I don't mind if I do.

"And seizing the obstreperous horn, he broke forth into a weird, unearthly strain of Yankee Doodle and what-not.

"I stood there dazed," said Booth, "for it seemed to me hours, trying to connect the lines or collect my thoughts so as to go on, but it was of no use, for the fiend with the horn kept right on with his refined torture, until at last, in sheer mercy, the curtain went down to rise no more that night.

"Mr. — was promptly dismissed, but he had had his revenge."—New York Recorder.

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