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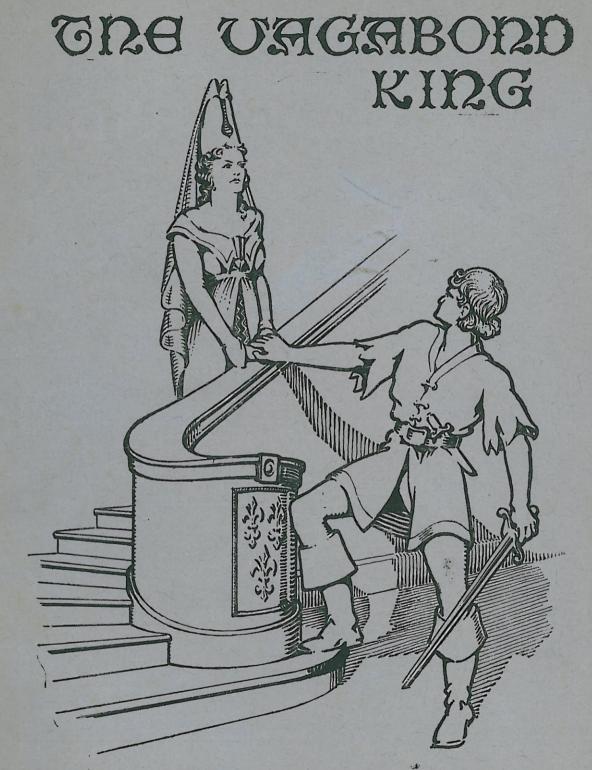
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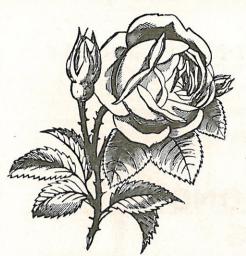
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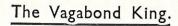
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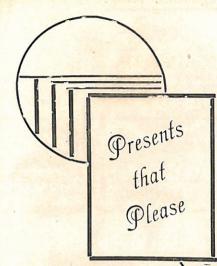




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#### ACT I.

			ACI	1.	the state of the s
1.	Opening Chorus				Ensemble.
2.	Love for Sale		,		Huguette and Chorus.
3.	Drinking Song				Taberie and Male Chorus.
4.	Song of the Vagabonds .				Villon and Chorus.
5.	Some Day			• • • •	Katherine.
6.	Only a Rose				Katherine and Villon.
7.	Fight Music and Finaletto	0 '			Entire Company.
· Carrie			ACT	2.	
•	O Count Art		3		Vina Tristan and Astrologon
3.3.1.	0	•••	•••	•••	King, Tristan and Astrologer. Noel and Ensemble.
9.					
10.	0		•••	•••	Captain of Scotch Archers.  Villon and Katherine.
	F: I C I A		•••	•••	
12.	Finale Second Act .	••	•••	•••	Entire Company.
			Entr'a	act.	
			ACT	3.	
13.	Nocturn		• • •	•••	Ensemble and Captain of Archers
14.	Ballet				The Dancers.
15.			•••		Taberie, Oliver and Lady Mary.
16.					Huguette and Dancers.
17.	Love Me To-night Duet		•••		Katherine and Villon
18.	Finaletto Act 3	•••	•••		Entire Company.
			ACT	4.	
19.	Opening—The Church	Music			Ensemble.
20.					Entire Company.
21.	Francis I Harman				Entire Company.
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### Cast

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FRANCOIS VILLE	NC		•••					Leonard Pease
KATHERINE DE	VAUC	ELLES					4000	Connie Joscelyne
GUY TABARIE	•••							ric H. Thornton
HUGUETTE DU								Phyllis Baker
LOUIS XI								E. H. Skinner
CAPTAIN OF TH	E SCC	отсн	ARC	HERS			G	ranville Offord
LADY MARY	•••							Mary Donovan
RENE DE MONT	IGNY							H. Fielden
OLIVER LE DAIN								
TRISTAN L'HERM	ITE							the second second
NOEL LE JOLYS			1					R. Gray
TOISON D'OR								M. Bond
SOLO DANCER								M.A.O.D., Inter.
MARGOT								Vera Bonner
THIBAUT D'AUS								T. Hammond
CACINI								D. W. Scott
AN ASTROLOGE								
ROGATI			••		•••	•••		H. Pearce
			•			•••		F. A. Cole
						•••		Gladys Rogers
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THE OHEEN				•••	•••		К	. V. Oxborrow
I LE MOEEN								Muriel Peck

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OLIVE BOND
MARJORIE CHATTEY
BRONWEN CARTER
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### Scenes.

Act I .		•••				The	Tavern		
Act 2 .						The	Court		
Sce	ene 1		The Ba	lcony-	-That	Night	11000		
Sce	ne 2	7	The Ga	rdens-	-Nex	t Morn	ing		
Act 3 .						The	Masque		
Night in the Garden of the King									
Act 4				•••		The (	Gibbet		
Sce	ne 1		A Gate	of Old	Paris				
Sce	ne 2		The Pla	ce de (	Grave				

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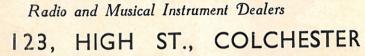
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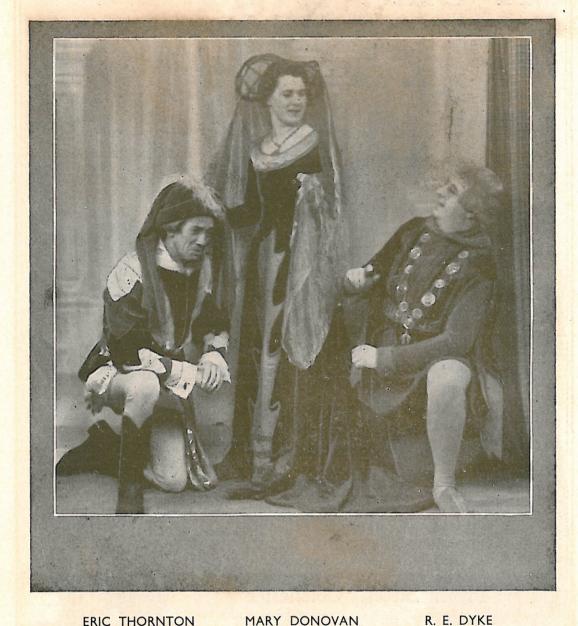
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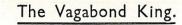
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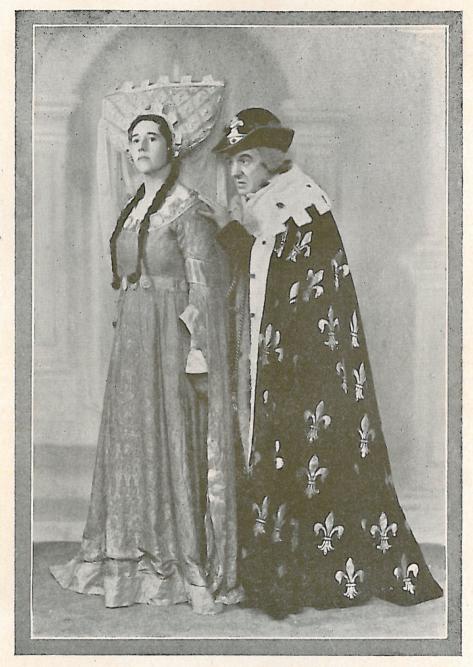
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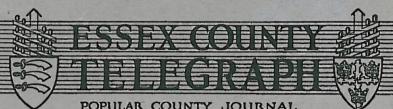
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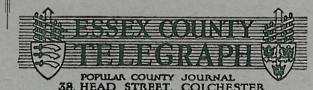
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