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This sentimental drama, written by the prolific German playwright, August von Kotzebue, (a friend of Ludwig von Beethoven,) was originally published under the title "Menshenhass und Reue." When the play was translated into English in the late 1790s, it quickly became a runaway success in both Great Britain and the United States. The drama remained a staple of theatrical companies for the balance of the 19th century. The fairytale-like plot, with its story of lost love, concealed identity, crushing guilt, and healing redemption, charmed generations of tearful Victorian-era theatre-goers. (Summary by Dr. Kelly S. Taylor)

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