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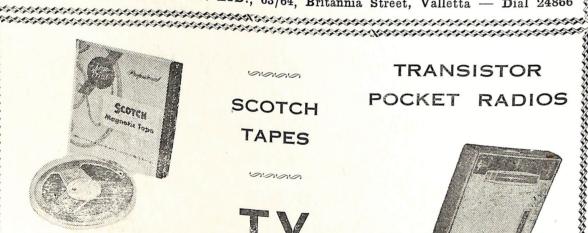
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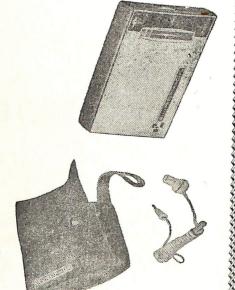
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"Lock Up Your Daughters" was first called by Fielding, "The Justice Caught In His Own Trap" or "The Coffee-House Politicoes", and by other lurid titles. Although this is a comedy. Henry Fielding's later career shows that he was far from treating dishonest magistrates, corrupt constables, and legal bribery and corruption just as a joke. He was, in fact, trying to arouse public opinion against these abuses of his time by that powerful weapon, ridicule. Due to him and many other like-minded people, there developed slowly in Britain during the eighteenth century a more humane and law-abiding democracy, while France, for instance, was heading for revolution.

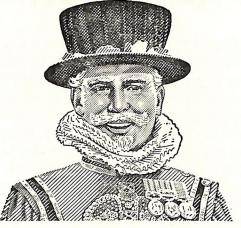
Nowadays we can afford to treat this play as a fantasy, but it remains a satire - on humanity at large. As Mr. Justice Worthy, the only wise man in the play, says: "The covetous. the prodigal, the superstitious, the libertine, the lover, all are lunatics in their several ways . . . "

We are indebted to Bernard Miles for rediscovering Fielding's play, and adapting it in 1959 to the modern stage: it has since delighted its audiences in London, America, and many parts of the world.

Our stage setting, following the original 1959 design by Sean Kenny, which established a new style in scenery, is more evocative than realistic. Its spaces expand, while Time and Distance contract. For, if the play is of the age of Newton, its setting (and its music) are of the age of Einstein.

With Lionel Bart's new songs to help them, the characters emerge more vividly than Henry Fielding could have imagined, but please do not take them too seriously; they are little more than puppets, goons, caricatures, phantasmagoria, empty masks

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The Music and Songs

ACT I

Overture
Introduction — "ALL'S WELL" STAFF presents the cast
Question — "A PROPER MAN?"
First Edition — "IT MUST BE TRUE" POLITIC & DABBLE
Argument — "RED WINE" SOTMORE & RAMBLE
Statement — "IT'S PLAIN TO SEE" HILARET meets RAMBLE
System — "ON THE SIDE"
Anticipation — "WHEN?" MRS. SQUEEZUM is impatient
Duet Apart — "LOVELY LOVER" HILARET pines for CONSTANT
Advice to All — "LOCK UP YOUR DAUGHTERS" SOTMORE, RAMBLE & CONSTANT
Duet Together — "LOVELY LOVER" (Reprise) HILARET finds CONSTANT
ACT II
Entracte
Entracte

"LOCK UP YOUR DAUGHTERS"

THE CHARACTERS

STAFE a constable
STAFF, a constable Frank Seward
HILARET, Politic's daughter
CLORIS, her maid Joy Carrel
MR. POLITIC Ted Roswles
MR. DABBLE Coffee-house Politicoes Ben Sandham
FAITHFUL, Politic's Servant Peter Davies
SOTMORE, a tippler
RAMBLE, a sailor
JUSTICE SQUEEZUM
QUILL, his clerk
MRS. SQUEEZUM
JUSTICE WORTHY Mike Deve
CAPTAIN CONSTANT
BRAZENCOURT, an innkeeper
TAVERN WENCHES
WATCHMEN
Pat Simpson, Robin Maddison

The Play Produced and Directed

by

BEN SANDHAM

OUTLINE OF PLOT

HILARET, with her maid, CLORIS, leaves home to elope with her lover, Captain CONSTANT, but she encounters RAMBLE in the street. STAFF and his Constables arrest both of them, and take them to Justice Squeezum's court. Squeezum makes Hilaret agree to meet him later incognito in the tavern, before releasing her. Ramble is put in jail, waiting trial, and there finds Constant, also falsely accused of assault. With their friend, SOTMORE, they plot to compromise SQUEEZUM, with HILARET's help, — but SQUEEZUM is an expert in intrigue. Can they succeed? Whose side is Mrs. Squeezum on? Will Justice (Squeezum) prevail?

THE STAGE

The action of the play passes rapidly through streets and houses of London in 1732 during a few hours of a summer evening, and early next day. By use of the fourth dimension, all streets and pavements, many solid walls, long distances, and passages of time have been removed from and between the scenes, leaving on one side of the stage, Mr. Politic's house, and on the other, a mile away, Justice Squeezum's house and courtroom. Each has a bedroom above, with front walls transparent to the audience.

The centre is occupied alternatively by a tavern or a prison-cell, an ale-house or a jailhouse. The downstage area suddenly becomes, at times, a street, or parts of the above premises, as necessary.

ACT I

"Nine o'clock, on a fine summer's night"

ACT II

Later, and the Morning After.

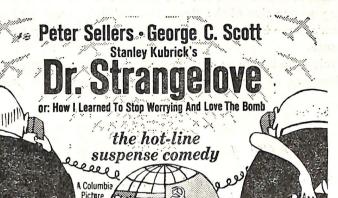
There will be an INTERVAL of 20 minutes between the acts.

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Assisted by ROBERT SMITH
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Properties VIRGINIA CARVER, ROSEMARY WEIR
Wigs by
Make-up by BETTY SANDHAM, JANE FRANKLIN
Prompt BOODILE BELLAIRS
Accompanists
Cha-Cha-Cha arranged by GEORGE ZAHRA
Sound JOSEPH DEBONO
Box Office DENIS BELL
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Aget Floatwigger FRANS CILIA
Head Carpenter JOSEPH BORG
Box Office ANNE BRINCAT

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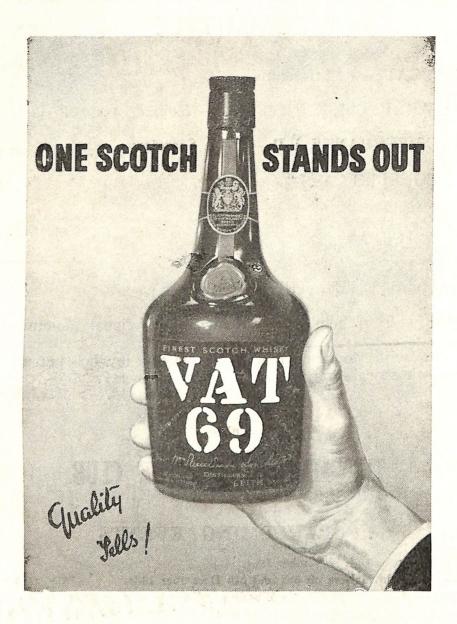
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