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Excerpt: . the audience over the intervening period, the conclusion of the act must be so arranged as to leave the spectator in a state of strong suspense. This is especially true of modern plays. In the plays of Shakespeare, and in the older drama generally, the conclusion of the act is often a scene of no particular impressiveness, possessing the force neither of climax nor of suspense. In modern plays this cannot be endured. The curtain must be brought down upon the veiy culmination of the climax, and the climax must be of a character to fill the audience with an eager desire to see the beginning of the next act. For this reason, in the acting editions of Shakespeare, the acts are re-arranged, so as to comply with modern requirements. 11. Application of the Principles.--In the play we are considering, the point at...

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