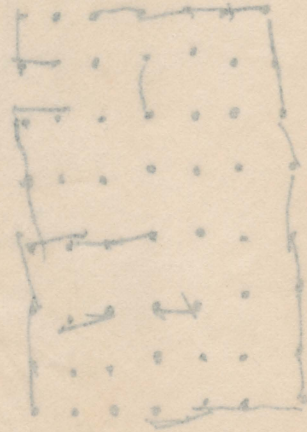


When he was not quite nine,  
he was taken to a play, now forgotten,  
and was bitten by the bug.  
For the following few weeks,  
he bored through books on stagecraft  
and built a platform ~~on~~ his papa's pasture  
where he performed plays in make-believe.  
By the time he was ten,  
he was proficient enough  
to entertain his neighbor children  
with one-man matinees.

At twelve he began to read  
the lives of all the  
actors and actresses  
he had ever heard of,  
and by the time he was fifteen,  
he knew all about  
Maude Adams, Zoe Akins, Allgood,  
Emil Jannings  
Eleanora Duse and John Drew,  
Richard Mansfield, ~~and~~  
and Bernhardt and Barrymore,  
and even of ~~M~~  
Mrs. Barry and Betterton,  
Colly Cibber and Garrick,  
Kemble and Kean.  
Such was his diligence

Possessing precocious talent, he  
shunned boyish sports,  
but no sissy was he  
as he twice demonstrated  
by breaking the beak of a bully  
who made mockery of his manhood (mocked his manhood)  
and by ~~blackening~~ blackening the eye of ~~another~~ a brute  
who taunted and tormented him.

Manhattan was his Mecca





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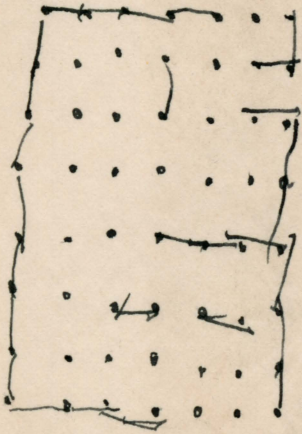
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Possessing precocious talent, he

as he twice demonstrated

by breaking the back of a bully

Mrs. Barry and Betterton,

Collyer and Gerrick,

Kempie and Kean.

Such was his diligence

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