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## A THEATRICAL CANDIDATE.

A Candidate for the stage lately applied to the Manager of Drury-lane Theatre for an engagement. After he had exhibited specimens of his various talents, the following dialogue took place between the Manager and him, "Sir you stutter" — "So did M.<sup>r</sup> Inchbald" — "You are lame of a leg" — "So was Foote" — "You are knock-kneed" — "So is Wroughton" — "You have a d—nd ugly face" — "So had Weston" — "You are very short" — "So was Garrick" — "You squint abominably" — "So does Lewis" — "You are a mere monotonous manerist" — "So is Kemble" — "You are but a miserable copy of Kemble" — "So is Barrymore" — "You have a perpetual whine" — "So has Pope" — "In comedy you are quite a buffoon" — "So is Kelly" — "You sing as ill as you act" — "So does Kelly" — "But you have all those defects combined" — "So much the more singular" —

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