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A better acquaintance with the delicate shades of mental disease as seen in the wards of a large Hospital for the Insane, has tended to modify the earlier views of the writer respecting some of Shakspeare's insane characters, and enabled him better to appreciate the fidelity of the great dramatist's delineations. No other excuse, therefore, is deemed necessary for the alterations that have been made in the original essays.

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