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James Lewis was a mid-to-late nineteenth century American actor who was the leading comedian in famed producer Augustin Daly's company. In addition to Shakespeare, he played in contemporary works and German comedies. The public enjoyed his talented antics: upon his death in 1896, Lewis' "brilliant record" with Daly's theatre remained "fresh in the public memory." ("Actor James Lewis Dead: Stricken With Heart Disease at His Summer Home He was One of the Oldest Members of Augustin Daly's Company, and Had Made an Excellent Reputation as a Comedian in This City and in London -- His Early Life in Business -- Critical Sketch, of His Stage Career." New York Times (1857-1922), Sep 11 1896, p. 5. ProQuest. Web. 7 June 2019.)

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