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Or, THE PEER AND THE PERI.

COMIC OPERA IN TWO ACTS.

Libretto by W. S. GILBERT. *Music by ARTHUR SULLIVAN.*

Recorded under the direction of RUPERT D'OYLY CARTE.

SOLOISTS AND CHARACTERS:

The Lord Chancellor	GEORGE BAKER	Strephon (an Arcadian Shepherd)	SYDNEY GRANVILLE
Earl of Mountararat	PETER DAWSON	Queen of the Fairies	EDNA THORNTON
Earl Tolloller	DARRELL FANCOURT	Celia (Fairies)	BESSIE JONES
Private Willis (of the Grenadier Guards)	DEREK OLDHAM	Leila (Fairies)	EVELYN HARDING
Iolanthe (a Fairy)	ROBERT RADFORD	Phyllis (an Arcadian Shepherdess and Ward in Chancery)	VIOLET ESSEX
	NELLIE WALKER	Chorus of Dukes, Marquises, Earls, Viscounts, Barons and Fairies.	

Conducted by GEO. W. BYNG.

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