



THE ZOO



by Bolton Rowe (B.C. Stephenson) and Arthur S. Sullivan (1875)

Dramatis Personae

Æsculapius Carboy	A chemist in love with Laetitia.
Eliza Smith	A perfectly virtuous and highly principled young lady, in charge of the Refreshment Stall
Thomas Brown	The Duke of Islington, a nobleman disguised, in search of virtue, which he finds in Eliza.
Laetitia	Loved by Carboy.
Mr. Grinder	Laetitia's father, a retired grocer.
Chorus	Ladies and Gentlemen of the Great British Public.

“The Zoo” opened June 5, 1875 and closed July 10th, 1875. It was revived in October, 1875 and again in April, 1879, after which the score disappeared for 90 years. It was rediscovered by D. Terence Rees in 1965 and performed again in 1971. It has been a popular curtain raiser to the shorter Gilbert and Sullivan operettas since that time.

1. The British public here	Carboy and Chorus	1
2. I loved her fondly	Carboy and Chorus	10
3. Recitative –“And now lets go back”	Carboy, Thomas, Eliza, Chorus	14
3a. Ah, maiden fair	Eliza and Thomas	17
4. A woman's tender heart *	Laetitia	21
4b. Recitative “Where is he?”	Laetitia, Eliza, Carboy, Thomas	23
5. Once more the face I loved	Laetitia, Eliza, Carboy, Thomas	25
6. Help help!	Thomas, Carboy, Laetitia, Eliza, Chorus	35
7. He's a peer!	Thomas, Carboy, Laetitia, Chorus	45
8. Ladies and Gentlemen	Thomas and Chorus	51
9. We gather from what you said	Thomas and Chorus	55
10. Where is my daughter	Grinder, Eliza and Chorus	61
11. I'm a simple little child	Eliza	66
12. My father!	Laetitia, Carboy, Grinder, Eliza, Chorus	69
13. Finale	Ensemble	84

* Lyrics by Philip Sternenberg