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Cleopatra (M^{rs} Langtry)

**Downey, W. & D. Lillie Langtry as Cleopatra in Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra*. [London, England : s.n.], 1891.
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Lillie Langtry (1852 - 1929) was a famous socialite and "professional beauty" who took up acting in the 1880s. This photograph from an 1891 performance of *Antony and Cleopatra* highlights the elaborate costuming that late nineteenth-century performances promoted, including a serpent headdress with lily-of-the-nile side ornaments.

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