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Terry, Ellen. Merchant of Venice Mercy Speech Act IV. Camden, NJ: Victor Talking Machine Company, 1908. Folger Victrola 64194.

New technologies brought Shakespeare to new audiences. This Victrola record of the "Mercy" speech from Act 4, Scene 1 let audiences at home or at school listen to Ellen Terry, one of the foremost Shakespearean actresses of the day. A 1917 report by the American Bureau of Education recommended a Victrola as essential equipment for high school drama departments and noted that "Fifty per cent have a Victrola or similar machine, a rather large average" (James Fleming Hosis, *Reorganization of English in Secondary Schools*, Bulletin no. 2. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1917.)

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