“What touches us more closely is Echegaray’s manipulation of the modern conscience, and its illimitable scope for reflection, for conflict, and the many-sided drama of temptation...
Not even Tolstoi, with all that delicacy and keenness of the Russian conscience, that profound seriousness, which moves us so variously in his great books, has a nobler consciousness of the dignity of suffering and virtue than this Spanish dramatist.
And not less capable is he of a jesting survey of life.”

Echegaray won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1904.

This play was made into movies several times in both its original Spanish and in English.

— Summary by The Translator

Cast list:

Teodora, Wife of Don Julian: Nissy
Don Julian: Greg Giordano
Dona Mercedes, Wife of Don Severo: Sonia
Don Severo: Alan Mapstone
Pepito, Their Son: Adrian Stephens
Ernest: ToddHW

Rueda, A Witness: Sandra Schmit
Servant at Don Julian’s: Andrew Kennedy
Ernest’s Servant: Joanna Michal Hoyt
Stage Directions: Availle
Editing: ToddHW