

● MILDRED : I don't believe there's a girl in the class that Lucy hasn't been disagreeable to in one way or another, but we were all ashamed to show any resentment when Crystal began to talk about making peace with everybody at Christmas time, and about poor Lucy spending her Christmas in bed, and so on. (*Enter CRYSTAL at right ; crosses over.*)

LIZZIE : I suppose you think you are getting even in fine shape now ? I wouldn't make a big idiot of myself if I were you.

CRYSTAL (*stopping at center*) : I am not even with you yet, Lizzie, but I shall be when I can bring to you something said about you as kind as the speech you reported to me was unkind. I am eagerly watching for that opportunity. (*Exit at left.*)

(*Laughter and cries of "Good, good" from the others.*)

MILDRED : Better let her alone, Lizzie, you always seem to get the worst of it.

LIZZIE : That I will. I'll have nothing more to do with her, and I'll never even speak to her again.

MILDRED : Oh, yes, you will, for she'll have something to do with you, you may depend on that.

HELEN : Yes, and I don't believe you can stay angry with her long, for she is the kind of girl that carries her Christmas spirit with her all the year round.

(*Bell rings, all rush out at left noisily.*)

*Curtain.*