

CRYSTAL : I'm not. I'm just trying to think how I'd feel in Lucy's place. Mabel ?

MABEL : Put me down for half a dollar—here's the money now. (*Takes it from her pocket-book.*) Better join us, Lizzie.

LIZZIE : Indeed, I'll do nothing of the kind. (*Goes up. Exit CRYSTAL at right.*)

MABEL : Oh well, Lizzie, don't be so unrelenting. I am sure if Crystal can forgive Lucy, the rest of you should be able to do so.

LIZZIE (*coming down*) : I was never so disgusted with anyone as I am with Crystal. She never paid much attention to Lucy in any way until I told her the mean thing she said about her, and since then she has seemed to exert herself to be nice to her.

MABEL : She believes in "turning the other cheek," evidently.

LIZZIE : Well, she'll never win Lucy over in that way ; she'll only dislike her all the more for being a cheap.

MABEL : Don't be so sure of that. (*Enter STELLA, HELEN, MILDRED and others. They go up, removing wraps during talk.*)

STELLA : Girls, what do you think ? Crystal is getting even with Lucy after all.

LIZZIE : Oh, is she ? Good. What is she doing ? Tell me, quick !

HELEN : Indeed she is. (*Laughing.*) I hope she'll get even with me the same way if anything ever happens to me.

MILDRED : It isn't likely she will, for you've never abused her.

LIZZIE : Oh, I see what you mean. Did you girls subscribe anything ?

ALL : Of course ; how could we help it ?