

SIDE 1

Act 2 (pg. 25 – pg. 26) Merriman, Algernon and Jack

[Enter Merriman.]

Merriman. I have put Mr. Ernest's things in the room next to yours, sir. I suppose that is all right?

Jack. What?

Merriman. Mr. Ernest's luggage, sir. I have unpacked it and put it in the room next to your own.

Jack. His luggage?

Merriman. Yes, sir. Three suitcases, two hat-boxes, and a large luncheon-basket.

Algernon. I am afraid I can't stay more than a week this time.

Jack. A luncheon basket? [*Very angry.*] Merriman, order the dog-cart at once. Mr. Ernest has been suddenly called back to town.

Merriman. Yes, sir. [*Goes back into the house.*]

SIDE 2 - Physical Comedy

Act 2 (pg. 31 – 32) Merriman, Cecily and Gwendolen *

Cecily. *[Notices that Merriman standing by, sits down.]* Would you prefer coffee or tea?

Gwendolen. Tea without sugar, please, I detest coffee.

Cecily. Of course. *[Pours her a cup of coffee, adds many cubes of sugar- on a prepared tray to her right.] [Gwendolen is on her left.]*

Cecily. Cake or bread and butter?

Gwendolen. Bread and butter please. As I'm sure you're aware, cake is no longer seen in the best houses.

Cecily. *[Cuts a huge piece of cake, puts in on a plate and hands the cup to Gwendolen.]*

Gwendolen. *[Takes it and takes a sip- recoils.]* Oh!

Cecily. Here you are. *[Hands the plate of cake to Gwendolen.]*

Gwendolen. Cake! How dare you? *[Pulls off her gloves and throws them on the ground- takes a chunk of the cake on her hand.]*

[Merriman is shocked, and amused.]

Cecily. You wouldn't! *[She throws off her gloves and grabs a chunk of cake.]*
[They circle one another.]

[Merriman comes between the women at the same moment they throw their cake at one another, and he is hit on both sides.]

*Physical comedy