

GERTIE. Hello, Laurey. Just packin' yer hamper now?

LAUREY. I been busy.

(GERTIE looks in LAUREY's hamper. AUNT ELLER enters.)

GERTIE. You got gooseberry tarts, too. Wonder if they is as light as mine. Mine'd like to float away if you blew on them.

LAUREY. I did blow on one of mine and it broke up into a million pieces.

(GERTIE laughs - that laugh again.)

GERTIE. Ain't she funny!

(The GIRLS step toward each other menacingly.)

AUNT ELLER. Gertie! Better come inside, and cool off.

GERTIE. You comin' inside with me, Curly?

CURLY. Not jist yet.

GERTIE. Well, don't be too long. And don't fergit when the auction starts tonight, mine's the biggest hamper.

(The laugh again, and she exits into the house.)