

LADIES IN RETIREMENT
Costume Plot

Action takes place in living room of LEONORA'S house

ACT I, Scene 1. June morning in 1885

ELLEN.....Traveling suit, cape, hat

LEONORA.....Simple afternoon dress, silk shawl, gardeners gloves,
straw hat

LUCY.....Simple cotton dress, apron (not uniform-type attire)

ALBERT.....Flamboyant suit of period, shirt/collar, tie, hat

ACT I, Scene 2. September afternoon: same year

LOUISA.....Blouse & skirt (allittle out of date), shawl

ELLEN.....House dress, shawl

LEONORA.....Expensive, theatrically cut dress, hat shawl

EMILY.....Dated dark dress, apron, wool shawl

LUCY.....No change

ACT I, Scene 3. Late afternoon: a week later

LEONORA.....No change: drop hat

ELLEN....." " : add cape, bonnet

LOUISA....." " : " "

EMILY....." " : " "

LUCY....." "

ACT II, Scene 1. Night in mid-November

SISTER THERESA.....Nun's habit

LUCY.....Change dress: similar to I-1

LOUISA.....Simple house dress: knit shawl

ELLEN.....No change: add apron

EMILY.....Blouse, skirt, shawl

ALBERT.....Pants from I-1: change to Norfolk jacket, cloak, hat,
pink negligee...very theatraica.

ACT II, Scene 2. Next day: Sunday

ALBERT.....Pants, shirt, no collar or tie: add collar & tie after shaving

LUCY.....No change: add half apron

EMILY.....No change

SISTER THERESA.....No change

ELLEN.....Sunday-go-to-meeting dress, bonnet

LOUISA.....Similar to Ellen's attire

ACT III, Scene 1. Following Wednesday night

ALBERT.....No change

LOUISA.....Back to II-1

LUCY.....No change: drop apron

EMILY....." "

ELLEN....." " : add heavy cape, muffler, bonnet

LUCY.....Duplicate of Leonora's I-1 costume

ACT III, Scene 2. Nine o'clock next morning

LUCY.....Blouse, skirt

ALBERT.....No change

LOUISA.....No change

EMILY....." "

ELLEN.....Back to II-2

SISTER THERESA.....No change