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### The Cherry Orchard

Firs, the 87 year old manservant quotations”

1. And the old master used to go to Paris too . . . by carriage. (2089)
2. In the old days, forty or fifty years ago, the cherries were dried, soaked, pickled and made into jam, and we used to—(2091)
3. And the dried cherries would be shipped by the cartload. It meant a lot of money! And in those days the dried cherries were soft and juicy, sweet, fragrant. . . . They knew the way to do it then. (2091)
4. They’ve forgotten. Nobody remembers it. (2091)
5. [*admonishingly*] You’ve got the wrong trousers on again. What am I to do with you? (2093)
6. I’ve lived a long time; they were arranging my wedding and your papa wasn’t even born yet. When freedom<sup>1</sup> came I was already head footman. I wouldn’t consent to beset free then; I stayed on with the master. . . I remember they were al very happy, but why they were happy, they didn’t know themselves. (2102)
7. Of course. The peasants kept to the masters, the masters kept to the peasants; but not they’ve all gone their own ways, and there’s no making out anything. (2102)
8. Before the calamity<sup>2</sup> the same thing happened—the owl screeched, and the samovar<sup>3</sup> hummed all the time
9. And Leonid Andreyevich isn’t back yet, he hasn’t come. And he’s wearing his lightweight between-season overcoat; likely enough, he’ll catch cold. Ah, when they’re young they’re green.(2113)
10. Locked! They’ve gone. . . They’ve forgotten me. . . . Never mind. . . I’ll sit here a bit . . . I’ll wager Leonid Andreyevich hasn’t put his fur coat on, he’s gone off in his light overcoat. . . I didn’t keep an eye on him. . . . Ah, when they’re young they’re green . . . Life has gone by as if I had never lived. I’ll lie down a while. . . There’s no strength left in you, old fellow; nothing is left, nothing. Ah, you addlehead! (2125)

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<sup>1</sup> Emancipation of the serfs by Tsar Alexander II in 1861

<sup>2</sup> The freedom

<sup>3</sup> a large and often ornate Russian tea urn, originally heated by a built-in charcoal burner