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(A Short Skit on Safety)

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Dive Home Demonstration Club
Lawrence County

List of Characters

Mrs. Fields               Hostess for the Home Demonstration Meeting
Mrs. Massey              Two of the Club Members
Mrs. Greene

Setting

Living room of Mrs. Fields Home

Properties

2 toy telephones
2 or 3 bandages

Time to give -- about 5 minutes

Scene I. Two ladies and each hold telephone.

Mrs. Massey calls Mrs. Greene

Mrs. Greene answers -- Hello.

Mrs. Massey -- Hello, dear. Can you go to club a little early? I'll be ready before twelve, and we'll have time to visit a little before the others get there.

Note: Scene I can be done from in front of the stage or one lady can talk from the stage and the other one from off stage. If both are on stage, it might be a little confusing since it will represent Mrs. Field's living room in Scenes II and III.
Mrs. Greene -- Oh, yes, I'll be ready. Do you suppose she will be through? She's always rushing around at the last minute -- we'll go anyway.

Scene II  (Mrs. Fields is in her living room getting ready to entertain her club. She is a very nervous person, flying from one thing to another. She has bandages on one finger and her left wrist. Mrs. Massey and Mrs. Greene arrive and knock on the door. Mrs. Fields opens the door.

MRS. FIELDS:  Hello, come on in. (They return greeting as they enter)

MRS. MASSEY: Oh, what's wrong with your hand?

MRS. FIELDS: I was making punch. I couldn't find my can opener, so I used the butcher knife. Of course, it slipped and I got a nasty cut. But sit down. I have a few things to do yet. (Dusts chairs and table as she talks.)

(The two ladies glance at each other and sit down on davenport.)

MRS. MASSEY: Oh, sit down, your house looks all right.

MRS. GREENE: Yes, indeed. You'll have to do it all over tomorrow.

MRS. FIELDS: (Keeps flying around, finally looks up at the light fixture and says:) Oh, dear, look at that cobweb! Hazel would see that the first thing and so would Betty. I really must get it down.

MRS. MASSEY: Well, get your step ladder and give me a cloth. I'll get it down; you're all tired out.

MRS. FIELDS: No, no, I'll get it. Gosh, the step-ladder is out in the garage but I can
reach it if I put this stool on a chair. (Mrs. Massey and Mrs. Greene look at each other and shake heads as Mrs. Fields puts stool on chair and starts to climb up as curtain starts to close.)

MRS. GREENE: Let me hold that stool.

MRS. FIELDS: No, just sit still, I've done this lot's of times.

MRS. GREENE: I know, but--"Look out!" (Mrs. Massey also screams warning). When curtain opens, Mrs. Fields is lying on the floor, eyes closed, both ladies bending over her.

MRS. GREENE: Do you think her leg is broken?

MRS. MASSEY: No, but I'm sure she has a sprained ankle and a bump on the head.

MRS. FIELDS: (Opens her eyes) My goodness, what happened? Oh yes, help me up girls, I must straighten up this house.

Curtain

Scene III Mrs. Fields sits on chair with her leg (right) on another chair. Her foot and ankle tightly bandaged and a towel across her forehead.

MRS. GREENE: Well, it's too bad, but we'll just have to postpone our meeting and I'm sure it would have been interesting. Viola was going to give our safety lesson on, "Preventing Home Accidents."

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