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164	Liubov Andreievna [Ranevskaya] (Knipper): 'I'm leaving with two		186 Borkin (Leonidov): 'Noble Signorina, I make bold to congratulate the	
	things still on my mind' [To Lopakhin.] (Cherry Orchard, Act IV.)	68	universe on the birth of such a wondrous blossom as you' [To Sasha	ı.]
165	Anya (Lilina): 'Goodbye, house! Goodbye, old life!' (Cherry Orchard,		(Ivanov, Act II.)	74
	Act IV.)	68	187 Shabelski (Stanislavski): 'I'm walking around in a velvet jacket and a vale	et
166	Liubov Andreievna [Ranevskaya] (Knipper): 'My life, my youth,		dresses me: I'm a wretch and a serf-owner' (Ivanov, Act II.)	75
	my happiness, goodbye! ' Gayev (Stanislavski) 'My sister!		188 Ivanov (Kachalov): 'I used to work hard and think hard, but never	
	My sister!' (Cherry Orchard, Act IV.)	68	got tired' (Ivanov, Act II.)	75
167	Firs (Pavlov): 'They've gone They forgot me' (Cherry Orchard,		189 Shabelski (Stanislavski): 'Yesterday, at [Martha] Babakina's, there was a	
	Act IV.) (Photos 162–7 by Fisher).	68	delicious snack. Boletus [white] mushrooms' (Ivanov, Act III.)	75
168	Dunyasha (Khaliutina), Post Office Clerk (Tezavrovski). (Cherry		190 Kosykh (Gribunin): 'I've been cleaned out! That Barabanov gambles lik	ce
	Orchard.)	69	a professional' [This is a literal translation of Efros' caption. In the	
169	Charlotta (Muratova). (Cherry Orchard.)	69	original script, the implication is: 'That Barabanov's no good at cards	']
170	Yepikhodov (Moskvin). (Cherry Orchard.)	69	(Ivanov, Act III.)	75
171	Anya (Zhdanova), Trofimov (Podgorni). (Cherry Orchard.)	69	191 Lebedev (Luzhski): 'For you, a period of mourning and grief is at hand	'
172	Firs (Artem). [See p.68 for different casting.] (Cherry Orchard.)	69	(Ivanov, Act III.)	75
173	Charlotta (Muratova), Lopakhin (Leonidov).	69	192 Ivanov (Kachalov): 'I believed in different things from other people,	
174	Passer-by (Baliev). (Cherry Orchard.) (Photos 168-74 by Fisher).	69	married a different kind of woman, lost my head, took risks' (Ivanov	,
175	Liubov Andreievna Ranevskaya (O.L. Knipper). (Cherry Orchard.)	70	Act III.)	75
176	Charlotta (Muratova), Dunyasha (Khaliutina), Yasha (Alexandrov),		193 Ivanov (Kachalov): 'A naïve man's a fool' [To Sasha.] (Ivanov, Act II	I.) 75
	Yepikhodov (Moskvin). (Cherry Orchard.)	70	194 Ivanov (Kachalov): 'Then you may as well know – you'll soon be	
	Gayev (Stanislavski), Anya (Lilina). (Cherry Orchard.)	70	dead' [To Anna.] (Ivanov, Act III.)	75
178	Trofimov (Kachalov), Anya (Lilina). (Cherry Orchard.)	70	195 Lebedev (Luzhski): 'Well, now they're all howling' (Ivanov, Act IV.)	) 75
179	Yasha (Alexandrov). (Cherry Orchard.)	70	196 Ivanov (Kachalov): 'Leave me alone!' (Shoots himself.) (Ivanov, Act IV.)	) 75