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The main characters are all rich and well known. Some of the women are beautiful and bored. They are interested only in fine clothes and other people's lives. Others are more serious. Some of the men hold important government positions. Others, like Lord Goring, only want to enjoy themselves. They go to dinner parties and to the theatre almost every night. They are always polite and charming and they never talk seriously.

But one woman has learned a secret which gives her power over other people. She says that she will tell it to the world. Who will stop her? How? And who will get hurt?

Here we discover another side of the characters. They become interested in ideas. They discuss questions of right and wrong. They want to do the right thing, but at the same time they want to be happy. What should they do? It is difficult for them to decide. And what will other people think? They must always follow the rules of London Society.

An Ideal Husband was written in England in 1895. English society is of course very different now. And today people around the world can read this play in their own languages. The