

# RIGHTS FOR LARGE ESTATE

## John Armstrong Chanler Seeks to Regain Control of Fortune Amounting to More Than One Million Dollars.

### PLAINTIFF'S SANITY IS IN QUESTION

#### Extraordinary Life Story of the Former Husband of the Princess Troubetskoi, Who Is Legally Sane in Virginia, Legally Insane in New York, and Who Writes a Startling Narrative of His Struggles for Liberty and an Inheritance.

New York.—Can a man be sane in one state and insane in another? So it would seem. But John Armstrong Chanler, cousin of the Astors, chum of the late Stanford White, college graduate, student of psychics and ex-husband of that brilliant, erratic woman, Amelie Rives, now the Princess Troubetskoi, is not going to take such a decision as final.

Next month his case comes up in the federal courts here in New York. Mr. Chanler, who has a fortune of \$1,000,000, wants to get control of it. But the courts of New York say he is insane and not competent. His legal residence is in the state of Virginia.

And there the courts have decided that he is perfectly sane and able to manage his estate. There are forty-five states in the Union. Mr. Chanler can visit forty-four of them without the slightest danger to his personal liberty. But should he set foot in the sovereign state of New York he will promptly be clapped into a lunatic asylum, because he is still held to be mentally incompetent.

It will be a desperate legal battle. Mr. Chanler has retained the best of counsel. So has the custodian of his \$1,000,000. T. T. Sherman, who says he is insane. It is very much like Charles Reader's "Very Hard Cash" all over again.

#### Writing of Fiction Outdone.

One might search fiction high and



Hopeless to Protest.

low for a case like this one in real life.

It is one of the most remarkable stories of modern times. Here is a man of independent means, a man of affairs, a brilliant writer, an ardent sportsman, a clever raconteur, sent to Bloomingdale, adjudged hopelessly insane—"progressive" the physicians called his case.

His estate is handed over to a trustee. It is charged \$100 a week for the poor fellow's keep in the madhouse. Every legal detail has been properly arranged. The alienists give their expert opinions—his mind is gone, they say, circumstantially, never to return.

There he stays for nearly four years. He knows it is hopeless to protest. There he is, behind the bars, grieved from the world forever. He dreams of freedom by night; by day he ponders over the problem of getting it.

He waits his time. He gets the trust of everyone about him. He does meekly everything that he is bidden—everything except admit to the doctors, who want him to admit it, that he is insane. He gets permission to take walks without a keeper. He is allowed to leave the asylum grounds. He makes his daily jaunts farther and farther away, deliberately practicing the art of covering great distances in a short time. He finds a post office where he may receive letters under an assumed name because nothing

may reach him at the asylum until it has been scrutinized. In this way he manages to borrow \$10—this man with an income of \$40,000 a year.

One day he does not return from his daily walk. No, he has walked well and far—he has taken a train to New York from an obscure railway station miles distant from White Plains, where Bloomingdale now is. By nightfall he is safe in Philadelphia.

And now what does he do? Does he go into paroxysms of impotent rage at those who incarcerated him, as do many of the insane when they escape? Does he try to kill those whom he might imagine responsible for his sufferings? Does he break out in incoherent ravings against fancied evils?

#### Under Scientific Observation.

No. He goes straightaway to a sanitarium in Philadelphia. He states his case calmly to the physician in charge and asks to be put under scientific observation. After six months' voluntary confinement there the physicians there tell him that he is perfectly sane and has always been so. He is not even now content. He goes to another institution and goes through the same voluntary process all over again. Once more the physicians tell Mr. Chanler he is well balanced. Then suddenly he appears at his old home, Merry Mills, Cobham, Va., where he has stayed to this day, master of his ancestral estates.

Once safely home, this so-called lunatic retained counsel. The matter of his sanity was brought up in the Virginia courts and then there John Armstrong Chanler was pronounced sane and competent. But the greater part of his fortune was here in New York state, and here it is on record that John Armstrong Chanler is a hopeless lunatic. Should he come here he would be deprived of his liberty. And that is why he is suing in the United States court in the hope of winning back his inheritance and his standing as a man of sound mind.

And why was John Armstrong Chanler, Columbia '83, called insane? Because, as the physicians said, he had delusions—at least some of them said so.

Those who committed him to a living grave declared that he had Shakespeare's power, and could make himself Napoleon by going into a trance. That he was possessed of the power of "graphic automatism" and had developed his X-faculty—type of subconsciousness—was taken as another evidence of insanity.

Yet some of the most prominent psychological writers discuss this X-faculty in all seriousness and admit that there is such a thing as "graphic automatism." And all of this is told in a remarkable book which Mr. Chanler has just published.

He calls it "Four Years Behind the Bars of Bloomingdale; or, The Bankruptcy Law in New York." In it he is extremely bitter toward his two brothers, William Astor Chanler and Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler.

Married to Amelie Rives. John Armstrong Chanler first came into the public eye when he married Amelie Rives, who wrote that brilliant erotic "The Quick or the Dead," in which is told the old love of a beautiful widow for her dead husband and her newer love for another man in the flesh. Jock Dering, the hero, was banter.

Miss Rives was denounced by some persons as a rather imprudent writer, but that didn't keep her book, which appeared in 1886, from having a tremendous sale. Her marriage to young Mr. Chanler only added to its popularity. She was beautiful, erratic, impetuous. Soon their friends came to realize that there was nothing in common between the grave, polished, rather mystic New Yorker and the wilful, gifted Virginia girl.

There was a divorce, which the husband did not contest, upon the grounds of incompatibility and the Mrs. Chanler, who she had met abroad.

"The more I know me the more I admire dogs," is the way Mr. Chanler communicated to man, and may cause disease." The typhoid fever germs, the agricultural department says, may attach themselves to the hen's feet or feathers and may then penetrate the egg before it is hatched. The eggs of worms, as well as grains and seeds, are found in eggs having made their way there while the white and the shell were being added to the yolk in the egg gland of the fowl.

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Gobsa Golde's manner suddenly changed.

"My boy," he said, "forgive me. She is yours."

opens his book, quoting from Voltaire. And here is the way he begins:

"Stop thief! I hereby raise the hue and cry—stop thief."

"The above extraordinary announcement is called forth by the cold, hard facts about to be collected. And his excuse for the book is this: 'Now the sole and only object on earth in bringing out this book at this time is a desperate, forlorn hope upon the part of plaintiff to bring the crime that is being attempted against plaintiff's property to the ear of the court that appointed said referee, in order that said court may prevent said crime by setting aside the iniquitous decision, as above foreshadowed, of said referee.'"

Complaints of Injustice. The book recites with bitterness what the writer calls the injustice of the proceedings leading up to the judgment of the New York courts and to his incarceration in Bloomingdale.

How Stanford White got him to Bloomingdale is told in this wise:

"I received a telegram from my friend, Mr. Stanford White, proposing to visit me in company with a mutual friend. As I was on rather unfriendly terms with Mr. White at the time, owing to an abusive letter he had recently written me, I did not look forward to a visit from him with pleasure. I therefore sent him a telegram to say that I was not well enough to see him. A few days later Mr. White walked in on me in company with a physician. I shall not attempt to picture my surprise. Let it suffice to say that I was struck dumb."

"Mr. White hastily excused his intrusion and implored me to accompany him to New York for a 'plunge in the metropolitan whirl.' As I had some business which needed my attention in New York I consented."

Of New York Mr. Chanler says: "In other words, a citizen of the state of New York can be condemned and imprisoned without a hearing. All that is required to deprive a citizen of the Empire state of his liberty is one or two false witnesses, two dishonest doctors and a judge who can swallow sworn conflicting statements without a qualm. No defense is allowed to the accused."

"This is truly the Empire state. I sometimes wonder, as I look through the bars of my cell, how such things can be outside the Russian empire."

#### Calls on Virginia for Rescue.

"Fortunately for myself, however, I am no longer a citizen of the Empire state, but am and have been since 1895 a citizen of the sovereign state of Virginia; which title to sovereignty I propose to use Virginia make good by rescuing me."

"Graphic automatism" he defines thus:

"In a word, the writing is, as the name implies, automatic. So far—but so far only—as conscious thought, i. e., conscious mental action is concerned, the hand does the writing without the help of the head. In other words, it is as though one had a magic pen—or pencil, since a pencil is smoother and easier to operate than a

pen—the pen firmly in the fingers, dip same into the ink, and see that said graphic automatism. After writing said letter, said graphic automatism will write ad libitum for plaintiff; plaintiff must see to it that the pen is not allowed to wander off the line."

This Napoleonic trance is vouchered for by a physician. Mr. Chanler thus describes it:

"In communicating with my 'X-faculty' by means of vocal automatism which is also one of my trance-like states, I was informed by my 'X-faculty' that it would like me to go into a Napoleonic trance. It gave me to understand that I would represent the death of Napoleon Bonaparte by so doing, and that my features, when my eyes were closed, and face, would resemble strongly those of the dead Napoleon Bonaparte. This was in February, 1897, upon or shortly after my arrival at the Hotel Ka, New York city."

"My 'X-faculty' did not tell me what to do in order to produce the so-called Napoleonic trance; it merely informed me that when the time came it would instruct me what to do to produce the said trance. The distinguished sculptor, Mr. S. G., called at the Hotel Ka, shortly after my arrival, while I was in bed and in the evening my 'X-faculty' gave me to understand, without Mr. S. G. knowing it, that it would be the proper time for me to enter the Napoleonic trance; I was interested myself from a scientific point of view to know just what I would do in a trance."

#### Entrance into Trance.

"Mr. S. G. expressed keen interest in seeing me in a trance. I then took, under the direction of my 'X-faculty' a small hand mirror, which I used for shaving, in both my hands, and holding it rigidly above my head stared at my eyes for several moments without any result. I did not know but what the experiment was about to prove abortive and ridiculous; it was one of the most daring experiments I ever entered, for that reason. After a minute or two of complete passivity and rigidity, for the first time in my life I experienced the entrance to a trance."

and of Bloomingdale thus: "Bloomingdale, is a way as well admitted first as last, is run purely for money, purely on business principles, and not on charitable ones. A candidate for a certificate of lunacy is requested by his masters therein—the said examining doctors—to stand up and then deliberately to throw himself off his balance by putting his feet so close together, toes and heels touching, that one's equilibrium is menaced. He is then commanded to extend his arms to their fullest extent, hands outstretched palms upward and close together. He is then ordered to open his mouth, put out his tongue and shut his eyes."

"If he does not fall down on the spot he is lucky. It is while in the above described preposterous position that the physical observation of the examiners is taken."

Thus John Armstrong Chanler pre-

#### Suggestions for Christmas Gifts

Will be found in great number and variety in the catalogue just issued by the well-known New York house of Lord & Taylor. This catalogue contains photographic reproductions of over 500 articles, such as fancy lace and linen handkerchiefs, ladies' neckwear of exquisite design, fancy goods of all kinds, jewelry and silver toilet articles, ladies' silks and leather belts, chateleine bags and leather goods of all kinds, umbrellas, gloves, house coats, bath robes, dressing gowns and various men's furnishings, in fact almost everything to suit the fastidious taste of either man or woman. The half-tone illustrations picture the goods as they actually are, enabling out of town customers to order their gifts intelligently, and the high reputation of the house ensures absolute satisfaction. A copy of this catalogue will be sent to anyone interested by addressing Lord & Taylor, Broadway, Fifth Avenue and Twentieth Street, New York City.

#### Green Apples.

"Yes, the party was a big success—plenty of eating and all that." "I suppose the table groined with all the delicacies mentioned in the menu." "Yes, but that wasn't a circumstance to the way some of the delicacies made the guests groan."

#### SOME NEW DISHES.

##### FOUR WAYS OF PREPARING CHESTNUTS.

Good Things Borrowed from French Cooks—Chestnut Salad Worthy a Place on Any Table—Preparation of Grape Juice.

Here is a dish taken from our French neighbors, and one that is especially now, timely. Peel off the inside skin of chestnuts, then steep in boiling water until the inner skins can be readily removed. Throw as fast as peeled into a bowl of cold water. Put two ounces of butter in a saucepan, with two tablespoonfuls flour. Stir until blended, then pour in one cup or more of clear broth, stirring until smooth. Salt to taste, add chestnuts and simmer gently until soft. Serve with roasted meats or poultry, especially turkey.

ROASTED CHESTNUTS.—Split the skin on one side of large chestnuts and put in a pan with a perforated bottom. Stand over a moderate fire, shaking often until tender. Wrap in a cloth for ten minutes, to steam, then serve with salt and butter.

DEVILED CHESTNUTS.—Put one pound large chestnuts into a saucepan of boiling water and parboil. Plunge into cold water until the skins loosen, then remove them. Dry thoroughly, then put into a frying pan with hot butter and toss and shake until gold color. Sprinkle with salt, mixed with a little cayenne, and serve either hot or cold, as preferred.

CHESTNUT SALAD.—Make a slit with a penknife in the outer skin of three dozen large chestnuts. Put into a saucepan of hot water, and boil 20 minutes. Drain and plunge into cold water until the skins loosen. Peel, cut into quarters and dust with salt and pepper. Peel four large sour apples, core and cut into pieces of similar size to nuts. Cut some of the dark meat of a cold roasted turkey or duck into pieces of the same size, and arrange on lettuce leaves in the salad bowl or in individual plates. Sprinkle over them two tablespoonfuls chopped mixed pickles and dress with a French dressing of oil and vinegar and serve.

GRAPE JUICE.—While grapes are at their cheapest it pays to put up plenty of grape juice for home consumption. There is no beverage more refreshing or wholesome in illness than the unfermented juice of the grape, while in hot weather it is one of the most cooling of drinks. Put up at home, a pint bottle costs scarce four cents, while the lowest price at the drug store is 23 cents. To prepare the grape juice cut the bunches of grapes a little, trimming off superfluous stems and taking out the un-sound berries. Put in a granite ware or porcelain-lined kettle, covering with water for two or three inches. The proportion of water is about three quarts to 18 pounds of fruit. Cook until the grapes burst, and the juice exudes, crushing occasionally with a wooden spoon. Put a colander over a large jar, and cover with a square of cheesecloth. Turn fruit and juice into this, drain, measure and return to a clean preserving kettle. Let it come to a boil and skim. Now add sugar to taste (a half cup to each quart is a good proportion), stir until dissolved, then cook five minutes, skimming carefully. Have ready cans or bottles sterilized and heated in pans of boiling water. Fill with the hot juice, then seal. If bottles are employed be sure the corks are sterilized as well as the bottles themselves. Use the self-sealing pop or beer bottles. Keep in a cool, dark place. If preferred, the grapes may be cooked without water, then diluted when ready to drink.

#### NOVEMBER AILMENTS

##### THEIR PREVENTION AND CURE.

November is the month of falling temperatures. Over all the temperate regions the hot weather has passed and the first rigors of winter have appeared. As the great bulk of civilized nations is located in the temperate zones, the effect of changing seasons is a question of the highest importance. When the weather begins to change from warm to cold, when cool nights succeed hot nights, when clear, cold days follow hot, sultry days, the human body must adjust itself to this changed condition or perish.

The perspiration incident to warm weather has been checked. This detains within the system poisonous materials which have heretofore found escape through the perspiration. Most of the poisonous materials retained in the system by the checked perspiration find their way out of the body, if at all, through the kidneys. This throws upon the kidneys extra labor. They become charged and overloaded with the poisonous excretory materials. This has a tendency to inflame the kidneys, producing functional diseases of the kidneys and sometimes Bright's Disease.

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Chicago Far Above the Sea. Chicago is situated on an extremely flat site, but no other city in the world, of anything like its size, lies so far above the level of the sea.

#### HUMMING BIRD CHASED BEE.

Movements of Couple Resembled Flashes of Lightning.

Here is a story as told by a gentleman who spends the greater portion of his time studying the habits of birds:

A humming bird with an angry dash expressed its disapproval of the presence of a big bumblebee in the same tree. The usually pugnacious bee incessantly fed, but he did not leave the tree. He darted back and forth among the branches and white blossoms, the humming bird in close pursuit. Where will you find another pair that could dodge and dart equal to these? They were like flashes of light, yet the pursuer followed the track of the pursued, turning when the bee turned.

In short, the bird and the bee controlled the movements of their bodies more quickly and more accurately than he could control the movements of his eyes. The chase was all over in half the time it takes to tell it, but the excitement of a pack of hounds after a fox was no greater. The bee escaped, the bird giving up the chase and alighting on a twig. It couldn't have been chasing the bee for food, and there is no possible explanation of its unprovoked attack, except that it wanted all the honey itself.

#### NOTHING FUNNY ABOUT IT.

Man Has Good Reasons for Looking at Inside of His Hat.

"I see here that a woman writer wonders why a man always looks in his hat before he puts it on," said the reflective man as he looked up from his paper. "Here is what she says: 'When a man puts on his hat he most always looks inside it first. What he expects to see remains a mystery, but he looks for it all the same.' That's easy. He looks in his hat to see if the knot holding the inside band together will be at the back of his head when he puts it on. Now if she'll tell me why a woman always pulls down her veil and purses up her mouth before she steps out of doors, we'll call it square."

"Funny, the things you read in the Sunday papers. I see here that another Chicago professor got up on his hind legs to declare that 'there should be schools of love, and the young should be educated in love.' Slush! Schools of love aren't necessary. The young of the softer sex inherit a sufficiently large stock of knowledge on this subject from their mothers, and what they can't teach the young men it isn't necessary for them to know."

#### American Expert Leads World.

Gardner F. Williams, the American mining engineer who directs the diamond output of the world, was born in Michigan, but became a resident of California at 15 and a student at California college in Oakland, afterward the state university. He perfected his education at the mining Academy of Freiberg, among the lead mines of Saxony. He was assayer in the mint at San Francisco two years and spent some time in practical work in the mines of Nevada and northern California. He then went on an exploring expedition for the Rothschilds to Massachusetts and made the acquaintance of Cecil Rhodes. He took charge of the mines of the De Beers company in 1885, through the influence of Rhodes and has been at their head until recently, when he returned to America, leaving his son, Alpheus Williams in his place.

#### Records of Wagers.

Betting is neither so general nor so promiscuous as it was 150 years ago, when books for recording wagers were always kept on the tables in the much frequented coffee houses of London. Some of these books are still to be found among collections of antiques, and they make interesting reading. All manner of bets are entered there, on marriages, births and deaths, on the duration of a ministry, on the length of the lives of prominent personages, on the possibility of earthquakes, and even on hangings.

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#### CAKLE NOT ALWAYS RELIABLE.

Fresh Eggs Declared Sometimes to Contain Disease Germs.

New Yorkers can no longer eat fresh eggs under the delusion that they are a pure article of food, says the New York World. Even before the proud hen cackles it is liable to contain bad germs, according to intelligence communicated to producers in this city by the scientific experts of the department of agriculture at Washington.

Secretary Wilson has sent out word, officially, that even the freshest eggs may under certain conditions, cause illness by communicating some bacterial disease or some parasite.

"It is possible," he says, "for an egg to become infected with micro-organisms, either before it is laid or after. The shell is porous and offers no greater resistance to micro-organisms which cause disease than it does to those which cause the egg to spoil. When the infected egg is eaten raw the micro-organisms, if present, are

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#### HOW GIRLS WON A STRIKE.

Arbitration Court of New Zealand Decided Against a Factory.

An ex-judge of the arbitration court in New Zealand told me this story, says the Craftsman: The girls in a match factory came before the court asking for an increase of wages. The proprietor said he could not pay what they wanted, that his enterprise was in its infancy and to increase the wages would ruin it. The court heard the evidence on both sides, studied the financial condition of the business and cost of living in the city, and then the judge said to the proprietor: "It is impossible for these girls to live decently and healthfully on the wages that you are now paying. It is of the utmost importance, not only to them but to the state, that they should have decent, wholesome, healthful conditions of life. The souls and bodies of the young women of New Zealand are of more importance than your profits, and if you can't pay living wages it will be better for the community for

you to close your factory. It would be better to send the whole match industry to the bottom of the ocean and go back to flints and firesticks than to drive young girls into the gutter. My award is that you pay what they ask." The man protested and grumbled, but he obeyed the order. He did not close his factory, and his business continued to prosper. The judge's little speech embodies both the underlying principle of all New Zealand's progressive legislation and the spirit in which it is administered—the welfare of the worker is of more importance than the profits of the employer. And therein is a complete overturn of all our world-wide and time-old convictions, methods and ideals. Any civilization which holds to that conviction and enforces it with all the engineering of its government is a new thing under the sun. For it is a civilization that is based not on commercial success and greatness but on humanity.

Modern Proverb. Whom the gods would destroy they sometimes, in periods of unexampled prosperity, find it more convenient to make rich.—Life.

#### Gure for Chillsains.

Make a soft paste of soap and water (any good, pure soap will do). After bathing feet in water to which salt has been added, put a thick coating of this paste on the affected parts; moisten frequently and also repeat frequently.

#### Coats-of-Arms a Decoration.

There has never been a time when coats-of-arms have been as much used as at the present. As an interior decoration they have become a perfect

#### Great End of Life.

You must desire to improve your heart, and so become good. You must desire to improve your head, and so become well informed. But you must desire first to become good. That is the first and great end of life. That is what God sent you into the world for.—Charles Kingsley.

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