

### THE BULK OF AN ESTATE

By HELEN APHERSON

Old Mrs. Bartow was a queer old woman. She had property sufficient to keep her in comfort, and if she had any more no one except herself was aware of it, for she lived very plainly. She had one son, whom she treated in such manner as to best prepare him to work out for himself an honorable career. John Bartow was not coddled; he was forced to work for every bit of pocket money he spent.

When John was eighteen years old he was offered a position in a distant city, and it was considered advisable by his mother and himself that he should accept it. Mrs. Bartow had lived so long in her home that she preferred not to leave it, and John went alone to his new field of labor. His mother, being lonely after his departure, adopted the child of a friend who died, Mary Chamberlin, twelve years old.

When Mary became a woman she showed a rare judgment, and Mrs. Bartow consulted with her constantly in making up her mind in matters of importance. The girl had the gift of common sense, which probably is as rare and as valuable a gift as can be bestowed upon any one.

While John Bartow was passing the period from eighteen to twenty-six away from his mother Mary Chamberlin was passing from twelve to twenty in close connection with that mother.

After Mary had lived with Mrs. Bartow some six or seven years the old lady was puzzled to know just how to leave at her death some \$20,000 she possessed. The income was about sufficient to give Mary a living; divided it would not. John was doing well in business and did not need it. But John was Mrs. Bartow's own son, and she did not like to deprive him of her property at her death, especially if she left it to one in whom he had no interest. She said nothing as to this to either John or Mary, and it is questionable if either thought about it.

Finally Mrs. Bartow fell ill. John went home quite often during her illness and was greatly relieved, when obliged to depart, to leave her under the care of Mary Chamberlin. Indeed, he was conscious that if he had been able to nurse with his mother he could not have nursed her as Mary did. Though he had regarded Mary as of practical value to his mother, he had not before realized what there was in her.

One day John received a message that his mother was at the point of death. He hurried home, but did not arrive in time to find her alive. Mrs. Bartow's death seemed to affect Mary more than it did John. The one had been in constant communication with her for years; the other had been separated from her.

"This is hard on you, Mary," said John, "not only in depriving you of one to whom you are attached, but in your living."

Mary looked at him as though she had not thought of this, but made no reply.

"But do not trouble yourself on that score," John continued. "I will see that you get on."

When Mrs. Bartow's will was opened it was found to read: "I give and bequeath my twenty mortgage bonds of the R. L. and P. railroad to Mary Chamberlin, who has long been a daughter to me. The residue and far more valuable part of my fortune I bequeath to my beloved son, John Bartow, hoping that it may bring him as much comfort as it has me. He will find it in a bureau drawer in my bedroom."

John congratulated Mary on being left with an income, at the same time manifesting surprise that his mother had left an estate so large that she should also have been able to leave him the more valuable part of her property. After congratulating Mary he went to the bureau drawer to possess himself of his inheritance. When he came back Mary was waiting for him, eager to know what he had found. But John, who did not show by his expression that he had acquired a fortune, said nothing. Mary was not the girl to ask him questions and refrain. John, however, took her hand and pressed it, as much as to say: "Do not fear that I covet your inheritance. I am well satisfied with what my mother has done."

The house in which his mother had lived belonged to John. He told Mary she was free to remain in it without rent if she chose. She said tearfully that she would be glad to do so, but where that home would be she did not know.

Then John told her that if she would marry him she would find a home so far as he could make it one. She demurred on the ground that he made the offer out of love for his mother rather than for her. But John said she need have no fear of that; he needed her more than she needed him. Before John was ready to leave she had accepted his offer, and when he went she went with him.

Not long after they were married John's wife said to him:

"John, you have never said anything to me about the fortune your mother left you. In her will she called it by far the more valuable part of her property. I have seen nothing of it. Where is it?"

John led her to a mirror.

"Well," she said.

"What I found in the bureau drawer was your likeness. I took the hint. I fully agreed with mother that I got the bulk of the estate."



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### PUTS COST OF WOMAN'S DRESS AT \$653 YEARLY

She Can't Be Stylish on Less, Says the Fashion Art League of America.

Chicago, March 13.—Even with the high cost of living what it is, the Fashion Art League of America took the joy out of life yesterday with the news that a woman must spend \$653 for clothes if she's to be properly dressed this year. The league's fashion show opened here yesterday morning, and that was one of the first announcements.

The list does not include house dresses or lounging robes or anything like that; just outdoor necessities. Here's the array: One tailored gown, \$75; one tailored topcoat, \$150; one afternoon gown, \$110; two waists for suit, \$40; one evening gown, \$135; two pairs shoes and one pair slippers, \$24; two hats, \$35; one corset, \$8; three pairs gloves, \$6; underclothing, \$50; stockings, \$20. That's the very lowest cost if a woman is going to look like anything at all, the league says.

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### SERVANTS REJECT FARE

And Are Now Allowed to Board Themselves in Great Britain.

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When Cross, Feverish and Sick, Give "California Syrup of Figs"

Children love this "fruit-laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely. "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well, playful child again.

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## GERMANY FACES FAMINE

May Force Her to Offer New Peace Conditions

### FOOD RIOTS CAUSING RUSSIA TROUBLE

Britain Is Warned Supply Shortage Is a Real Peril —Starvation in Greece

Washington, March 13.—That "general starvation" is the most deadly and relentless enemy confronting Germany today is the conclusion drawn here from reports from various points abroad and especially from Havana, where former Ambassador Gerard, with many of his staff, arrived Sunday. And because of reports of bad food conditions, the fall of Bagdad and other events unfavorable to the central powers, it is considered that further peace suggestions from Germany are among the possibilities of the near future.

Press dispatches from Havana indicate that though actual starvation has not yet struck Germany the food shortage is more than serious, and that a crisis may occur any minute between now and harvest.

"The misery resulting from the food conditions is observable in every face," says one of those returning with Gerard. "A thick soup of cabbage and turnips, a bit of meat and a trace of grease could be bought at the community kitchen in the cities for six cents (30 pfennig) and bread at one cent a slice, but 30 minutes after eating one was hungry again. The diet gave no power of resistance to the cold. The Americans who serve as prison inspectors say that even with huge furs they almost froze this winter. Mothers and babies are without milk, and suffering is great. While the effect of the condition on the public morale is temporarily offset by hysterical loyalty, physical causes must prevail over psychological in the end."

"The present semi-starvation contrasts with what Americans would consider gluttony before the war, when it was not unusual for a prosperous German to eat seven meals a day. The full stomach was regarded as the sovereign remedy for all bodily ills. The early stages of reduced diet benefited some people, but that point has long been passed."

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### HIRAM JOHNSON RESIGNS.

Senator-Elect Will Quit Governorship on March 15.

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## FELT LIKE A NEW PERSON

After Taking Only One Box of "Fruit-a-lives"

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### Topics of the Home and Household.

Spirits of wine will clean a dirty wax candle.

Fermented ketchup will polish brass articles.

Vegetables to be tender should be cooked slowly.

If brass candlesticks have much wax on them put them in the oven until they melt the wax and wipe it off with a cloth.

Waxed thread can be made by removing the thread from the spool and allowing it to lie in hot paraffin wax for a half hour.

Mrs. James Farnham of New York has received a commission from the State American government to make a statue of an equestrian that is to be presented to the city of New York by the Venezuelan government as a token of admiration. Twenty-five thousand dollars is to be spent for the work. Mrs. Farnham designed the frieze on the Pan-American building in Washington, commemorating the discovery of America.

### Many Uses of Baking Soda.

A small pinch of soda thrown into the water in which you are boiling green vegetables will keep them a fresh green color. The color will be improved by keeping the lid partly off.

A small pinch of soda in tomatoes, when used in conjunction with milk, will by neutralizing acidity in the tomatoes, prevent the milk from curdling.

A small pinch of soda added to a glass of lime water will produce an effervescent and makes a most agreeable drink.

There is nothing better than an application of soda to a burn.

If you have petroleum ointment or sweet oil at hand mix the soda freely with either of these and apply to the burn or scald.

If the oil is not within quick reach use water. Renew frequently. Bind in wadding if possible, as this keeps the air from the injured part, but old linen is second best. For the sting of an insect the same remedy will be excellent.

Flowers may be kept fresh by adding a pinch of soda to the water.

Soda will cure sunburn.

Soda will relieve burning from poison ivy.

Woodenware which has any odor of the food which has been in it—and wood absorbs odors quickly—should be soaked in hot water, in which soda is dissolved. One tablespoon of soda to four quarts of water.

For sour stomach or biliousness or indeed any phase of indigestion, a glass of cold water into which has been stirred a little soda will be found beneficial.

For a child just a pinch of soda in the water will be enough; for an adult one-fourth or one-half teaspoon may be used. I would not advise taking it oftener than every three or four hours.

The curative principle in this is that the alkaline in the soda neutralizes the acid in the stomach. The same remedy will bring speedy relief in bladder troubles.

If feverish, nothing will cool one so well as a tepid bath into which has been thrown a small quantity of soda. A half teaspoon to a quart of water should be plenty.

People who cannot use alcohol will find the soda and water bath a pleasant substitute.

For a heated head or headache on a hot day nothing can be more refreshing than a cold cloth on the forehead wrung out of water into which a small quantity of soda has been stirred.

For washing baby's bottle, or in fact any bottles, nothing can excel soda and water. Use small shot and be generous with the soda and the bottles or de-canters will sparkle. Soda cuts the grease and makes the cleaning of glassware easy.

Pens upon which the ink has thickened and hardened can be made as good as new, by washing in strong soda water.

To remove grease spots from the floor sprinkle with dry soda, pour over this boiling water, let stand a short time, scrub and the spot is gone.

In washing painted walls or woodwork rub on a damp cloth or sponge a small quantity of soda. Go over each well, rinse with clean warm water and wipe dry. It will look as if freshly painted and is really and quickly done.—Exchange.

Dorothy Dexter.

### Deaths Dealing Wind.

Middle West Experiences an Early Season Cyclone.

Richmond, Ind., March 13.—The death toll of Sunday's tornado in Wayne county was increased to four early yesterday when it became known that two unidentified laborers on a farm near Hagerstown had been killed.

The storm that struck Hagerstown is believed to have been the same one that wrought such havoc at Newcastle.

## IRISHMEN SECURE DEBATE ON HOME RULE ISSUE

Government Promises Estimates Will Be Introduced in Parliament Next Week.

London, March 13.—The Irish Nationalists made their reappearance in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon and assured themselves of another early debate on the subject of home rule for Ireland by securing from the government a promise that the Irish estimates would be introduced some day next week. The estimates will provide an occasion for a debate on the whole Irish administration.

### MORE FOOD INDICTMENTS.

Expected to Follow Investigation Being Pushed by Government.

Washington, D. C., March 13.—Another group of indictments of food price manipulators in New York state is expected shortly. It was disclosed yesterday prior to a conference between Attorney-General Gregory and George W. Anderson, Frank M. Swacker and Robert M. Childs, special food investigators.

### How Would We Handle a Real Crisis?

These demonstrations of protest against the high cost of food which we have had in Boston and other cities during the past fortnight are an impressive omen of our utter unpreparedness for any warlike undertaking. Here we are in what is said to be a period of unexampled national prosperity, with no armies to feed, with industries running full blast, with the country's entire labor force available for production, and without economic resources absolutely unimpaired. Yet in the midst of it we have bands of women with children in their arms marching through the streets, ankle-deep in slush, demanding some action of the authorities for the mitigation of a food scarcity.

If this be the situation in peace and prosperity what would we do under the stress of conditions such as those which confront Germany or even England today? Military preparedness is not alone a question of raising men or making rifles or training officers. It is a matter of so organizing the processes of production and distribution that they can bear a tremendous strain without becoming demoralized. But here we have the omens of inability to stand even a very small degree of stress, nothing comparable to that which a war with any first class power would put upon our huge industrial system.

The fact is that the constituted authorities in nation, state and city seem

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to be hopelessly without means or method wherewith to tackle the problems which are ahead of us. They are seeking to check their impotence by wordy outbursts against food speculators, by appeals for grand jury investigations, by suggestions which lead anywhere except to some firm and effective action by the authorities themselves. The fact is that we are a nation organized for sailing in absolutely placid waters, and a squall of the smallest dimensions is quite enough to show what our ship of state would do in a real storm.—Boston Herald.



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