

Gould Fortune Dwindles While Family Fights

Internal Friction Shrinks Huge \$85,000,000 Estate to \$50,000,000

By MARGERY PICKARD

NEW YORK.—The family fight of the Goulds over the \$85,000,000 estate left by Jay Gould, railroad magnate, has already caused the fortune to shrink to \$50,000,000. This has happened in the face of the injunction of the financier, delivered from his death-bed: "Be a united family and work together."

The squabble began eight years ago as a simple suit by four of the children of the dead financier to have their accountings of his estate approved by the court. It now involves more than fifty litigants—children, grandchildren, even great-grandchildren, of Jay Gould, involved.

No other family in the history of American legal procedure has been so involved in litigation.

The fight has provoked charges and counter-charges, set brother against brother, and gone in voluminous ways from court to court until the record of it is stupendous.

The interests of the estate are being watched and safeguarded by a cohort of attorneys. But there are also 30 lawyers appearing for the defendants.

Chancellor for the estate recently said that the present expense of the litigation is more than \$2500 an hour, or \$10,000 for the usual day's session of four hours. "The allowance of the referee is \$45 an hour. The total cost of the legal fight is figured at more than \$15,000,000. In all this there seems to be ample verification of the referee's estimate that before the accounting suit shall be terminated the bill for it will run to amazing millions.

Started Suit
The ones who started the in-terminable suit were Anna Gould, once the Countess de Castellane, now the Duchess of Talleyrand-Périgord, and her brother, Frank J. Gould. They objected, with special reference to their eldest brother, George J. Gould, when he bequeathed to them, Edwin Gould and Mrs. Vinley J. Shepard, formerly Helen Gould, as trustees and executors of their father's fortune, brought suit in 1916 to have their accountings approved by the court. They maintained that the estate had suffered a loss of more than \$20,000,000 through the alleged mismanagement of it by George J.

Make Hard Fight
Attorneys for George J. Gould are making a sturdy fight of it, because, should he be held accountable for the \$20,000,000, they realize that this would practically wipe out his estate, which he left for the benefit of the seven children of his first wife and for his second wife and their three children.

George J. Gould died at Cape Martin, near Montone, in May, 1922, thus escaping forever from the tangle.

WIFE SAVERS BY MRS. MARY MORTON

CLOSET ROOM

The convenience of a clothes closet is greatly increased by a shelf 14 or 18 inches wide, placed about five feet from the floor. Under this can be arranged metal rods, procurable from stores for a small amount, of the kind ordinarily intended for towel racks.

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If soot falls upon the carpet or rug do not attempt to sweep until it has been covered thickly with dry salt. It can then be swept up properly and not a stain or smear will be left.

Prince of Wales Pudding.—Take one-third cup flour, one cup grape-nuts, one-half cup raspberry or blackberry jam, one-third cup suet (chopped fine), one egg, one-third cup milk, one-half teaspoon salt, two teaspoons baking powder. Place all dry ingredients in bowl. Beat eggs, add milk and jam, mix well and add to ingredients in bowl. Pour into well greased mold and steam three hours. Serve with hard sauce flavored with two teaspoons liquid from maraschino cherries.

Buttercup Jelly.—Half a package of gelatin soaked in one-half cup of water two hours, yolks of three eggs, one pint of milk, one cup of granulated sugar, one teaspoon vanilla. Scald the milk in a double boiler, stir in the gelatin until dissolved. Strain through coarse

Gould and that the latter's estate was liable to them and to the rest of Jay Gould's heirs for the losses so brought about.

One result was the removal of George J. Gould as trustee of his father's estate; another was the in-terminable litigation which is still drawing its slow length through the courts.

Potato Puffs.—One and one-half cups cold mashed potatoes, one egg, salt to taste, one-fourth cup flour, one teaspoon baking powder. Put potatoes through ricer. Add eggs and salt. Sift in the flour until you have mixture about like a drop batter. Sift in baking powder and drop by spoonful into hot fat. When a golden brown place on brown paper. Serve hot.

Sour Cream Salad Dressing.—Three tablespoons flour, two tablespoons sugar, one egg, one teaspoon mustard, one teaspoon salt, three-fourths cup sour cream, one-fourth cup vinegar. Mix dry ingredients to smooth paste with little cream. Add egg and remainder of cream. Cook in top of double boiler until it thickens. Add vinegar. Continue to cook a few minutes.

Breakfast fruit has become a necessity for most families. Prunes, baked apples or apple sauce or any stewed fruit may be used, but fresh fruit is preferable. Grapefruits halved, the center and seeds removed and the pulp loosened, is always welcome, and may be sweetened to suit the individual taste. Oranges may be simply halved and eaten with an orange spoon or may be peeled and sliced alone or with bananas. Grapes, bananas, apples and ripe pears in season are all healthful and delicious fruits with which to start the morning meal.

Huntington Salad.—Take one and one-fourth cabbage chopped fine, one and one-half cream cheese, work thoroughly and blend with cabbage. Arrange in small ball on lettuce leaves. Cover generously with your favorite salad dressing. Garnish with radishes cut to resemble tulips.

Moon Cakes.—Take one-half cup shortening, three-fourths cup sugar, one teaspoon vanilla, two eggs, one-half cup milk, one and one-half cups flour, two teaspoons baking powder, one-half cup of blanched and chopped almonds. Mix in order given. Bake in quick oven in crescent-shaped pans. Frost if desired.

A layer of felt paper (generally used for floors) laid on the bed between the springs and the mattress will prevent the tufts on the latter catching on the wires of the spring. It is soft, firm and noiseless and does not wrinkle or work up.

Potato Soup.—Cook two or three small potatoes, one onion and a few stalks of celery in a little water until tender, then strain. Put two tablespoons butter in double boiler, add one tablespoon flour, mix smooth, gradually add one pint of milk, and when hot and smooth add the strained vegetables and boil together. Season and serve with toast strips.

Wiensers.—Place wiensers in saucepan and completely cover with canned tomatoes. Add a few slices of onion, a little chopped celery, sugar to season, and cook over a moderate fire for two hours. To make this dish a success you must remember two things: keep wiensers completely covered and cook the required length of time.

Doughnuts.—One cup sugar, two eggs, one tablespoon melted butter, one cup milk, one teaspoon vanilla or half teaspoon nutmeg, one teaspoon salt, flour to make soft dough. Fry in deep fat.

Potato Cubes.—A nice way to prepare potatoes, when in a hurry, is to cut them into small squares and drop them into boiling water. Serve with melted butter, garnish with a bit of parsley.

REDUCING FOOD COSTS
To keep down the cost of the family food, see that you get a large proportion of the needful fuel from cheap sources, such as cereals, and a reasonable amount of plain sugar. To avoid an unbalanced diet, see that each child has a quart of milk a day, a potato, an orange, a green vegetable (or canned tomato), and an ounce of butter.

Some good examples of school lunch menus would be:
Vegetable soup, crackers, rolls, fruit, plain cookies.
Meat and vegetable stew, bread and butter, sweet chocolate.
Baked custard, lettuce sandwiches, fruit, gingerbread.

Ice Box Cake.—Two squares German sweet chocolate, three tablespoons sugar, three tablespoons hot water, three eggs, one teaspoon vanilla, small baker's sponge cake. Put water, sugar, egg yolks into top double boiler. Stir until smooth. Beat whites until stiff. Pour hot mixture into them, beating all the time. Split cake and place half of mixture between halves, other half on top. Allow to stand in ice box over night. Serve with one-half pint cream, whipped.

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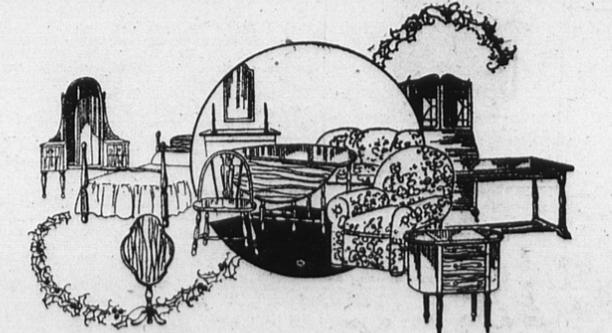
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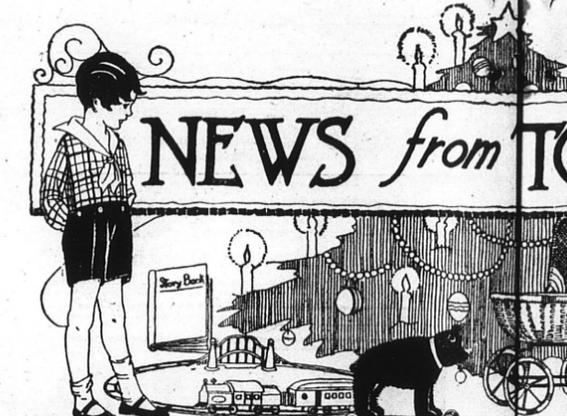


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