

sale and I bought considerable stuff including
a roller, set of harrows, ^{12.50} hay rakes, ^{7.25} double trees, ^{2.25} high
chair, ^{7.50} old table, ^{1.00} patent bed and some wood ^{1.25}. Frank
packed my note for 6 months. I went down to hand practice
to night and had a pretty good blow. I was the only
boss there and we have a lot of heavy new music.
Mr. Parks was at Aunt's when I went down. He was
there for dinner and spent most of the afternoon
telling about the estate, and from what I must
tell me, his story is more like a page from an
Arabian Nights Entertainment than cold facts &
figures pertaining to us. Mr. Parks has no doubt
what ever about Dad. being the legal heir and
seems to have no doubt about him proving his claim
although he says there are seven others in England
who think they have a claim, and they are
wealthy & influential some of them peers. He
said a rough estimate of the extent of the capital
fund would be two and a half million dollars and
that the annual income was about £20,000 after the
3 1/2% succession dues were subtracted. He had a
book showing how it was all invested and
it seems that a thousand acres or so of land

in Ireland and a block of land in the heart of
London which is now under a sixty year lease. The
lessee has built apartment houses on the land and
they are yielding large rent and when the sixty
years has expired they will come into the estate as
well as the land. There is also a list of books pictures
and plate 13 chests of it all valued at thousands
of pounds. There is a list of securities a yard long
including shares in the Bank of Ireland, Bank
of England, various railway stocks and all
manner of municipal & government bonds. We are
all more or less excited over it of course but it is such
a tremendous sum that we are dazed and don't
begin to realize what it really means, and so
far can't believe it is true, although Mr. Parks
who appears to be very quiet and talkative says
that he is so sure that Dad will get it that he
is willing to advance him any money he needs
from his private account. Fine but very cold wind
I found better with a ^{deeper} cold when I got home from the sale this afternoon

Tuesday April 21st

I went to Linn Coe on the nine car this morning to
interview the Armenians that Mr. Carter telephoned