canvassing the entire lists of the British nobility, the executive committee of Lord Arthur's hearth came to the conclusion that a deal of time would have to be wasted ascertaining the exact financial standing of the different first families of England, and that the prospect of any immediate path out of the difficulty was decidedly unpromising. Moreover, the daughters of the more wealthy houses did not seem to be sufficiently charmed with overtures from Lord Arthur or his family to warrant suppositions of immediate settlement.

It was in this predicament that Lady Treeford, an aunt of Lord Arthur, came forward with the suggestion that American money be taken into the family. Such a proceeding was decidedly objectionable, of course: but when the living expenses of the household had to be curtailed on account of poverty, such a course might be sanctioned, if the incoming amount was large enough. Efforts were then made to look up the American heiresses in England; and it was found that the stock happened at that season of the year to be rather scarce. There was hardly a Yankee visitor in all England with sufficient fortune to help matters out properly.

The old Lord began to feel despondent, and to grumble at the lack of money for his various inclinations and for the maintenance of his position. He had never known the lack of funds, and could not be embarrassed now, even though his own misdoings had brought about the poor state of affairs. The family consulted again, and Lady Treeford made another suggestion, to the effect that the lion be bearded in his den, and that Lord Arthur go to America. At this astonishing proposal the whole house arose in arms, and Lord Arthur uttered his first objection to their arrangements concerning his future happiness. Such a proposition could not be considered for a moment, of course, and so the matter was dropped, and attention turned strictly to prospects in England.

Matters progressed, and some of the Micheldean property was disposed of to a neighboring estate at a sacrifice. This temporarily helped matters a little, but still Lord Arthur's prospective better half occupied the attention of all concerned. Things grew financially bad again, and once more the Lady Treeford came forward with her American scheme, armed with newspaper accounts of the immense wealth of every girl in the United States. Her descriptions turned the land of cowboys and buffaloes into a paradise of golden opportunities for young Arthur, and pictured the ease and unconventionality of the natives in such terms that the adherents of Micheldean finally gave way to her, in hopes that the business would not take more than a fortnight, at most. Lord Arthur remonstrated as before, until he learned of the departure of some of his acquaintances for the same country, whereupon he consented to go. Matters were thereupon arranged, and with the family feeling against the trip buried under the Micheldean poverty and Lady Treeford's newspaper clippings, Lord Arthur in due time took his departure, properly heralded in the American press; armed with letters to the leading clubs, and with a few companions, choice and otherwise, on board the same steamer. His impression of America was gathered from London club talks and the chat of the home circle, and at the most was very vague. He had enough curiosity to look forward to the novelty of his journey with interest, and determined to enjoy himself while abroad, whether he brought back the prospective heiress or not. His filial duty was not forgotten, however, and realizing that the eyes of his family and of the world were upon him, he concluded to keep the object of his visit always in view, conduct himself properly, and have a good time on the quiet when the opportunity presented.

From club accounts he had an idea that such an opportunity might present itself. Happy, then, in the consciousness that he was free of