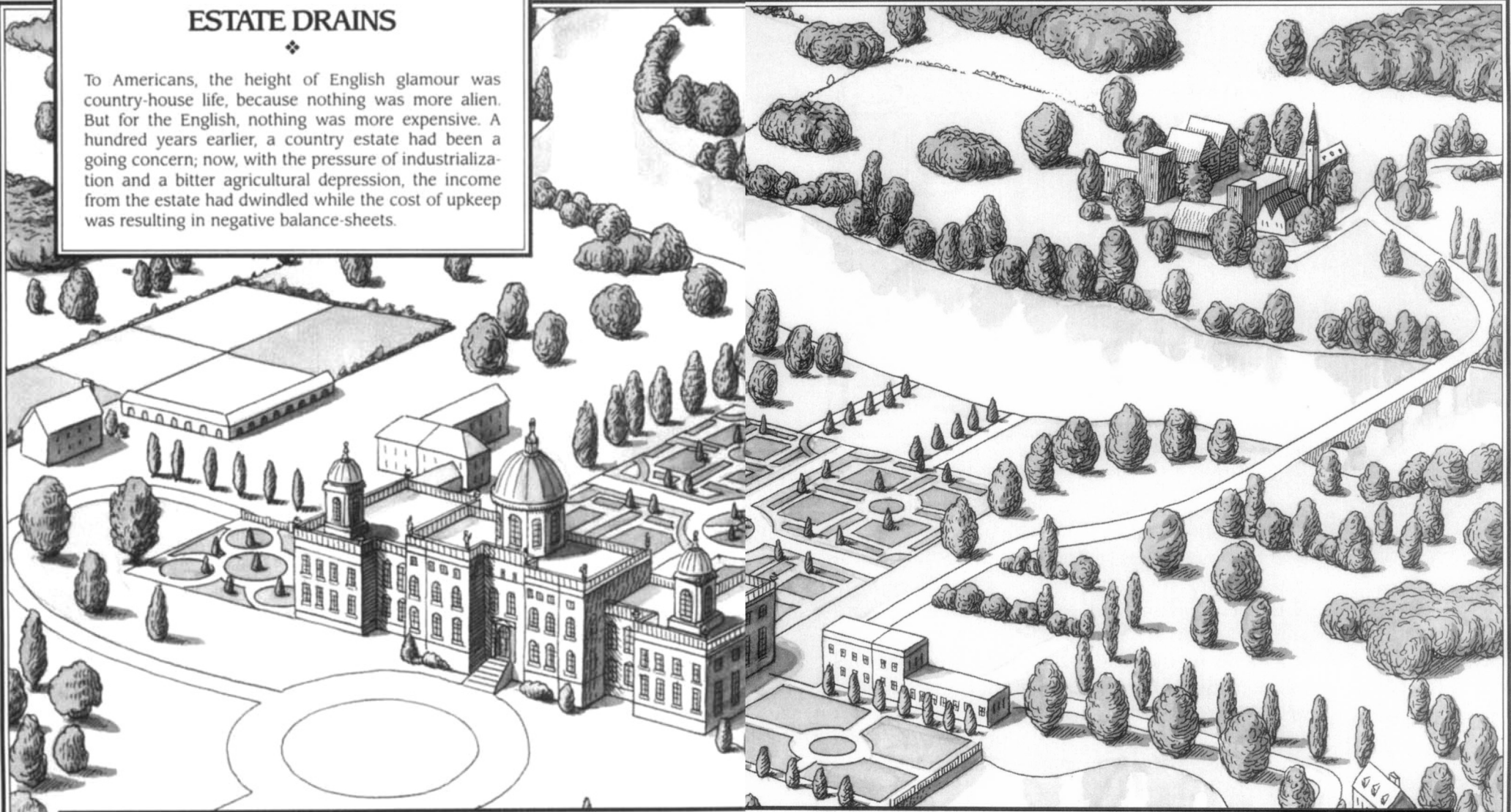


## ESTATE DRAINS

To Americans, the height of English glamour was country-house life, because nothing was more alien. But for the English, nothing was more expensive. A hundred years earlier, a country estate had been a going concern; now, with the pressure of industrialization and a bitter agricultural depression, the income from the estate had dwindled while the cost of upkeep was resulting in negative balance-sheets.



## Operating Expenses

- Allowance to Dowager in Dower House: £2,000 per annum (to include servants' salaries and household costs).
- Allowance to Aunt Agatha, still living upstairs in the Norman Room: £60 p.a. Ditto to Uncle Augustus in Marrakech (£650) to stay there.
- Repair of church steeple: £600.
- Teacher's salary, coal, books for village school: £250.
- Pension to old Briggs, ex-gamekeeper: £10 p.a. and rent-free cottage. Ditto to Wood, Dotry, Nobb and Jeffries (£40 total) and to old Nanny, living in West Wing (£15).
- Salary for land agent to collect rents, administer estate: £1,000 p.a.

- Two carriage horses, and three hunters for His Lordship: £135.
- Fodder, grooms' salaries, stable repairs, carriage upkeep: £300.
- Leaving fields uncultivated to provide cover for pheasants, partridges, grouse; winter feed for game; salaries for gamekeepers: £2,250 p.a.
- Pruning trees, shrubs, seeding lawn, dredging ornamental pond, clearing thickets, regravelling paths: £600 p.a.
- "Pin money" (clothing and charity allowances) for unmarried daughters Lady Agatha, Lady Maude and Lady Enid: £200 each.
- Household staples ordered from London (candles, soap, brooms, buckets, etc.): £800.
- Coal for 25 fireplaces (lit only at night in bedrooms): £75.
- Salaries of carpenters, tilers, brickmakers in building yard: £1,500 p.a.

- Household salaries: six housemaids (£18 p.a. each); governess (£25); schoolroom maid (£15); four footmen (£40 each); hall-boy (£10); French chef (£100); three kitchen maids (£15 each); scullery maid (£8); housekeeper (£50); His Lordship's valet (£65); butler (£80).
- Allowances to Hon. Cedric and Hon. Marmaduke £1,000 p.a. each.
- His Lordship's personal expenses: £4,500 (includes club dues, tailor, debts of honor, entertaining in town).
- House party entertaining: meals for 12 guests with their 12 servants five times a day for three days, six house parties: £600. Plus: writing paper in all guests' bedrooms, renewed daily (£15 per house party); bill for claret and champagne (£875) for year; cost of transporting Blue Hungarian Band to play at each house party (£600 total).

TOTAL EXPENSES: £20,216

INCOME on estate: £12,500 rent from tenants (on 43,000 acres, 35,000 under cultivation)  
 £1,000 sale of timber  
 £300 dividends from other investments  
 £55 sale of Lady Agatha, Lady Maude and Lady Enid's hunters

TOTAL: £13,855  
 SHORTFALL: £6,361

Scale: £1 = \$5; 5 × 33 = today's dollar  
 Total income: \$2,286,075.00  
 Total expenses: \$3,335,640.00