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Down, Without Loss

the wrecker's crowbar, a vast pile of
cost $\$ 3,000,000$ and had 110 rooms.
cost $\$ 3,000,000$ and had 110 rooms.
That isn't important, and it isn't very interesting either,
except for one thing:
Houses like that in every town are also coming down Nobody wants them, even the very rich who can afford
them. There is scarcely an American city that does not have one or more of these dinosaur relics of the age of the American colossi, which is either being dismantled or stands lonely and neglected simply because nobody wants They date. They recall an era that tried to be magnificent and didn't quite make it.

The Detroit house was that of John F. Dodge. It was never occupied it. Stonework which Dodge imported 110 stonecutters from Scotland to finish remained unadmired. Once a florist rented the greenhouses; once a whole girls'
summer camp operated in the screened porch. Brush and grass grew higher; children peered daringly into the gaunt windows, then ran a
haggard ghost of a house.
The Dodge estate couldn't sell it. The property will be in Detroit who could pay the price, but the fashion has hanged. These American castles, which would make Marlborough's Blenhe

Who shall mourn for them? Few indeed
It is still possible for Americans of outstanding ability
luck to have homes on a grand scale. But the houses built on a scale of sheer ostentatious grandeur, far beyond any sanely imaginable need of their occupants-they are
passing. They are passing, not because an indignant people tore them down as happen
France, or in Russia, but because native American good
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