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told you that--I think it has been her greatest comfort. I don't think you need fear that Mother will break down--now, anyway. It makes you cry to see her. She goes on just as usual-- makes all the motions--laughs and talks but you never forget for one minute that the heart of everything has gone out of life for her forever. She isn't wearing mourning. She says she could never take it off if she did and that if we did she couldn't help watching us for the first signs of our putting it off. It would seem like putting off our sorrow. Up here it has seemed so natural and so beautiful an ending of a great and happy life that the trappings of woe would have been belittling. There was no crepe on the door--no drawn blinds--the children played about and ran up and down stairs-- there was no feeling at all that Death was terrible. No one saw Daddysan again. They dressed him in his gray corduroy knickerbockers-- and put the rosette of the Legion of Honor in his button hole. The men in the Lab made the coffin out of good rugged pine and forged the iron handles. It was lined with aeroplane linen. Dorothy Kerr planned and Mabel, Graham, Barbara and Nancy Bell made a pall of green, entirely covered with balsam fir. They cut the branches very short and sewed them on. If you had seen them fitting it over the coffin themselves and doing it so sweetly and seriously, so glad there was something they, too, could do for Gampie, you would be thankful for them that death as death can never seem a thing to fear. The only flowers on the coffin were from the Am. Tel. and Tel. Co. The wreath must have been chosen by some one with "tenderness and imagination" Mother feels. It was of laurel--sheaves of wheat and pink roses--and Mother feels they were chosen-- "the laurel for victory, the wheat for the gathered harvest and the roses for gentleness and sweetness."

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