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**CHAPTER 6 - ART FOR HEART'S SAKE**  
**(RUBE GOLDBERG)**

**NOTES**

**SUMMARY**

The story “*Art For Heart’s Sake*” is written by **Rube Goldberg**. It is the story of a rich business man **Collis P. Ellsworth** whose failure in business led to a breakdown in his health. He was a bit eccentric also. He insisted on buying companies at very high price, only to watch them fail or go bankrupt. All his business started to close down one by one which began to have serious effects to both his pocket and health. He refused to co-operate with the doctor and nurse. The doctor in order to divert his mind suggested him to take up art. At first he refused saying it was a foolish idea. After a series of persuasion he agreed at last. The doctor hired a young artist to teach him. After a few weeks, he showed some interest and the treatment started improving. The doctor allowed him to visit the Museums and art exhibitions to boost his interest. The old man showed tremendous curiosity and new ideas started to form in his head. One day he showed them a picture which he called “*Trees Dressed in White*” painted by him. He said that he was going to exhibit the picture at the **Lathrop Gallery**. The picture was very horrible to look at and they thought the picture will be rejected and every laugh at him. But to their surprise the picture was not only accepted but it also won the first prize. They were so surprise that they could not say a word. Nevertheless they congratulated him and the doctor told him to admit that art is much more satisfying than business. The old man replied sharply that it has nothing to do with art as he has bought the Lathrop Gallery last month. Thus the story shows whatever is done for the old man ultimately his business ambition was found uppermost in his mind.