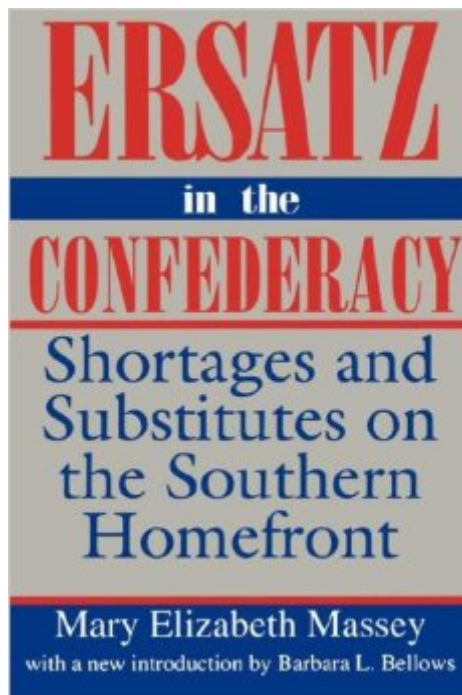


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# Ersatz In The Confederacy: Shortages And Substitutes On The Southern Homefront (Southern Classics)



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My wife wanted this book because it was recommended to her as a way to learn about what substitutions one might use if society collapses. I did not find it very useful for that. I did get two ideas that I will investigate. One might be important. The book does tell about the overwhelming hardships on the people of the South imposed by the war. Part of the problem for the South was that most of what they used was not locally produced. That is far more true today. One of the biggest, if not the biggest factor in how a society does in war or disaster is the strength of their industrial base. The US today has destroyed its industrial base. People say that does not matter because of US military production but most of us are civilians and need things to survive. Food is barely available at the best times today. People eat food products that come from very distant places. In the South when the transportation system broke down, even when food was available, it could not be distributed. This happened very early in the war. We are very vulnerable this way today. We depend on electricity and gas for shipping. If something happens to these systems the whole transportation system is down in a day or two. In a few days there is no food. Something to think about. We have not learned a thing from the tragedy in the South. I guess we deserve what we get. The US blockaded the South and this eventually prevented people from having food, medicine, shelter, clothes, cleaning supplies and everything else. The US has used the same strategy against

the people in the middle east. We hear about half a million babies dead from the economic sanctions and it is very abstract.

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