
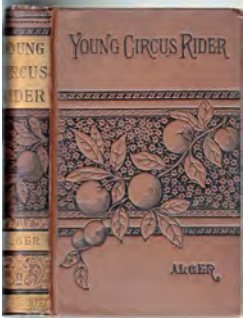


Porter & Coates

In 1881 it bought the stock, stereoplates, and copyrights of Horatio Alger's books from the bankrupt Boston publisher A. K. Loring. By Christmas 1882 the publishers took out a full-page advertisement in the *American Bookseller* to advertise eight series by Horatio Alger and six by Castlemon. Stern, Madeleine B.. *Publishers for Mass Entertainment in Nineteenth Century America*. G. K. Hall & Co. 1880.

<p>Format 01: Beehive</p> 	<p>Published 1890 4 Alger titles</p> <p>Bob Burton Luke Walton The Store Boy Struggling Upward First Edition (1890)</p>
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<p>Format 02 B: Apples (Brown)</p> 	<p>Published 1882-1889 28 Alger titles</p> <p>Ragged Dick Series: Ragged Dick Rough and Ready Fame and Fortune Ben the Luggage Boy Mark the Match Boy Rufus and Rose</p> <p>Tattered Tom Series: Tattered Tom Julius Paul the Peddler The Young Outlaw Phil the Fiddler Sam's Chance Slow and Sure The District Telegraph Boy</p> <p>Campaign Series: Frank's Campaign Paul Prescott's Charge Charlie Codman's Cruise</p> <p>Pacific Series: The Young Adventurer The Young Miner The Young Explorer</p>		
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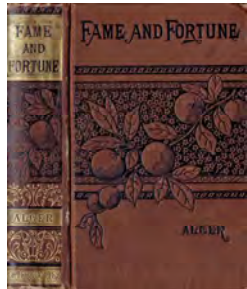
Porter & Coates

Format 02 B2: Apples
(Brown)

Published 1882-1889
8 titles found to date

Shifted Spine

Note: No bar at top of spine



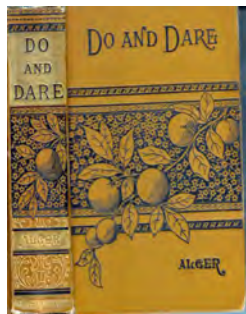
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<i>Fame and Fortune \$</i>	<i>Ben the Luggage Boy @</i>
<i>Mark the Match Boy</i>	<i>Rufus and Rose</i>
Tattered Tom Series:	
<i>Tattered Tom \$</i>	<i>Julius %</i>
<i>Paul the Peddler #</i>	<i>The Young Outlaw</i>
<i>Phil the Fiddler #</i>	<i>Sam's Chance #</i>
<i>Slow and Sure #</i>	<i>The District Telegraph Boy</i>



@ Bob Sipes collection
\$ Bob Eastlack collection

% Carol Nackenoff collection
Ken Broadie collection

Format 02 Y: Apples (Yellow)



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| Ben's Nugget
First Edition (1882) | Young Circus Rider
First Edition (1883) |
| Do and Dare
First Edition (1884) | Hector's Inheritance
First Edition (1885) |
| Helping Himself
First Edition (1886) | The Store Boy
First Edition (1887) |
| Bob Burton
First Edition (1888) | Luke Walton
First Edition (1889) |

Published 1882-1889
28 Alger titles

Ragged Dick Series:

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| Ragged Dick | Rough and Ready |
| Fame and Fortune | Ben the Luggage Boy |
| Mark the Match Boy | Rufus and Rose |

Tattered Tom Series:

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|------------------|----------------------------|
| Tattered Tom | Julius |
| Paul the Peddler | The Young Outlaw |
| Phil the Fiddler | Sam's Chance |
| Slow and Sure | The District Telegraph Boy |

Campaign Series:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Frank's Campaign | Paul Prescott's Charge |
| Charlie Codman's Cruise | |

Pacific Series:

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| The Young Explorer | |



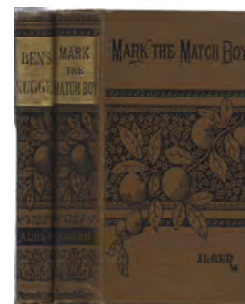
NOTE: "A variant edition of "The Store Boy" has been observed in which there are no gold in the lower-third area of the spine, with "Alger" blind-stamped against a black background and "Porter & Coates" in a different style of lettering printed in black at the base of the spine. All other first-edition points are identical with the gold-stamped edition.

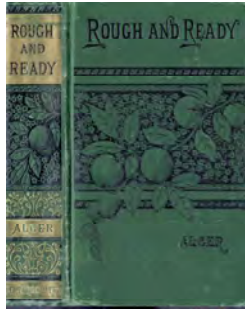
A bite of the apple Porter and Coates Alger: Part I by
Bradford S. Chase Newsboy, May-June 1993

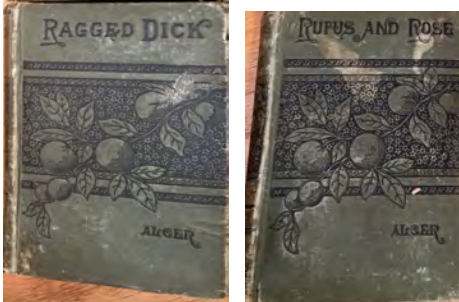
Located in Ken Broadie's Collection and Bob Sipes Collection

The *Ben's Nugget* attached is not a first edition. The ads on the verso of the title page conform to Bennett, but the ads in the rear list to *Hector's Inheritance* (1885).


*Located in Rob Kasper's Collection and Bob Sipes Collection





<p>Format 02 G: Apples (Green)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Porter & Coates</p> <p>Published 1882-1889 6 Alger titles</p> <p>Ragged Dick Series:</p> <table><tr><td>Ben the Luggage Boy</td><td>Ragged Dick</td></tr><tr><td>Rough and Ready</td><td>Rufus and Rose</td></tr><tr><td>Fame and Fortune</td><td>Mark the Match Boy</td></tr></table> <p>All six titles are part of the NIU Collection.</p>	Ben the Luggage Boy	Ragged Dick	Rough and Ready	Rufus and Rose	Fame and Fortune	Mark the Match Boy
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Rough and Ready	Rufus and Rose						
Fame and Fortune	Mark the Match Boy						

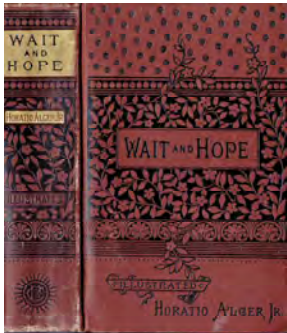
<p>Format 02 OG: Apples (Olive Green with same shifted spine)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Porter & Coates</p> <p>Published 1882-1889 6 Alger titles</p> <p>Ragged Dick Series:</p> <table><tr><td>Ben the Luggage Boy</td><td>Ragged Dick #</td></tr><tr><td>Rough and Ready</td><td>Rufus and Rose #</td></tr><tr><td>Fame and Fortune</td><td>Mark the Match Boy</td></tr></table> <p># Ken Broadie collection</p>	Ben the Luggage Boy	Ragged Dick #	Rough and Ready	Rufus and Rose #	Fame and Fortune	Mark the Match Boy
Ben the Luggage Boy	Ragged Dick #						
Rough and Ready	Rufus and Rose #						
Fame and Fortune	Mark the Match Boy						

<p>Format 03: Bag of Gold (Coins)</p> 	<p>Published 1892-1893 3 Alger titles</p> <p>Digging for Gold First Edition (1892) Facing the World First Edition (1893) In a New World First Edition (1893)</p>
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<p>Format 04: Sunburst (Star Burst)</p> 	<p>Published 1894-1895 3 Alger titles</p> <p>Only an Irish Boy First Edition (1894) Victor Vane First Edition (1894) Adrift in the City First Edition (1895)</p>
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<p>Format 05 B: Berries/Vines (Brown)</p> 	<p>1889-1892 12 Alger titles</p> <p>Luck and Pluck Series:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>First Series</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Luck and Pluck</td> <td>Strong and Steady</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sink or Swim</td> <td>Strive and Succeed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Second Series</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Try and Trust</td> <td>Risen from the Ranks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bound to Rise</td> <td>Herbert Carter's Legacy</td> </tr> </table> <p>Brave and Bold Series</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Brave and Bold</td> <td>Shifting for Himself</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jack's Ward</td> <td>Wait and Hope</td> </tr> </table>	First Series		Luck and Pluck	Strong and Steady	Sink or Swim	Strive and Succeed	Second Series		Try and Trust	Risen from the Ranks	Bound to Rise	Herbert Carter's Legacy	Brave and Bold	Shifting for Himself	Jack's Ward	Wait and Hope
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Sink or Swim	Strive and Succeed												
Try and Trust * %	Risen from the Ranks												
Bound to Rise	Herbert Carter's Legacy												
Brave and Bold	Shifting for Himself												
Jack's Ward @	Wait and Hope *\$												

<p>Format 05 R: Berries/Vines (Red)</p>  <p># Robert Kersch collection \$ Bob Eastlack collection & Rob Kasper collection @ Bob Sipes collection</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Porter & Coates</p> <p>Published 1882-1889 12 Alger titles, * found to date</p> <p>Luck and Pluck Series:</p> <p>First Series</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Luck and Pluck * &</td> <td>Strong and Steady * & @</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sink or Swim</td> <td>Strive and Succeed @</td> </tr> </table> <p>Second Series</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Try and Trust * #</td> <td>Risen from the Ranks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bound to Rise</td> <td>Herbert Carter's Legacy</td> </tr> </table> <p>Brave and Bold Series</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Brave and Bold * \$</td> <td>Shifting for Himself</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jack's Ward * \$</td> <td>Wait and Hope * \$</td> </tr> </table>	Luck and Pluck * &	Strong and Steady * & @	Sink or Swim	Strive and Succeed @	Try and Trust * #	Risen from the Ranks	Bound to Rise	Herbert Carter's Legacy	Brave and Bold * \$	Shifting for Himself	Jack's Ward * \$	Wait and Hope * \$
Luck and Pluck * &	Strong and Steady * & @												
Sink or Swim	Strive and Succeed @												
Try and Trust * #	Risen from the Ranks												
Bound to Rise	Herbert Carter's Legacy												
Brave and Bold * \$	Shifting for Himself												
Jack's Ward * \$	Wait and Hope * \$												

Format 06: Palm Fronds



4 Alger titles

- Do and Dare
- Hector's Inheritance
- Helping Himself
- The Young Circus Rider

Cover also used by Henry T. Coates and John C. Winston

Format 07: Chinaman



4 Alger titles

- The Young Adventurer
- The Young Explorer
- The Young Miner
- Ben's Nugget

Format 08: Crossed Swords



1898
3 Alger titles

- Charlie Codman's Cruise
- Frank's Campaign
- Paul Prescott's Charge

A transitional copy exists where Henry T. Coates is on the spine and Porter & Coates is on the title page.

Format 09: Luck and Pluck



Crest on Spine



Porter & Coates on Spine

1891-1894
8 Alger titles

First Series:

Luck and Pluck
Sink or Swim
Strong and Steady
Strive and Succeed

Second Series:

Try and Trust
Bound to Rise
Risen from the Ranks
Herbert Carter's Legacy

Uncertain how many titles carry each spine.
Cover also used by Henry T. Coates

Format 10 A: Red Lion (Gold)



4 Alger titles

Brave and Bold
Shifting for Himself
Jack's Ward
Wait and Hope

A transitional copy exists where Henry T. Coates is on the spine and Porter & Coates is on the title page.

Cover also used by Henry T. Coates and John C. Winston

Format 10 B: Red Lion (Green)



4 Alger titles

Brave and Bold #

Shifling for Himself *

Jack's Ward #

Wait and Hope #

* NIU collection

Ken Broadie collection

Format 11: Shoe Box (Boy in a Wreath)



1894

6 Alger titles

Ragged Dick

Fame and Fortune

Mark the Match Boy

Rough and Ready

Ben the Luggage Boy

Rufus and Rose

Cover also used by Henry T. Coates and John C. Winston

Format 12: Tattered Tom



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1891-1894
8 Alger titles

First Series:

Tattered Tom
Paul the Peddler
Phil the Fiddler
Slow and Sure

Second Series:

Julius
The Young Outlaw
Sam's Chance
The District Telegraph Boy

Cover also used by Henry T. Coates and John C. Winston

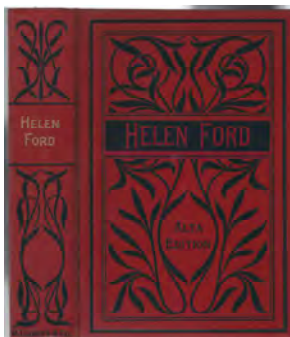
Format 13 A: Alta Edition



1 Alger title

Helen Ford

9 different colors have been identified as part of Ken Broadie's collection.

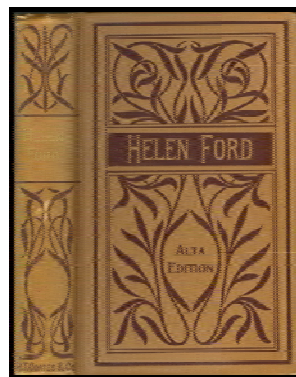
Format 13 B: Alta Edition - Variation

Porter & Coates and later, Henry T. Coates, issued this title in two formats as part of its **Alta Edition Series**.

1 Alger title

Helen Ford

Variant:



Note HTC on spine (and on the title page), but P&C put out this edition also. I have seen tan and green cloth for this format. There are likely others. Per Rob Kasper.

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NOTE: For many of the books in the lists, the color of the binding may vary widely. Overall, the color of the cloth is not as important as what is printed on it. In addition, a book may have the binding of a first edition, but may be missing important points inside.