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## 1968 NEW HAVEN CONVENTION

Ed Levy, Convention Chairman, reports that a few reservations have begun to trickle in. He also informs us that we will be his guests at the luncheon (Yale) on Friday. On Saturday we will be guests of Everett Whitlock at the Whitlock farm. On Sunday we will be guests of Max & Ida Goldberg at the Goldberg home, at Natick. Each morning we will be guests of Rip Van Winkle Motel at a continental breakfast, served from 7:00 A.M. till 9:15 A.M.

I have been in contact with the manager of the motel who has informed me that the motel consists of 65 units grouped in a horseshoe shape around the pool. The better rooms face the pool, with the cheaper rooms somewhat apart from the rest. I have suggested we be grouped together so that non-members will not be sandwiched in between us. This is not a corridor type motel. Units have outside entrances only. Our conference room is on the motel premises. If you have not yet sent in your questionnaire and reservation card, I suggest you identify yourself as a member of the Alger convention group.

Be sure to bring your duplicate Alger titles if you wish to sell them, and bring your prized Alger items for room display. Time will be allotted for panel and general discussions on the subject of our hero. Les Langlois will give away four highly desirable Alger titles as door prizes. One of our newer members has composed his nostalgic thoughts on Alger in verse form, consisting of 96 lines and entitled: Those Alger Days. Copies will be made available only for those members in attendance at our convention. If the author is in attendance, we will hear it recited. Who is the author? Those in attendance will be the first to know. Bring your Gardner book and get it autographed too! Be sure to bring your camera equipment and plenty of film. We'll want a good group picture for the next issue of our Newsboy Photo Supplement, and remember, YOU'LL MEET SOME NEW FRIENDS IN NEW HAVEN!

## TWO PARTIC'LAR FRIENDS PASS

The death of Raymond Miottel on November 17, 1967 was reported to me on December 28, by J. Patrick Denis, Ass't Trust Officer for the Detroit Bank & Trust.

Raymond, PF-151 was reported as a new member in April 1966. We have no record of his age or his family. Although deprived of the usual high school and college education, he was a firm believer in the Alger principles, and achieved a reasonable degree of success after attending night school and a correspondence course. He owned but few Alger books according to our records.

The death of Isadore Appel, on December 27, 1967, was reported to me by Gilbert Westgard on January 16th.

Isadore, PF-216 was reported as a new member in September 1967. He was 58 years old and had in excess of 100 Alger volumes. He had been employed as a bank messenger by the First National Bank of Chicago. He leaves his wife, Faye. His application for membership reveals his hopes that his children and grandchildren will receive inspiration and pleasure from the Alger books as did he.

## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Our new 1968 Membership Roster has been distributed. All new members are eligible for a copy. If you did not receive a copy, write our secretary. Keep it up to date by making notations of all corrections. If pertinent information regarding your own listing is not correct, or you have new information, write Ken Butler. Changes of address should also be reported to the editor. Such reported changes will be listed each month in our newsletter. Only a few minor errors have been noted, such as: (Under states) the city residences of Steve Press, and Harold McCuen are incorrect.

Ken has done an excellent job on this roster in spite of our negligence in reporting, and in behalf of all members, OUR THANKS, KEN, FOR A JOB WELL DONE!



RAGGED DICK CENTENNIAL YEAR

We note with interest that WORLD ALMANAC is also celebrating their 100th Anniversary with a Centennial Edition. In addition to Horatio's correct birth date being listed on page 624, our Society listing on page 645 resulted in an inquiry from a New York City prospective member. On page 37 WORLD ALMANAC shows a picture of the cover of the 1868 edition. It is a 120 page volume. If you have a copy, we envy you! 1868 was a great year in New York City I'm beginning to find out after considerable research.

Not only was our hero beginning to attract attention in the publishing field, but Edwin Booth (1833-1893) the great Shakespearean tragedian was attracting SRO audiences in New York City. Unfortunately, due to the ill-timed publicity of his brother John Wilkes, it is reported that his theatre, Winter Garden, was burned in protest in 1867. During the year 1868 he was busy in directing the construction of another which was located and opened in 1869 at the S.E. corner of Sixth Avenue and 23rd Street.

The BOOK WORM, edited and published by our own Jacqueline Steele, PF-199, is featuring Horatio Alger in her February issue with a nine page spread. Subscription is only \$1.50 per year and worth it!

And also for you Alger Fans who want everything that was ever written about our hero, LITERARY SKETCHES, edited and published by our own Mary Lewis Chapman, PF-179, published an Alger piece for me in her November 1966 issue. She has 32 copies of this issue left, and I have reserved all of them for our members. You may have this issue free with a two-year subscription of LITERARY SKETCHES at \$1 per year. You must identify yourself as a Society member in order to get the free copy.

Cal Noell, PF-082, employed in the Reference Room, Kalamazoo Public Library, called my attention to the 1899 edition of Who's Who In America (A.N. Marquis & Co., Chicago), which lists Alger's birth-date incorrectly. Cal wonders if this information might be the source of all subsequent errors in other reference books.

In one of my numerous clippings on file, I note that the last known Newsboys' Lodging House located on the corner of Duane and William was torn down in 1963. The earliest mention of its location in the Alger stories was in the loft of the Sun Building, corner of Nassau and Frankfort Streets, Printing House Square, and opposite City Hall Park. The Sun Bldg., was also Tammany Headquarters until their new building was completed in 1868. Across the street from the Sun Bldg., was the old French's Hotel until 1888 when it was replaced with the World Bldg., also known as the Pulitzer Bldg.

Early in January the Old Homestead Restaurant of New York City celebrated their 100th Anniversary by serving meals at 1868 prices. Their special was a five-course dinner for 12 cents. The menu consisted of steak or sausages, 4 cents; soup, 2 cents; salad (liver & potatoes), 3 cents; half a pie, 2 cents; and coffee, 1 cent. Don't rush; it was a one-day celebration. The management estimated the cost to be some \$4,000.

Fortunately, in my copy of Valentine's Manual, #7, I was able to trace the location. Assuming the establishment is still located on its original site, it may be found on the west side of Fifth Avenue, between 22nd, & 23rd Streets.

In Alger's day, this might have been considered as an up-town address, in the middle-class residential district. The Manual describes the restaurant as a hang-out for Boss Tweed's "ruffians." At any rate the location was a little off the beat for our hero and his newsboy-boot-black associates.

Perhaps the restaurant most referred to, but the least patronized by our many heroes, except on rare occasions as guests of a wealthy acquaintance, was Delmonico's at Fifth Avenue & Broadway. The restaurant menu most likely to appeal to our hero moneywise, was a plate of beef at a small restaurant in Ann Street, near City Hall Park. The name escapes me at the moment.

The prospective member mentioned in the opposite column suggested that some day the Society might wish to erect a placque on the site of one of the old Alger landmarks. An excellent suggestion! In Great Barrington, Mass., there is a statue of a newsboy which was donated in 1895 by a former resident, W.K. Brown, publisher of the N.Y. Daily News. The editor of the local paper, Berkshire Courier, stated in 1966 that the statue no longer served a useful purpose, and was no longer a cherished memory. If this statue could be secured by the Society, the most logical location for its new home would be in City Hall Park!

Ah, those fascinating places described in the Alger stories a century ago! The old Bovey Theatre, A.T. Stewart's store, Tiffany's, The Astor House, and Barnum's Museum. I fear they are but cherished memories today, yet, they live as we read of those historic accounts!

Dan Fuller, PF-142, once revealed a project he had in mind, namely to cross-index the references to the names of people and buildings mentioned in the Alger stories. A tremendous undertaking, but when completed, it would serve a very useful purpose for students of Alger! This proposed project could be assigned to a number of members who would be willing to assist in the research. I'll volunteer!

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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- PF-225 Kenneth Feller T-001  
1203 1st Avenue, (Nov)  
Vinton, Iowa 52349
- PF-226 Mrs. Martha Landis T-000  
205 N. 2nd Street (Nov)  
Marshalltown, Iowa 50158
- PF-227 Norman Hanson T-000  
529 Lincoln Street (Dec)  
Winona, Minnesota 55987
- PF-228 F. Joseph Cossman T-000  
12502 Milbank Street, (Dec)  
Studio City, California 91604
- PF-229 Frank Eisenberg T-073  
2820 Sumter Avenue, S. (Dec)  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55426
- PF--230 Alan S. Dikty T-004  
5210 Dorchester, (Dec)  
Chicago, Illinois 60615

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Kenneth, a local merchant, heard of us through convention publicity in the Des Moines Register last May. He believes in the Alger principles and wishes to become active in our society work.

Martha, a widow, operates an antique business from her home. She heard of us in Collectors News.

Norman heard of us through Jack Row. Recently he had purchased a number of Alger and other books from Morris Teicher PF-027 (deceased). He hopes to add some first editions to his Alger collection.

Joseph heard of us through his friend, Jim Thorup, PF-183. He is the head of the largest (probably) mail order firm of its kind in the country today. He is author of the book, "How I made a million dollars in Mail Order."

Frank heard of us through Hobbies Magazine and contacted me last September. His application was received in December. He was born in 1897 and has led a very colorful life. He is gifted in many respects. He has a number of duplicates offered for sale or trade.

Alan heard of us through Collectors News. He is a student and has just begun to read and collect Alger.

(E.N. Roster listing: Thompson, PF-146, T-200. This must include all his duplicates)

The listings in this department (space permitting) are free to our members. Please list title, publisher, condition and price.

Offered by: Frank Eisenberg, PF-229 (address in opposite column) Price indicates a range from fair to good condition.

Adrift in New York	Donohue	\$2.00
"	Hurst	2.00
"	World	1.00
Andy Gordon	World	1.00
"	NYB	1.00
Andy Grant's Pluck	Donohue	2.00
Bob Burton	Donohue	2.00
"	World	1.00
Bound to Rise	Superior	.75
Brave & Bold	Donohue	2.00
"	World	1.00
Cash Boy	World	1.00
Charlie Codman's Cruise	Donohue	2.00
Cousin's Conspiracy	Donohue	2.00
Do & Dare	World	1.00
Erie Train Boy	Hurst	2.00
"	Donohue	1.00
Facing the World	Donohue	2.00
" (2)	World	.75
"	NYB	.50
Five Hundred Dollars	Donohue	.50
Frank's Campaign (2)	World	.75
Hector's Inheritance (2)	Hurst	2.00
"	World	.75
Helping Himself	Donohue	2.00
" (2)	World	.75
"	Hurst	2.00
Herbert Carter's Legacy	Hurst	2.00
Joe's Luck	World	.75
Making His Way	Burt	2.00
"	World	.75
Only an Irish Boy	Burt	2.00
Paul the Peddler (3)	Hurst	2.00
Paul Prescott's Charge	Burt	2.00
Phil the Fiddler	Donohue	2.00
"	NYB	.75
Ralph Raymond's Heir	Donohue	2.00
Sam's Chance (2)	Winston	?
" (2)	Donohue	2.00
Sink or Swim	Donohue	2.00
Shifting for Himself	NYB	.75
Slow & Sure (2)	NYB	.75
Store Boy	Donohue	2.00
Struggling Upward	Donohue	2.00
Tin Box	Donohue	1.50
Tony the Hero	Burt	2.00
Wait & Hope	Winston	2.00
"	Donohue	2.00
"	NYB	.75
Young Acrobat	Donohue	1.50
Young Explorer	Donohue	.75
Young Outlaw	Burt	1.50
"	Winston	2.00
"	Donohue	2.00
Young Salesman	Hurst	2.00
"	Donohue	2.00

(E.N. Frank adds that he will trade two books for one for the titles he needs)

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REMINDER - Be sure to bring your surplus books to convention with you, as many books are exchanged in this manner. I note that we have a society advertisement in Collectors News now. Due to publicity in the east we may get many inquiries regarding membership and books for sale, and remember, YOU'LL MEET SOME NEW FRIENDS IN NEW HAVEN!

ALGERGRAMS

All members listed in our new 1968 Membership Roster through PF-225, have no doubt received a book catalog from the Victoria Book Shop. The proprietor is none other than our own Milton Reissman, PF-221, introduced in our October, 1967 newsletter.

Among the 644 book items listed were five Alger books, four of which were apparently sold before the catalog was released. The only Alger book offered was a first edition of Ragged Dick at \$150.00

Particular Friends who may recall that deceased member Louis Vosburgh, PF-130, had been named to receive the Horatio Alger Award by the American Schools & Colleges Association in 1965, will also be pleased to learn, no doubt, that Colonel Harland Sanders received the award at the same time.

The Colonel is the familiar figure that we see in the Kentucky Fried Chicken advertisements in the newspaper, and on TV. The Colonel is, I believe, an octogenarian and his national fame and subsequent success was achieved only a few short years ago.

Gilbert Westgard, PF-024, contributes an interesting item from the 45th volume of "The Year's Work in English Studies," quote: "Although Horatio Alger is best known for his novels for boys--for example Ragged Dick, Ben the Luggage Boy, etc, which appeared mainly in the 1870's & 80's he also wrote verse, which Gilbert K. Westgard II, has collected under the title of ALGER STREET, The Poetry of Horatio Alger, Jr. The volume is a slim one compared with Alger's output in fiction, and we ought to be thankful for that. Although slightly more competent at versification than Mc Gonigall, Alger was no laureate. Yet there is a certain period charm about such doggerel stories in verse as NOTHING TO DO!"

Ken Butler contributes the following item: "A bargain closeout on books lists four stories by Horatio Alger with an introduction by Russell Crouse, for only \$1.98 plus 25¢ handling charge. The four Alger stories reprinted are: Struggling Upward; Ragged Dick; Phil the Fiddler; and Jed the Poorhouse Boy. The book is offered by Publisher's Central Bureau, 33-20 Hunters Point Avenue, Long Island City, N.Y. 11101. At this moderate price, some H.A.S. members might like to add this modern reprint volume. I suspect the book was originally issued possibly six or seven years ago."

(Editor's note: Such a volume in hard covers by the title of STRUGGLING UPWARD, and other works, was issued by Crown Publishers in 1945. The above reference seems to be identical. The introduction seems to be a re-hash of the work of Herbert R. Mayes, "Alger: A Biography Without a Hero" 1928. This volume also

includes Mayes' list of Alger titles, many of which are non-existent. If the book offered is the identical cloth bound volume published by Crown, it is well worth the price. The possibility of it at least merits an inquiry. If it is not the identical book, then you be the judge)

A catalog of books in the Mendota Public Library dated 1898 having come into my hands I naturally looked into it immediately to see how many of the novels of our hero, Horatio Alger, were carried on their shelves. I was pleased to find that the juvenile fiction department was quite well represented with 17 Alger titles. One of them was a title that startled me a bit, being unfamiliar. It was "Way to Success". Its listing under Alger was no misprint, for I also found it under another category.

Quite naturally I dove into the bibliography of Ralph Gardner's book to see what this was all about. Gardner states that the book is really "Struggling Upward". It comes to be confused as an Alger title for the reason that on the cover the name of the series title, "Way to Success" is carried in much bigger type than the title, appearing just above it, "Struggling Upward".

Further study of the 1898 catalog revealed that Horatio Alger did not lead the juvenile list in number of titles in circulation. That honor went to the British author, G.A. Henty, who had no less than 29 titles listed. Another who bested our hero was Captain Charles King, who had a total of 19.

It is some consolation that Alger outranked Harry Castlemon (10), Oliver Optic (15), and Edward B. Ellis (11). Neither Winfield nor Stratmeyer was listed.

--- Kenneth B. Butler

(Editor's note: The practice of prominently displaying the name of the series on the front cover has caused many confusing situations in transactions between dealers and Alger buyers. Porter & Coates adopted this practice in their Luck & Pluck, and Tattered Tom series.

Libraries are expressing a renewed interest in Alger. Karl Weber, PF-220, writes that a library in his community wants to stock some Alger books for circulation. The Crown publication mentioned above with its four stories, notwithstanding its incorrect list of Alger titles, and the Mayes material used in the introduction, would be an excellent addition to any library. The current interest in Struggling Upward has caused me to pick up the book, settle down in a comfortable chair with a pad and pencil, and read and enjoy, doing research at the same time on Fuller's proposed project, such as: the cast, the setting, the plot, character types, New York City locations, and manner of speaking, such as: "just so" "that's too thin" "put a spoke in his wheel" "putting on airs" and "Extraordinary!" Won't you select a story and join us in this useful research project?) PF-000

ALGERGRAMS

The special edition of our Newsboy released just before Christmas, 1967, was sent out to all members on record at that time. The purpose of this special edition was to invite all members to send an Alger book to Steve Press, PF-164, in support of his proposed project to acquaint his students with the Alger principles, and way of life of 100 years ago.

As a result of our appeal, Steve reported early in January that our members were responding not only with books, but with money and wonderful letters of commendation. The project was launched in Steve's classroom on January 15th.

From a report just received, Steve says that he had to dip into his own Alger collection in order to supply each student with a book. He is hopeful that a few more books will come in to make up for the shortage.

Jacqueline Steele, PF-199, editor and publisher of the Bookworm, gave her support to the project in the February issue of her publication, and also released the story to the Portland (Maine) Press-Herald who added their support with some 1,000 words in favor of the project. So Steve and his project should be getting nation-wide publicity from at least three different sources.

Steve has been busy preparing for the project, but plans to send you all thank you letters just as quick as he can. He adds, "It sure has been wonderful seeing my kids walking around the halls with "Algers" tucked under their arms." These are "your" books these kids are reading, and you should be proud to be a part of this project. The Newsboy thanks you for your wonderful support in launching this worth while project.

Steve will provide us with monthly reports, and a final report at our New Haven convention. We have a supply of the special edition available for anyone who may have been missed.

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KALAMAZOO

Kalamazoo was featured in the January 9th issue of Look Magazine. The subject was "Culture." With nine photographs and a thousand words they endeavored to prove that we had some--of a sort. Since, in my opinion, the photographs were not sufficient proof, the thousand words were quite necessary. Yes, Kalamazoo is a college town, and perhaps your neighbor's kids are enrolled here to absorb some culture, but our neighbor's kids are no doubt attracted to your town for the same reason. Being a college city, we may be classified as a transient city, and some may say, "It's a nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there." But we like it just the same! It's home to us!

Convention chairman Ed Levy reports that quite a few members have answered his questionnaire and affirmed that they will attend the New Haven meeting in 1968. PLEASE -- those who have not yet answered the questionnaire -- complete and mail it to Ed as soon as you can. It takes time to complete plans and Ed will have to have a good idea how many will attend.

Max Goldberg, Matick, Mass., PF-008, New England Regional Director and Chairman of the Horatio Alger Memorial Committee, reports that he has already started making plans for the 1968 memorial service. Max has agreed to schedule this outstanding event Sunday, May 26th, so that attendees of the 1968 convention can take part. Max has worked hard on this important event for some years and his receipt of the Horatio Alger "LUCK AND PLUCK" award for 1966 was an acknowledgment of the society's gratitude for his service.

Purveyors of the Poverty Program take note. A letter to the editor, received by a New York newspaper, describes contemporary Alger heroes -- and it's purported to be a true story.

"My father came here from China 55 years ago. We had seven children in our family; three slept in the cellar underneath the laundry; the rest of the family slept behind the laundry. I got a Ph. D; two of my brothers are doctors of medicine, one is a dentist, one is a teacher; one sister is a nun. We never took relief. Some of the present minorities in New York should stop protesting, marching and demanding relief and special consideration, and try 18 hours a day of work and study. We love New York City. For ambitious people there is no limit to opportunity, and no reason for poverty except sickness or laziness."

I'm sad to have to report the death of Mrs. Harlan Miller (Ioris) of Des Moines who succumbed to cancer after an illness of several years. H.A.S. members who attended the Des Moines session last year will remember meeting Mrs. Miller at the Saturday evening banquet.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1967, MENLOTT, ILLINOIS. As called for in the by-laws of the H.A.S., a semi-annual board of directors meeting was held. Erstwhile president Ken Butler was once again the gracious host, albeit to a smaller group this time. Directors Butler, Row and Hartmann spent several hours in hot discussion of many events of interest to the society. Warner Conarton, PF-209, of Lansing, Michigan, accompanied Carl Hartmann to Mendota and "kibitzed" at the directors meeting.

There are now 22 members of the Horatio Alger "100" Club. Qualification is owning 100 or more title variations. If you have 100 or more titles and have not yet been acclaimed a "100" Club member, please notify Max Sheldon, who will mail you a brass plate for your membership tile. This recognition is free from the Horatio Alger Society. (continued on page six)

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS: continued

Yours truly has been working with the Internal Revenue Service people regarding non-taxable status for the society. As soon as a minor change is made in the articles of incorporation, I'm told that our sought after status will be forthcoming. We will then be classed as a C3 organization, according to Internal Revenue Code.

Ralph Gardner, Irv Poznan and Ralph Anderson, our nominating committee, are hard at work trying to come up with a slate for 1968-1969 officers.

Carl Hartmann, Dan Fuller and Forrest Campbell, our awards committee, are trying to come up with suitable recipients for Luck & Pluck and Newsboy awards for 1968. Suggestions to either or both committees will be most welcome, I'm sure. -30-  
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PAST-PRESIDENT BUTLER HONORED

On the occasion of the early December board meeting held in Mendota, former President Kenneth B. Butler was presented with two mementoes of his terms in office. One is a colorful ceramic figure of a newsboy crying his papers, and an appropriate inscription in gold lettering on a plaque at the base. The other remembrance is in keeping with Ken's hobby. It is a white gold wrist watch, the frame around the dial being a reproduction of an early Chevrolet radiator. An engraved inscription on the back indicates that originally the watch was given as reward for meeting a Chevrolet sales quota, in 1927.

Mr. Butler has written to express his surprise, and appreciation. (contributed)  
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CHRISTMAS AT THE CAMPBELLS

We were well remembered with cards, and in other special ways, from our Partic'lar Friends across the nation. We are sorry that we could not respond in kind, other than our personal greetings by way of the special edition of the Newsboy.

My wife, gifted person as she is, with needle, mixing bowl and brush, surprised me on Christmas morning with another Alger-related creation. What to give an Alger Fan who already has everything? Such as: Newsboy plaque (for front door), muslin map ("Wonderful World of Horatio Alger), progressive wall hanging, monogrammed shirts and towels.

The result was a small round table with two cane bottom chairs, painted dark green with red pads on the chairs. On the table top in a variety of contrasting colors are replicas of several Alger-related items, such as: Alger's birthplace, Church in Brewster, Children's Theatre in Mansfield, the Newsboy newsletter, first convention in Mendota, etc. On the border are the words: Partic'lar Friends of the Round Table -- Christmas, 1967 (PF-000)

The following material submitted by I. Gurman, PF-OAL, and authorized by our president. (source unknown)

Mickey Maguire

"A BROTH of a boy" as ever stood in shoe-leather, was Mickey Maguire! At hurling, wrestling, kicking football, or getting up a shindy, generally, there wasn't his equal in the barony. It would really do your heart good to see him, with the fun gleaming all over his face, like the sunbeams dancing on the Shannon's water; "batein' the flure" at a fair or a "pathern", with some bright "colleen"—for there was no better hand at the jig in the country round, and that the girls knew mighty well, for there wasn't one of them that would not walk a long mile to dance "Plauxty Molly," or the "Ould Foxhunter", with "sportin' Mickey Maguire."

Now, you must know that our friend Mickey Maguire was the whole and sole proprietor of the only mill, such as it was, in the entire vicinity; consequently, at the early part of his life, the hopper was continually going, and the result was a very comfortable living for the thriving miller. But as he increased in years, instead of growing wise by experience, and husbanding his present resources, so that, in the event of accident, ill health, or misfortune of any kind, he might have a trifle to fall back upon, he lived from hand to mouth, spending exactly what he had, be that little or much.

To be sure a little satisfied him when he had no more; but if it were ever so large a sum he invariably found a way to get rid of it. It may be readily conceived therefore, that Mickey was quite unprepared for a rainy day--indeed, he never suffered himself to think of anything beyond the passing moment. If today was only provided for, tomorrow might take care of itself.

By a singular continuance of an equally balanced luck, Mickey managed for a number of years to scramble on tolerably well. The mill was his banker, and it depended upon its yielding little or much as to whether he had a "high ould time", or merely satisfied the few wants to which he could circumscribe himself if necessary.

Notwithstanding the carelessness of his general disposition, Mickey was a diligent worker in working hours. No one ever saw lounging in idleness when labor was in demand; and moreover, he was possessed of a true, honest and benevolent heart--the latch of his door was never lifted without a welcome; rich or poor, it was all the same to him.

A bite and a sup, given with pride to his equals, and with joy to the hungry and wayfarer, was ever to be found at his table, a seat by his cheerful chimney corner, and a smoke of the pipe, and maybe a drop of mountain dew was proffered to the weary traveller.

(to be continued in the March issue)