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THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL JUNE 1890

Two of the largest ads in this issue contained Alger's for sale. The ad reproduced here shows A.L. Burts "The Boy's Home Series".

It is interesting to note that four of the Alger's listed are first editions. <u>Tom Temples</u> Career, Joe's Luck, The Errand Boy and Frank Fowler.

Our President and convention host Judson Berry. has announced the Convention dates. May 14, 15 & 16. 1971.

Judson is working hard on plans to make this the best convention yet..... Plan now - Sioux Falls, S.D.



Judson Berry

Alger Society **Elects Berry**

Judson Berry, 3801 W. 41st St., is the new national president of the Horatio Alger Society.

His election took place at the society's recent annual meeting in Revere, Mass.

Berry had served during the past year as vice president.

He reported that Sioux Falls has been chosen as site for the organization's 1971 convention.

The society, formed in 1961, is dedicated to perpetuating and reviving popular interest in the principles exemplified in the novels of Horatio Alger Jr., famous for his use of the "rags to riches" theme.

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NEWSBOY recognizes Ralph D. Gardner's HORATIO ALGER, or the American Hero Era, published by Wayside Press, 1964, as the leading authority on the subject.

PF-300, M.R. Royer has over 45 duplicate Algers for Trade. If you have any to trade drop Maurice a line with what you have and what you want.

Herb Risteen had a very interesting article published in GOOD OLD DAYS, Oct. 1970 issue. Don't miss it - pick up your copy now.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

THE BOOK MART

The Book Mart is for the exclusive use of members of the Horatio Alger Society. Due to our status as a non-profit organization we cannot solicite advertising or charge for listings. The Newsboy assumes no responsibility for condition or price.

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The Book Mart does not publish want lists, only books for sale.

Most of our members are looking for the same rare titles so a want list would be a waste of space.



PF-271, Bill DiCarlo giving the dedication speech at the Alger house during the Revere convention.

Ed Reynolds, PF-051, suggests that members"sit down and write to some other member who is a total stranger to them."

Many new friendships have been formed in the HAS and this would be one way to make more. So, if you have time why not sit down and drop a partic'lar friend a line.

NOVEMBER, 1970

VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN by Bob Bennett

I suppose the question of the ten most desired Algers is purely academic and of little concern to the majority of Alger collectors. Their availability, or lack of it, and high cost, tend to dampen enthusiasm for actively seeking these hard-to-find titles. However, it is of interest to know which of the many Alger titles are the most sought-after and hence, the most difficult to find. Referring to first edition copies only, here, in rank order, is my version of what an Alger "10 Most Wanted List" should look like:

- 1) Timothy Crump's Ward
- 2) Seeking His Fortune
- 3) Robert Coverdale's Struggle
- 4) The Disagreeable Woman
- 5) Ragged Dick
- 6) The Western Boy
- 7) Bertha's Christmas Vision
- 8) Dan, the Detective
- 9) Nothing to Do
- 10) Grandfather Baldwin's
 Thanksgiving

The National Union Catalogue of Pre1965 Imprints, is a multivolume publication
listing the holdings of the Library of
Congress and those of several hundred participating libraries. It is interesting to
note that the most commonly held first edition
title is From Canal Boy to President, claimed
by 19 libraries. Surprisingly, Ragged Dick
holds down second place with 10 libraries
indicating that the Loring edition is in
their collection. Nine libraries each reported Fame and Fortune, Nothing to Do, and
Helen Ford. I question, however, whether
all are boni-fide "firsts."

If your game is first editions, you have 99 hardcover editions and 20 paperbacks to go after. A. K. Loring, of course, was the most prolific first edition publisher with 36 titles to their credit. After Loring comes Porter & Coates with 15 first editions

followed by Henry T. Coates with 11. My count shows a total of 23 different publishers of Alger first editions.

Add at least six more publishers to your list of 60 Alger publishers as listed in Ralph Gardner's book. Three are recent publications: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston who published a 3-in-1 volume in 1967 containing Strive and Succeed; Julius; or, The Street Boy Out West; and The Store Boy; The Odyssey Press in 1966 issued a 2-in-1 volume containing Adrift in New York and The World Before Him; and an elegant edition of The Young Miner by The Book Club of California. Three older publications are The Holly Publishing Company's "Royal" edition of Bob Burton; The Cincinnati Publishing Company's printing of From Canal Boy to President; and the W. L. Allison Company edition of Slow and Sure.

I can't pass up this opportunity of telling you of my recent stroke of luck in picking up a Loring first edition copy of Seeking His Fortune. I tell this for two reasons: (1) I wish to boast a little, and; (2) I wish to impress upon my fellow collectors that there is always hope for picking up those "rare" titles. Who knows, maybe next month, someone will report finding Timothy Crump's Ward. P.S.: The Seeking His Fortune is not for sale.

Ken Butler, PF 006, provided a visit to his new museum for the members of the Board of Directors attending the October 24th meeting in Mendota, Illinois. The museum contains some 12,000 items of Americana, including an artfully arranged Alger display. I would encourage members to make every effort to visit the museum when it reopens next year and I am sure that you will find it to be a rewarding experience.

Norman Peterson, PF-184, has reached the 100 mark with titles.

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A Bd. of Directors meeting was held at Mendotal, Ill. on Oct.
24th. Attending were: President, Judson Berry, Vice-President Bob Bennett, Secretary, Carl Hartmann and directors Forrest Campbell and Kenneth Butler. Jack Bales was there also as a member.

President Berry called the meeting to order. Minutes of the Revere, June 19th meeting were read and approved. A motion was made and approved that we issue Jr. membership cards to members of the Jr. Alger Club. Ken Butler offered to make and donate the cards. A membership report was given by Secretary Hartmann. We have averaged three new members a month since January with only 4 drops so far this year. Our membership now stands at 151. It was reported that it cost us an average of \$53.00 per issue for the Newsboy. This includes the cost of mailing. A motion was made and approved that back issues of the Newsboy be made available to members at a cost of .50¢ each. Issues from Vol. 6 No. 10 are still on hand and may be ordered from the Secretary. A new Editor for the Newsboy was discussed with hopes that we will have a volunteer soon. Until we have a new Editor Carl Hartmann will guest edit.

After the first of the year Alger tiles will be available for new members at a cost of \$2.00 each.

The 1971 convention will be held at Sioux Falls, S.D. on May 14, 15 &16th. President Berry will be convention host. Many events of interest are planned so make your plans now.

A new History and title list is now being prepared and we hope will go out with the 1971 roster.

Ken Butler, our host for the Bd. meeting, took the Bd. on a special tour of his TIME WAS Museum which opened this year. The Museum is outstanding and a must for you

if you are in the area. The Museum will reopen on May 1st, 1971. Make this a stop on your way to the Convention in Sioux Falls next May.

THE BOOK MART

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NEWSBOY

NEW YORK CITY DURING THE TIME OF HORATIO ALGER JR.

By Jack Bales

THE GREAT BLIZZARD OF 1888 (Concluded)

On Tuesday, the storm started to wane, but the day brought a strange event that would be long talked about. At about 7:30 A.M., a massive ice floe, six inches thick, came floating down the Hudson River into New York Bay, and finally drifted into the East River where it wedged itself between the Brooklyn and Manhattan docks.

Thousands of people turned out along the river banks to see the enormous ice cake, and numerous bets were formed as to whether it would be possible to walk from Brooklyn to Manhattan on the ice. No one dared try until an eighteen year old boy cautiously moved onto the ice and jumped on it. At this, numerous men, women, children, and even dogs, came out onto the ice field.

At 10 A.M. tugboats started to break up the ice floe. People had been warned by policemen to stay off the ice, but some did not heed the words. Consequently, when the ice started to break up, six men were caught on an ice cake that soon started to drift swiftly out to sea. Their fate seemed certain, but when all hope had vanished, a tugboat managed to save the men in a typical Frank Merriwell finish.

The storm ended on Tuesday afternoon, and New Yorkers began the slow task of clearing the city. Some tried to melt the snow with bonfires, but their efforts did little good. They just had to wait for the snow to thaw.

On Wednesday, the thermometer

started to climb. The temperature was 8° at 3:00 A.M., and by mid-afternoon it was 35° and still climbing.

By Thursday, the temperature was in the forties, and floods started to occur from the thawing snow. Jacob Coleman, New York's Street Commissioner, started to hire men to cart snow away.

By Friday, March 16, the snow was gone from New York's streets. The Great Blizzard was over. Total damage to the city including losses to labor and business losses, amounted to \$2,650,000.

Months after the Blizzard was over, a man named Charles Dudley Warner grew tired of hearing all the talk about the snow, and made the now famous remark that is attributed to Mark Twain: "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it."

As far as I know, Horatio Alger never mentioned the Great Blizzard of 1888 in any of his books. ever, he occasionally wrote about the severe weather conditions during the winter months. Two such instances occurred in Phil the Fiddler: "We advance our story two months, and behold Phil setting out for his day's wandering on a morning in December, when the keen blasts swept through the streets, sending a shiver through the frames even of those who were well protected." Also, "It was a raw day. Only those who felt absolutely obliged to be out were seen in the streets; but among these were our two little fiddlers. Whatever might be the weather, they were compelled to expose themselves to its severity."

SOURCE: Werstein, Irving. The Blizzard of '88.

NEXT: A short biography of Horace Greeley.

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To rally at the nation's call,
And we that voice obey!
Then like a band of brothers go,
A hostile league to break,
To rout a spoil-encumber'd foe,
And what is ours, retake.

CHORUS.

So come, ye hardy volunteers,
Around our standard throng,
And pledge man's hope of coming years,—
The Union,—right or wrong!
The Union—right or wrong—inspires
The burden of our song;
It was the glory of our sires—
The Union,—right or wrong!

GONE TO THE WAR.

BY HORATIO ALGER, JR.

MY Charlie has gone to the war,
My Charlie so brave and tall;
He left his plough in the furrow
And flew at his country's call.
May God in safety keep him,
My precious boy — my all.

My heart is pining to see him,
I miss him every day;
My heart is weary with waiting,
And sick of the long delay.
But I know his country needs him,
And I could not bid him stay.

I remember how his face flushed,
And how his color came,
When the flash from the guns of Sumter
Lit the whole land with flame,
And darkened our country's banner
With the crimson hue of shame.

"Mother," he said, then faltered,—
I felt his mute appeal;
I paused,— if you are a mother,
You know what mothers feel,
When called to yield their dear ones
To the cruel bullet and steel.

My heart stood still for a moment,
Struck with a mighty woe;
A faint of death came o'er me,—
I am a mother, you know,—
But I sternly checked my weakness,
And firmly bade him "Go."

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Wherever the fight is fiercest
I know that my boy will be;
Wherever the need is sorest
Of the stout arms of the free,
May he prove as true to his country
As he has been true to me!

My home is lonely without him,
My heart bereft of joy,—
The thought of him who has left me
My constant, sad employ;
But God has been good to the mother;
She shall not blush for her boy.

TO THE UNITED STATES. BY MAYNE REID.

O^{II!} land of my longings, beyond the Atlantic,
What horrible dream has disturbed thy repose?
What demon has driven thy citizens frantic,
A grief to their friends, and a joy to their foes?

Is it true they are arming to kill one another?

That sire and son are in hostile array?

That brother is baring his blade against brother,—
Each madly preparing the other to slay?

TO THE UNITED STATES.

Is it true the star-banner, so dear to the sight

Of all freemen, may fall by a factionist's blow,—

That banner I've borne through the midst of the fight,

Side by side with my sons, as we charged on the foe?

I would not, I will not, I can not believe it!

Oh! rally around it, and stand by the staff!

Or the children of men will have reason to grieve

it,

And the tyrants of men will exultingly laugh.

Ay, sure would the kings and the princes of earth
Greet the fall of thy flag with a joyous "hurrah!"

Even now, scarce suppressing demoniac mirth,
They would hail thy decadence with fiendish
"Ha, ha!"

And he who would help them to win their foul game,

Whether Northern or Southern, - no matter which claims him, -

Be a brand on his brow, and a blight on his fame,

And scorn on the lip of the humblest who name
him!

MORE ALGER PHILOSOPHY & OBSERVATIONS

"Sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish, I give my kand and my heart to this vote."

This, of course, is the opening sentence of the Alger story entitled "Sink or Swim" and becomes the motto, or a design for living, of the hero of the story, Harry Raymond.

If my readers have read this story, they will recall that the above quote was used in a declamation delivered by our young hero at the close of the school term. However, they may not know the origin of the quotation. Alger, himself, does not seem to be sure on this point, for in chapter three he implies that it was taken from "the supposed speech of John Adams" our second president.

Adams was supposed to have quoted these words in his oration in the drafting of our Peclaration of Independence, 1774. History records that Adams and Thomas Jefferson, also a signer as well as our third president, both died on the same day, July 4, 1826.

Further, and more accurate details can be reviewed in the Alger title "From Farm Boy to Senator, or the life of Daniel Webster," chapter 27, but to make a long story short, Daniel Webster was supposed to have used this quote in an address at Faneuil Hall, Boston, August 2nd, 1826 in his eulogy of the life of John Adams.

While Horatio was not necessarily recognized for his brand of philosophy, perhaps many of his findings are a result of personal study and observation such as this quote, "Good news always quickens the step." which can be found in chapter six of the story, Sink or Swim. After reading this quote, for yourself, in its proper context, you may recall some personal observations from your own experiences.

There are many such references which may not qualify as philosophy, but neverthe-less these observations are valuable in trying to understand our reactions.

Here is one of Alger's observations on "despair" which is somewhat opposite the one quoted above:

"But the hour is the darkest that's just before day, and when fortune has done its worst, oftentimes the tide turns, and affairs improve."
...Charlie Codman's Cruise, Ch. 13.

And here is a quote on "hope" which is taken from the concluding chapter of SINK OR SWIM:

"So the wheel of fortune has turned, and those who were once at the top are now at the bottom."

When reading this quote in its proper context you will better understand that "right" should always prevail, while "wrong" should be rewarded accordingly.

While it is customary for the final chapters of all Alger stories to be identified as "Conclusion" the story of The Young Musician, has no such chapter heading. It is the only story I have found without the familiar chapter heading.

And here is Alger's concluding remarks taken from the final chapter of A BOY'S FORTUNE, which sums up the action of a typical Alger story:

"And now, with all our characters satisfectorily disposed of, the good rewarded, and the bad punished, we bid the reader farewell and ring down the curtain."

Now here is one of Horatio's observations on mental telepathy, and should ring a bell for many of us:

"Now it often happens that a fixed and steady gaze will in some strange manner be felt by the person observed." ...Ben Bruce, chapter ll.

And here is another "small" but important observation on success taken from the story of Charlie Codman's Cruise, chapter 32: "Success depends more upon a series of small efforts than any great one." Large oaks from small acorns grow. (PF-000) (copyright, Forrest Campbell, 1970)

ALL ABOUT ALGER BY HERB L. RISTEEN

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- 16 Herbert --- (Alger hero)
- 20 "Ch---er Rand"
- 23 Horatio Alger title: 3 wds.
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- 28 "Lost at ---"
- 29 Horatio Alger title: 3 wds.
- 37 Chicago airport
- 38 Strange
- 39 Injun habitation
- 40 Sicilian landmark

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- 2 Man's name
- 3 "Ti---hy Crump's Ward"
- 4 "Andy Gr---'s Plunk"
- 5 "--- Winter's Triumph"
- 6 Succor
- 7 Scoundrel
- 8 Onetime Eisenhower command

- 9 "---'s Chance"
- ll Jewish festival
- 14 Appraised anew
- 16 Money: abbr.
- 17 Exclamation
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- 19 "Paul Presco--'s Charge"
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George Clarke has just been appointed to the Rhode Island Board of Regents' Advisory Councel. He was named by Governor Frank Licht for a two year term - congrats George.

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